



ASCN (UK) Oral and Poster Presentation Abstract Marking Guidelines

The function of an abstract is to provide a brief, descriptive summary, informing the reader of the purpose and direction of the report /topic; so that the reader can see in advance the key areas covered, the main arguments or outcomes along with conclusions reached.

The committee when marking abstracts will be reviewing:

- 1) Anonymously (the application process eliminates any visibility of applicant/organisation and is requested within the application process that no mention of names/organisation to be included)
- 2) Structure of the abstract

Title – appropriate, meaningful
Aims and objectives – explicitly stated
Content – Purpose/background/reason of topic – why of interest Method – how was the topic/study conducted Clear and effective communication of the key facts / concepts
Results / discussion – overall significance and impact of topic what do the outcomes / (proposed) results mean
Conclusion/Summary – what value do the outcomes/results add to the knowledge of specialist practice/ patient outcomes. Does the data/content justify conclusion
Use of ‘best evidence’ demonstrated and applied with appropriate referencing

- 3) Correctness of application via abstract application process
- Well written – English and grammar.

4) Additional consideration will be taken for:

- If more than 1 submission on the same topic – what additional value does this offer to the knowledge of specialist practice
- Reflective of the overall theme of the conference
- Uniqueness of the topic – has this been presented before?
- The value to the overall audience
- Impartiality and patient choice