Abstract Submission Guidelines

If you do not already have an Oxford Abstracts account, you will need to register as a new user.

Please sign in with your email address and password if you already have an account.

All abstract submissions are **not to exceed 250 words**.

Please note that if your abstract submission is successful, the presenting author is required to register for at least one day of the ACRA 2024 ASM.

Categories

1. Research Abstract

Scientific research in the field of cardiovascular care with original data (including quantitative or qualitative studies) or review papers (systematic reviews, meta-analyses, other review types).

Suggested Headings:

- **Background:** Outline the knowledge gap. Why is this topic important? State the aim of the research.
- **Methods:** Succinctly describe the study design and methodology including the **P**opulation/problem; **I**ntervention/Exposure; **C**omparison/control (if applicable); and **O**utcome measure. What data were collected and how these were analysed/managed?
- **Results:** What were the main findings? Concisely present the analysed data and any table or figure.
- **Conclusions/Implications:** What can be concluded from the project? Keep the conclusions verifiable through the findings of the study. State the health/economic/policy implications of the study and considerations for future work.

2. Clinical Abstract

A clinical or quality improvement project that investigates an identified gap in clinical practice, tips for implementation of a new service model, or presentation of challenging clinical scenarios that promote discussion for potential improvements.

Suggested Headings:

- **Background/Rationale:** Indicate why the topic is important (knowledge gap). Why was the project undertaken?
- **Methods:** Succinctly describe what was done and how, by whom, involving whom and where? What measurements/data were taken and how?
- **Outcomes:** What were the main findings/discoveries/learnings? Concisely present the analysed data
- **Implications for practice:** What are the clinical implications of this work? What can other clinicians learn? How might learnings from this project change practice?
- **Conclusions / Key messages:** What can be concluded from the project? Keep the conclusions verifiable through the findings of the study. State the health/economic/policy implications of the study and considerations for future work.

3. Clinical Excellence Showcase

Have you implemented an innovative practice or quality improvement project? Overcome a clinical challenge? Set-up a program or service which offers something a little out of the ordinary? These light-hearted presentations are designed to share ideas to improve cardiovascular care in a short, sharp, informative and fun way! We hope to leave delegates with at least one good, practical idea to implement in their own practice.

Suggested Content: (These abstracts do not require structured headings)

- What was the problem you were faced with or gap you needed to fill?
- How did you go about it? What did you do? What steps did you take?
- What outcomes have occurred as a result of your innovation/project?
- Lessons learnt from the process that you can share with others
- What didn't work – we are interested to hear about this too!

Presentation Formats

- **Prize session:** The four highest-scoring abstracts per category (research and clinical) will be chosen to present in a prize session. Each presenter will be allocated 10 minutes presentation time, plus 5 minutes for questions. This session will be judged by a panel of experts.
- **Oral presentation:** Each presenter will be allocated 10 minutes presentation time, plus 2 for questions.
- **Clinical Excellence Showcase:** Up to five presenters will be chosen to present in the Clinical Excellence Showcase. Each presenter will be allocated 5 minutes presentation time, plus 2 minutes for questions.
- **Moderated Poster:** The highest-scoring posters will be chosen to be presented in a moderated poster session. The presenter will be allocated 3 minutes presentation time, plus 1 minute for questions.
- **Poster:** Posters will be displayed for the duration of the conference program. There will be a dedicated informal Poster Session during the conference, during which time the presenter will be required to stand beside their poster.

Review Process

All submissions will undergo blind peer-review by the Scientific Committee and abstract examiners. The Scientific Committee will select abstracts to be part of the final program considering the balance of the program.

Abstracts will be marked on the following criteria:

- Conciseness and clarity of information
- Quality and appropriateness of study design/intervention
- Results/scientific merit
- Clarity of conclusions
- Impact and significance
- Innovation

Abstract submission closes on **22nd March 2024 (Friday) 23:59.**

All abstract submitters will be notified of the outcome of their submission at the **end of April 2024**.