ABSTRACT CRITERIA

Abstract submission deadline: **May 18, 2020**

Abstract notifications will be emailed: **June 26, 2020**

- Abstracts must be originals.
- Must be submitted via the website submission portal only. Abstracts submitted by email or fax **will not** be accepted.
- Presenting authors must be prepared to register to attend the meeting (registration and travel costs will not be covered by the IPPS).
- The author or co-author must be present at the meeting to set up the poster and be available to answer questions.
- All abstracts will be peer reviewed by IPPS members of the abstract review section of the program committee.
- Abstract may be submitted for poster presentation, and based on quality and impact, an abstract may be selected by the IPPS review committee for a brief oral presentation (approximately 15 min).
- Abstracts will be peer reviewed and graded based on whether the abstract:
  1) contains new findings
  2) the material is clearly presented
  3) clear objective and research question
  4) statement of study design
  5) adequate description of methods
  6) clear presentation of results
  7) applicability to pelvic pain patients (impact)
  8) results support the conclusion
- Submission of an abstract acknowledges your acceptance for the abstract to be listed in the official meeting publications, if it is selected for publication by the peer reviewers.
- Selected abstracts will be published in **PAIN Reports**, an open access, multidisciplinary journal that is an official publication of the International Association for the Study of Pain. Note, case reports may be accepted for poster presentation, however they will not be published. Abstracts that have been presented at another meeting may be submitted, however they will not be published. An abstract will not be accepted for poster or presentation if it has been previously published.
- **NOTE:** The abstract and corresponding data will be published in PAIN Reports as submitted. After an abstract is accepted, changes will not be permitted, even if the final poster differs from the submitted abstract. Therefore, authors are asked to ensure that the abstract contains all applicable data and is free of typos or errors.
- An abstract will only be selected for publication in PAIN Reports only if it complies with publication requirements AND the author or co-author registered for the meeting.
• The presenting author is required to ensure that all co-authors are aware of the content of the abstract before submission.
• Abstracts must be submitted in English.
• The abstract must closely reflect the information presented in the corresponding poster.
• The peer reviewers may reject any abstract or poster that does not meet IPPS standards of high-quality research/presentation or that does not conform with IPPS standards or professionalism.
• Abstract submitters (authors and co-authors) must declare disclosures and conflict of interests in the abstract, poster and final presentation (if selected).
• Submissions cannot be used to advertise or advocate for a specific commercial interest.
ABSTRACT SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Before you begin, prepare the presenting author’s email, day time and evening phone number, the co-author’s first and family name(s) and affiliations (institution/hospital/city, country)
- We recommend using a word-processing software (for example Word) for editing your abstract and counting the number of words before submission. The abstract may not exceed 5000 characters combined (punctuation counts as characters). The title, author block (affiliations), and source of financial support are not included in the abstract count. Abstracts must be organized into the following sections and will not be accepted with missing sections:
  - Objective
  - Study design and outcomes
  - Background and aims
  - Methods
  - Results
  - Conclusions
  - Source of financial support
- Use only standard abbreviations, place special or unusual abbreviations in parenthesis after the full word appears the first time.
- Use generic names of medications.
- **NOTE:** an abstract will only be selected for publication in PAIN Reports if it complies with the requirements and categories listed above.
- Express numbers as numerals (e.g. 1,2,3…)
- You will receive an abstract submission number via email after the submission is completed, please keep this number.
- After submitting your abstract, you can still make changes until the deadline. After the deadline, no changes will be accepted.
- Draft abstracts: The submission form allows you to store your abstract as a draft in order to make changes. Please note the abstract must be finalized and SUBMITTED, before the deadline, and before it will be sent to the reviewers.
- Abstracts about any topic related to pain medicine will be considered, however, in 2020 the following topics are of particular interest:
### Hot Topics for 2020

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