

**Peradeniya Medical School Annual Research Conference (PeMSARC)
2025**

**Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya
Research Abstract Submission Guidelines**

General Instructions

1. All research abstracts with the duly completed Author Declaration Forms are to be uploaded to the Google Form attached below, on or before the 16th of March 2025. <https://forms.gle/JyznExvENS1tT3219>
2. Instructions to fill out the Google Form.
 - I. Mode of submission -
 - a. For all submissions **except CLR abstract** reports will fall under the category of “**External.**”
 - b. For **undergraduates** of the **Faculty of Medicine, Peradeniya** submitting their **CLR abstract reports** will be under the category of “**Internal.**”
 - II. The subject area of the research should be mentioned using the checkboxes and the specific subject area should be mentioned if applicable.
 - III. During the submission, two versions of your abstracts should be submitted. (one **with author details** and the other one **without author details**). The names of these two versions should be formatted as follows.
 - a. If an **external author**, documents should be labelled as follows.
 - i. Name of the presenting author - with author details (i.e.: - ABC Samaranayake- with author details)
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 - b. If an **internal author**, documents should be labelled as follows.
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IV. All submissions to PeMSARC 2025 must include the duly signed author declaration form either in Word or PDF format.

Important

- For research abstracts submitted by undergraduate and postgraduate students - all members of the research team and the supervisor should have read and agreed on the abstract that is being submitted.
- For case reports submitted by undergraduate students – the supervising clinical teacher/physician must ensure and approve that the case report being presented fits within the CARE Guidelines and has sufficient merit to be presented as a case report.
- The authorship order should be determined after discussing it with all group members and the supervisor. Students may refer to good practices for authorship by a reputed organization such as the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors.
(<http://www.icmje.org/recommendations/browse/roles-and-responsibilities/defining-the-role-of-authors-and-contributors.html>)
- All abstracts must be accompanied by an Author Declaration Form signed by all members and the supervisor.
- Abstracts submitted to other conferences/published elsewhere are not allowed.
- Artificial intelligence (AI) assisted technologies are not allowed to be added as a co-author of the abstract. However, use of AI assisted technology will be allowed provided authors maintain transparency of its use in the study. Authors will be held responsible if submitted material with AI assistance violates any ethical principles in research.

Eligibility criteria for abstract submission

Abstracts are invited from the following categories.

1. Medical students or academic staff of UGC-approved medical faculties in Sri Lanka (Students should have an academic staff member/consultant as the supervisor)
2. Higher degree students at UGC-approved medical faculties/PGIM/PGIMS (Students should have an academic staff member/consultant as a co-author)

3. All MBBS graduates with SLMC registration

Abstract Structure

- The title of the abstract should be concise, and the Editorial Committee reserves the right to modify the title where necessary.
- The author(s) name(s) should be in the format of the last name followed by the initial(s). Please **DO NOT use prefixes** such as Mr./Dr./Prof. (e.g.: - Dissanayake, AB).
- Institutional affiliation of authors must be mentioned, including department/institute, city, and country.

Please submit the abstract **as a Word document** formatted according to the following specifications.

- Font: Times New Roman, font size: 12, single line spacing
- Title: Bold letters, sentence case unless it is a true noun, followed by a single line spacing before the authors' names
- Authors: Last name followed by initials
- Name of the **presenting author** must be **underlined**
- Name of the **corresponding author** should be identified **with an asterisk** at the end of the name and his/her email address should be given at the end of the affiliations
- A superscript number should be placed after each name to refer to the respective affiliations
- Affiliations must be listed after the authors' names
- **The body of the abstract MUST NOT exceed 300 words**
- The text of the abstract must begin without indentation and there should be no space between paragraphs
- The body of the abstract should be justified
- The abstract should not contain any abbreviations unless introduced and defined in the first mention
- All drugs must be mentioned by their generic names

1. Author Instructions for Research Abstracts

The abstracts of **research projects (excluding case reports)** must be structured as follows:

- Introduction
- Objectives
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusions
- Acknowledgement of financial support if support was provided
- Keywords

The **word count** of the body of the abstract should be mentioned at the end within brackets **following the prescribed format**.

E.g.:

Case-control study of the effect of A on B over time

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Introduction:

Objectives:

Methods:

Results:

Conclusions:

Keywords:

(Word count: 300)

2. Author Instructions for Case Report Abstracts

Peradeniya Medical School Research Conference 2025 welcomes **case reports** that include the following:

- Unreported or unusual side effects of medications/interventions
- Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease
- New associations or variations in disease processes
- Presentations, diagnoses and/or management of new and emerging diseases
- An unexpected association between diseases or symptoms
- Findings that shed new light on the possible pathogenesis of a disease or an adverse effect

The abstracts of case reports should be structured as below.

- Introduction
- Case presentation
- Conclusion
- Keywords

The **word count** of the body of the abstract should be mentioned at the end within brackets **following the prescribed format**.

E.g.:

Unusual Presentation of Symptom A in Disease B

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Introduction:

Case Presentation:

Conclusion:

Keywords:

(Word count: 300)

Proofreading

- The manuscript must be proofread by the author prior to submission.
- The acceptable rates for spelling and grammatical errors are as follows.
- Spelling mistakes – 5%
- Grammatical errors – 5%

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