

Peradeniya Medical School Annual Research Conference (PeMSARC) 2023

Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya

Research Abstract Submission Guidelines

General Instructions

- Abstracts must be submitted through the online portal

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. All MBBS graduates with SLMC registration.
2. All higher degree students registered at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya, or any other medical faculty of a UGC approved university in Sri Lanka and all students registered at the Post Graduate Institute of Medicine (PGIM) Colombo or Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences (PGIMS) Peradeniya and the academic staff members of afore mentioned institutes.

Higher degree students are invited to submit research abstracts based on their higher degree projects. However, one of the co- authors should be a permanent academic staff member of one of the medical faculties in Sri Lanka.

3. Undergraduate students registered at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya.

3.1 Students of the 2017/18 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.**

3.2 In addition to the 'Research Abstracts' based on CLR research projects, other research projects carried out by undergraduate student/s of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya are also invited under this category.

→ The supervisors of this research should be either an academic member of any medical faculty in Sri Lanka or a board-certified consultant.

4. MBBS undergraduate students registered at any medical faculty of any university in Sri Lanka.

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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.

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
- Acknowledgment of financial support if support was provided
- Keywords

Eg:

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

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2. Author Instructions for ‘Case Report Abstracts’

Peradeniya Medical School Research Conference 2023 welcomes **case reports** that includes 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

Eg:

Unusual Presentation of Symptom A in Disease B

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Introduction

Case Presentation

Conclusion

Keywords

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%