



## Guidelines for abstract submission

In order to get your abstract selected for presentation at an EFORT meeting it should convey information that blinded scorers can use to identify good quality research. It must fit within stated parameters for length and layout. Abstracts not complying with these instructions will be rejected.

**There is no restriction on the number of abstracts submitted by a unique author or research group**, but only a maximum of six abstracts (three orals and three posters) can be presented on-site per each registered author.

For additional accepted abstracts from a same research group (over the six per participant), the named presenting author can be easily changed to any co-author to keep the abstract(s) in the programme. **All presenting authors need to complete a full registration to the congress to confirm their abstract(s) in the final scientific programme.**

The abstract submission system is self-explanatory and requires that a number of mandatory fields are completed. You may consider writing your abstract in appropriate sections before beginning your submission, but online edits are easy and can be performed at any time before the closure deadline.

**An initial choice to submit your abstract either as a clinical or as an experimental study is essential to allow the good assignment of the work.**

The types of presentation available depend on the initial branching as follows:



Inside the experimental study category only the **Free Paper** or **Poster** types are available.

Inside the clinical study category you may choose to submit your work as **Free Paper** or **Poster** (clinical research using a control group), or as **Clinical Report** (for **ONE SINGLE clinical case** with specific relevance).



Abstracts should be in English, and the following structure is mandatory –

**Title:** minimum 25 / maximum 250 characters

**Keywords:** minimum 3 / maximum 7 keywords – chose these so that people can identify your abstract on an electronic search using these words as search terms.

**Abstract:** minimum 1000 / maximum 3600 characters – character count limit includes spaces. The number of characters per section are not restricted. All sections are mandatory.

Five text boxes give the structure of the abstract and you should aim to put some information in each, or you may miss out on scoring opportunities. There is no need to retype the headings in the text box.

**Do not include the name of your institution or any of the researchers**

**Do not use unexplained abbreviations**

### Abstracts submitted as Free Papers / Posters

Free Papers correspond to complete studies with outstanding results and innovative conclusions.

Posters can be based on preliminary results and correspond to short studies or trials.

**High scientific level is expected in any case.**

**Background** – Is the study needed? What is known already and what gaps are there in knowledge?

**Objectives** – What is the research question your study aims to answer?

**Design and Methods** – Outline how the study was conducted.

**Results** – Briefly summarise the findings, quoting the supporting data.

**Conclusion** – Briefly discuss your results and tell the scorers what your study adds – only base conclusions on your own findings.

### Abstracts submitted as Clinical Report

Clinical Reports should refer to **a single clinical case** presenting scientific value for the use of a specific treatment or technique.

**Background** – Introduce the condition and indicate what we know already

**Case Presentation** – Describe relevant history and examination findings, test results and interventions

**Outcomes** – What happened and could you measure it? What was the end result?

**Discussion** – Describe how this case adds to our knowledge, what questions it raises and whether it should affect management of similar cases.

Diagrams, tables and pictures should not appear in abstracts, only text.

Submitters identified as nurses, physiotherapists and all other allied professions are invited to submit their work under the main abstract categories (using the EFORT Topic Tree available during submission) as all abstracts will be evaluated under the same conditions.

### Abstract Review

Reviewers can only score on the information contained in the abstract. It must be an honest representation of work you have completed with no estimates or projections based on data available

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at the time of submission. The final presentation must reflect the data contained in the abstract and any manipulation after submission will be considered fraudulent.

The abstracts will be scored following objective criteria by orthopaedic surgeons of the relevant subspecialty and in a blinded fashion.

Each abstract is scored by a number of independent observers and the mean score is used in determining the cut-off point for acceptance. Abstracts must score highly across the full range of parameters in order to be selected so please pay full attention to each section of the abstract when compiling it.

EFORT aims to showcase the best available research to the widest audience of Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgeons in Europe.

Good Luck with your submission!

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