

## **Peradeniya Medical School Annual Research Conference (PeMSARC) 2022**

### **Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya**

#### **Research abstract submission guidelines**

##### **General Instructions**

- Abstracts must be submitted through the online portal

##### **Important**

- For research abstracts - all members of the research team and the supervisor should have read and agreed on the abstract that is being submitted.
- For case reports – the supervising clinical teacher/physician must ensure 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.

##### **Author Instructions for ‘Research Abstracts’ and ‘Research Proposals’**

‘Research Abstracts’ are invited from two categories of students.

1. All higher degree students registered at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya.
  - Higher degree students are invited to submit research abstracts based on their higher degree projects.
  - Abstracts submitted to other conferences can be submitted here, but this should be stated in the author declaration form and such abstracts must be formatted according to the guidelines stated below

2. Undergraduates of 2016/17, 2015/16, and 2014/15 batches of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya.

2.1 Students of the 2016/17 batch are invited to submit

- Abstracts developed from the research project conducted in partial fulfillment of the Communication Learning and Research (CLR) Module.
  - Submission of these abstracts is compulsory for all CLR groups.

2.2 Students of the 2014/15 and 2015/16 batches are invited to submit

- Abstracts developed from the research project conducted in partial fulfillment of the Communication Learning and Research (CLR) Module.
  - Completed research projects should be submitted as ‘Research Abstracts’
  - Incomplete research projects/ research proposals should be submitted as ‘**Research Proposals**’
  - Submission of abstracts is strongly encouraged, however, is not compulsory.

→ In addition to the ‘Research Abstracts’ based on CLR research projects, other research projects carried out by the student/s are also invited under this category.

## 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. (eg.:- Dissanayake, AB)
- Institutional affiliation of authors must be mentioned including, Department/ Institute, city, and country.

### 1. Research abstracts (word limit 300)

The abstract must be structured as follows:

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

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.  
E.g.

### **Case-controlled study of the effect of A on B over time**

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**Objectives**

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**Conclusions:**

## 2. Research proposals (word limit 250)

Abstracts must be structured as follows

- Background: Briefly stating the current knowledge (based on the literature review) on the topic
- Justification: Statement of why this project is important/ needed
- Objectives: Objectives of the project
- Proposed methods: How you proposed to carry out the project

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- Title: Bold letters, sentence case unless it is a true noun, followed by a single line spacing before the authors' names.
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**Justification:**

**Objectives**

**Proposed methods**

**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%