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Please read this information carefully before submitting an abstract. When submitting your abstract, you will be asked to indicate whether it is a scientific (Original research) or non-scientific abstract (Case study, literature review, clinical audit etc). Please read this document so you are clear about each of these types. By submitting an abstract you have agreed to these terms and conditions.

For Scientific Abstracts:

The abstract must be structured under the following headings: Objectives, Methods, Results, Discussion/Conclusion and References.

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The abstract should describe a situation, a problem or a practice with adequate reasoning and evidence to support a point of view. For commentary, it is not necessary to provide headings. Case studies must be structured under the following headings: Introduction, Case Presentation, Management and Outcome, and Discussion.

Presentation

Oral presentations will be 15 minutes (12 minutes + 3 minutes Q&A). Longer presentation formats are also available. Requests for a longer presentation should be sent to events@asmirt.org so these can be considered by the scientific program committee. Decisions will be dependent on relevance to the conference and session and time availability.

General

- You grant ASMIRT non-exclusive rights to publish, reproduce, distribute and store the abstract.
- Research, audit or quality improvement (QI) projects involving humans and animals must comply with international ethical standards such as the Declaration of Helsinki. Authors must also comply with research and QI ethics guidelines from their local human research ethics office. **Any abstracts without prior ethics approval will not be accepted.**
- In order to ensure the integrity of the double-blind review process, **please remove any mention of hospital/university/workplace** from your abstract and title.
- Patients reported in case studies must be de-identified. Authors must also comply with the hospital's policy of obtaining permission from the patient or their carer.
- If the author(s) have any commercial interests or associations that might pose a conflict of interest regarding this submission, they must be declared at the end of your abstract submission.
- If accepted for presentation, the commercial interest or association must be declared on the title slide or the slide immediately following the title slide.
- Trade names cannot be mentioned in the title. However, trade names in brackets will be accepted in the body of the text.
- The author is responsible for the accuracy of the abstract.
- Authors may submit more than one paper.
- Abstracts should use the [Vancouver style of referencing as used by JMRS](#).
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Abstract Format

- Abstracts must be uploaded into the text box through the presentation portal in the abstract submission system. Please note there is a special characters keyboard available for your abstract and references.
- The total length of the abstract should be between 100-250 words
- Speaker bios should be entered and are limited to 100 words. These will be used by the session chair to introduce you when presenting at the conference, if accepted, so please make them informative.
- One graph, table, figure or supporting image can be inserted to the abstract submission if it is essential for the overall understanding of the abstract and must be referenced in the abstract.
- Abbreviations should be defined at first mention.
- References should be included if it supports the abstract. These references are not included in the 250 word count and must be directly cited in the abstract using the JMRS Vancouver referencing style. The Reference field



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- To maintain the standard of excellence for the conference abstract supplement, ASMIRT reserves the right to edit and amend any spelling, grammatical or formatting errors in abstracts prior to publication. In order to ensure the integrity of your abstract remains intact please thoroughly review your abstract for formatting, grammar and spelling before submitting.
- Once an abstract has been successfully submitted you will receive a confirmation email.

After the Submission

The reviewers will judge the abstracts using some or all the following criteria (please see marking matrix):

- relevance to the conference theme/s
- standard of reporting and English language
- clarity and readability of the abstract
- title reflects the content of the abstract
- methodology is suitable for the objectives
- point of views are supported by reasoning and evidence
- conclusions confirmed by objective results
- complying with ethics standards
- scientific value
- potential clinical value
- originality and novelty of the work

Please refer to the abstract matrix for further detailed information regarding each of these criteria.

Using the email address provided during submission, the submitting author will be notified as to whether or not their abstract has been accepted. Specific dates and times of presentation will be provided once the program is completed.

Submitting authors will be notified late August of their acceptance to present at the conference and will be required to confirm by September 2020 that they will attend the conference and present their presentation.

If you need to withdraw your abstract, a written statement reflecting the reasons for this decision must be sent to: events@asmirt.org.

Review and Selection

Abstracts will be double blind reviewed by a panel of experts selected by the Scientific Program Committee. Selection will be based on the abstract review scoring criteria. The decisions of the review process are final and cannot be disputed.

Speaker Registration

Abstract submission will be accepted based on the condition that the presenting author must register for at least the daily registration on the day of their presentation and attend that day. Co-presenters are allowed but must adhere to the same registration conditions mentioned above.

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Ethical Considerations

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