

Abstract Submission Guideline *for* ICM 2026

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The Research Committee, FMS, USJ invites abstract submissions for the **International Conference on Medical Sciences 2026 (ICM 2026)**. Submissions are entertained from **original research, case reports, and case series**.

All abstracts must adhere strictly to the prescribed **abstract preparation guidelines** and must **clearly identify the Sustainable Development Goal(s) (SDGs)** addressed by the study at the submission.

All abstracts must be **submitted ONLINE**. There is no limit to the number of abstracts an individual author may submit. Details regarding **oral and poster presentation guidelines** will be made available on the Conference website upon notification of abstract acceptance.

Submission Timeline

Abstract Submission Deadline: 1st June 2026

Author Notification of Acceptance: 1st August 2026

Abstract Submission Guidelines

1. The **presenting author** is required to **register for the ICM 2026** following acceptance of the abstract by the review committee.
2. The author/s should take the responsibility for the research work and the contents reported in the abstract. The Scientific committee reserves the right to make alterations and to edit text to improve presentation.
3. If the work has been previously presented or published, in whole or in part, this must be clearly declared at the time of submission. Such prior presentation or publication will not automatically disqualify the paper from consideration.
4. All **original research** studies must be supported by a scanned copy of a letter granting approval from a recognised Ethical Review Committee (ERC). For studies conducted without ERC approval, the author(s) must provide a clear justification explaining why ethical approval was not required. The ERC approval letter or the written justification (as applicable) must be uploaded via the online abstract submission portal at the time of abstract submission. Abstracts of studies not supported by valid ERC approval or an acceptable justification will not be considered for review will be rejected.

5. For **case reports/case series**, written informed consent must be obtained from the patient (or from parent/legal guardian if the patient is a minor or unable to consent). A copy of the signed consent form should be retained by the author(s) and made available for review upon request.
6. Abstracts submitted after the deadline will not be considered.
7. The abstract should be submitted electronically as a **Word document**.
8. The abstract should be uploaded to the abstract **submission portal** along with the author details and the relevant SDGs addressed.
9. There is **no abstract submission fee**.
10. There is **no limit to the number of abstracts** an individual author may submit. However, the same abstract must not be submitted to more than one category.

Outcome of the submitted abstract

Following the review process, the submitted abstracts will be subjected to one of the following,

- Selected for oral presentation
- Selected for poster presentation (accompanied by a 3-minute narration)
- Rejected

Common Abstract Format

1. Title of the Abstract:

- a. Maximum character limit: **250 characters with spaces**
- b. Font: **Times New Roman, 12 pt, Sentence Case, Bold**
- c. alignment: **Left-aligned**
(The scientific committee reserves the right to modify the title where necessary)

2. Authors and Affiliations:

- a. Font : **Times New Roman, 9 pt, Italic, Justified**
- b. Format: **Initial(s) followed by surname** (e.g., M Perera, K Silva)
- c. Underline the presenting author
- d. Include author affiliations and the corresponding author's email address
- e. Do not include titles (e.g., Dr, Prof)
- f. **Email address** of the **corresponding author** should be included following the affiliations

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3. Body of Abstract:

- a. Font: **Times New Roman, 12 pt**
- b. Alignment: **Left-aligned** with no paragraph indents
- c. Spacing: **1.5 Spacing**

4. Not permitted.

- a. No references
- b. No brand or company names
- c. No tables/figures/graphs/diagrams
- d. Non-standard abbreviations.

5. Word limit

- a. The number of words is limited strictly to 300 excluding the title, authors, affiliations and acknowledgement.
- b. Each word or number is counted as one word whether it is one character or 10 characters long. Units will count as part of the number with which they are attached.

Abstract Submission Categories

Original Research

The abstract should be submitted in the following format:

1. **Title & Author Information:** the title should summarise the abstract and convince the reviewer of the relevance and innovativeness of the work.
2. **Introduction/Background:** the introduction should provide a concise overview of the existing literature on the problem addressed by the research, what remains unknown and how your research would fill the gaps in the knowledge.
3. **Methods:** following areas shall specifically be mentioned.
 - a. Study design
 - b. Study setting
 - c. Number of subjects enrolled in the study & any inclusion/exclusion criteria when applicable
 - d. A description of the intervention (when applicable)
 - e. A list of the outcome variables & how they were measured
 - f. Statistical methods used to analyse the data
4. **Results:** This should include a description of the subjects that were included and excluded from the study, frequencies of most important outcome variables, any comparisons of the outcome variables between various subgroups within the study (treated vs. untreated, young vs. old, male vs. female, and so forth). Numerical results should include standard deviations or 95% confidence limits and the level of statistical significance.
5. **Conclusion:** State concisely what can be concluded and its implications. The conclusions must be supported by the data presented in the abstract. Any unsubstantiated personal opinion should not be included. The generalizability of the results to populations other than that of studied and the weaknesses of the study should be addressed where applicable.
6. **Key words:** 2-5 key words
7. **Acknowledgement:** Funding agencies only.

Case Report/ Case Series

A case report should be submitted in the following format:

1. **Title & Author Information:** Key elements of the case should be mentioned in the title and might include presenting symptoms/ diagnosis/ intervention/ outcome. The phrase “**case report**” should be present in the title.
2. **Introduction/Background:** brief summary of the background and the context of the case report.
3. **Case presentation:**
 - a. Presenting concerns and important clinical findings of the patient
 - b. Diagnostic focus & assessment:
 - i. Diagnostic results
 - ii. Diagnostic challenges
 - iii. Relevant prognostic characteristics
 - c. Interventions, follow-up & outcomes
4. **Discussion:** the strengths and limitations associated with the case report, how conclusions were arrived at and the applicability of results to other patients should be summarised under this section. A “take away” message from the case report should be mentioned if applicable.
5. **Key words:** 2-5 key words