

## Scientific Presentation

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- When an abstract is submitted as a Scientific Presentation, you are asked to indicate a preference of presentation format (free paper, poster or both). However, if the abstract is accepted for presentation, the Scientific Program Committee determines the final presentation format. All abstracts that are accepted in this category will be published in the *Developmental Medicine & Child Neurology* (DMCN) supplement. **Please note: Individuals may present a maximum of two oral presentations.** This includes papers presented on behalf of first authors who are unable to attend the meeting.
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***In order to make fair comparisons of the quality of submitted abstracts across a wide spectrum of disciplines, it is imperative that the format of a structured abstract be followed.***

There is a strict 3,000 character count, including spaces, which will be imposed on the length of the body of the abstract. You will need to complete each section of the abstract body as follows:

**Background and Objective(s):** Provide a brief statement about the problem or question/s of interest followed by the specific objective/s of the study. Include a list of hypotheses, when applicable.

**Study Participants & Setting:** Describe participants and relevant information about the setting(s) in which the research was conducted so that generalizability of the results can be determined. The inclusion/exclusion criteria, number who participated out of the number eligible and pertinent socio-demographic information may be described.

Some terms used to describe participant selection process include: random sampling, consecutive series, convenience sampling, volunteer sampling, purposeful (or purposive) sampling. Examples of

relevant settings include primary care, tertiary or referral center, institutional setting, general community, etc.

**Materials/Methods:** Describe the methods used to conduct the study. Where applicable, identify the primary (and important secondary) outcomes and what statistical methods (where applicable) were used to conduct the analyses. For qualitative studies, describe methodology used and briefly summarize data collection methods and data analysis processes.

**Results:** Scientific abstracts **must** contain results from the completed study. Statistical analyses must be appropriate for the study design and level of data. Standard deviations or 95% confidence intervals and the level of statistical significance are to be reported, when applicable. Results of qualitative studies must include brief summary of themes or conceptual model, as appropriate.

**Conclusions/Significance:** Only those conclusions that can be supported by the data presented in the study should be reported. The significance or implications of the findings may be described.

