

General Abstract Guidelines

- The body of the abstract is limited to 2,750 characters which may include up to two tables or figures. Title, authors, and spaces are not included in the character count
- Standard abbreviations as listed in the American Medical Associations Stylebook on Medical Writing may be used
- All other abbreviations should be clearly defined
- Two types of written abstracts will be accepted, Case Report/Series and Original Research. Guidelines for each are below

Case Report/Series

The abstract should be organized into three sections, each labeled in all capital letters and bolded

- **BACKGROUND** – focused statement of 2-3 sentences indicating topic background, importance and learning objective
- **CASE** - description of up to ten cases of a condition that is unusual or instructive
- **COMMENTS** - statement of importance/implications of case, related to identified learning objective

Original Research

The abstract should be organized into four sections each labeled in capital letters and bolded

- **BACKGROUND** – focused statement of 2-3 sentences indicating topic background, importance and the study objective and/or hypothesis
- **METHODS** – subjects, recruitment, procedures/interventions, predictors and outcome measures, statistical methods, IRB approval
- **RESULTS** – specific findings of the study, with statistical significance indicated where appropriate
- **CONCLUSIONS** – statement of importance/implications of findings, drawn from data presented and related to the stated objective of the study