



Annual Conference Abstract Submission Guidelines

Categories

Scientific abstracts are intended to communicate the findings of qualitative or quantitative research studies or good quality audits, undertaken using formal research methods and meeting a quality threshold.

Case histories are intended to encourage active and thoughtful dermatology nurses to share unusual or interesting cases with colleagues, with the intention of providing novel information and stimulating debate.

General interest submissions are those which do not constitute formal research but would be of interest to the practice, service organisation or personal development of dermatology nurses.

The history of dermatology nursing care and how our past informs the present and influences the future of dermatology nursing

All abstracts are peer reviewed.

Abstract format

Abstracts **MUST** be submitted online. You may submit more than one abstract.

Word limit - The maximum size for any submission is 350 words including references.

Tables and figures - Abstracts submitted to the scientific committee cannot include graphics or formatted tables, although these can of course be added to the final oral or poster presentation.

Content - All abstracts require the following minimum information

- The title of the article (no more than 20 words). Capitalise only the first word not each one. No full stop at the end. Please **DO NOT** use upper case for the title.
- A list of the full names and institutional affiliations for all authors
- A nominated correspondence author and a contact address including an email address

To facilitate a blind review process No identifying features such as names of hospitals, clinics or cities should be listed in the title or body text of the abstract.

Data – where a submission is data driven, an abstract cannot be accepted based on promises of future data. Statements such as “the author will present details of a study on...” do not provide sufficient information to provide a judgment on relevance to the members.

Scientific Research Abstracts

In addition to the information above, scientific abstracts should be formatted as follows:

Background - the context and purpose of the study;

Methods - how the study was performed and statistical tests used;

Results - the main findings;

Conclusions - brief summary and potential implications. Please minimize the use of abbreviations and do not cite references in the abstract.

Governance compliance statement - Where research involves patients or NHS staff, a statement of compliance with research governance and ethical procedures (ethical approval) is required. *Note: If not included the abstract cannot be accepted for conference.*

Conflict of interests - Either conflicts of interest should be declared or the following statement included. "The authors declare no conflicts of interest in relation to this work".

Case Study Abstracts

Background - the context of the case and why you think it is important.

Case Presentation, presenting features, medical/social/family history

Investigations and results, if relevant

Treatment - if relevant

Conclusions - a summary of the key outcome for the patient and key learning points from the case.

Conflict of interests - Either conflicts of interest should be declared or the following statement included. "The authors declare no conflicts of interest in relation to this work".

General Interest Abstracts

These submissions are not intended to constitute formal research but will still be best received by delegates where there is some sort of structure for example: practice development, review of practice (audit), and example of best practice, etc.

The requirements re title and authorship apply as per the other categories.

The following structure is provided for guidance although greater flexibility will be given to submissions in this category.

- Why we did it
- What we did
- What we found
- What it means

The History of Dermatological Care Abstracts

These submissions are not intended to constitute formal research but will still be best received by delegates where there is some sort of interest or relevance to dermatology nursing today.

The requirements re title and authorship apply as per the other categories, otherwise free text not exceeding the word limit.

Review process

All abstracts will be reviewed by independent reviewers who will make a recommendation for the acceptance or rejection as a poster and/or oral presentation at conference.

Good luck!