



**The College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka**  
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**22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> August 2019, Galle**

**Guidelines for the Submission of Abstracts**

**Closing Date for the Submissions - Extended to 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019**

1. All abstracts should be submitted **online** before **18.00 hours on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019**. Late entries will **not** be accepted. Submissions will **not** be accepted by post / hand or e-mail.
2. The abstracts will be reviewed anonymously by referees. The corresponding author will be informed of the results by e-mail.
3. The presenting author is required to register for the sessions **at the time of submission** of the abstract. The online payment reference number should be entered in the online submission form.
4. All abstracts must be submitted according to the instructions provided on the online submission website.
5. Abstracts should not exceed more than **250 words**. Those exceeding this limit will be **rejected**.
6. Abstracts should be in the following format:  
**a) Introduction b) Methods c) Results d) Discussion and conclusions.**
7. Names of authors should be entered in the following format: Initials followed by surname (without punctuation) *e.g. P R Samaraweera* **or** first name followed by surname *e.g. Priyantha Samaraweera*
8. Only recognized and commonly used abbreviations / acronyms are acceptable.
9. Tables and graphics should be avoided and included only if **absolutely essential** to the message conveyed by the abstract. When submitted they should be included **as attachments**.
10. Abstracts will be published in the supplement of the Sri Lanka Journal of Surgery. The CSSL reserves the right to make minor alterations / editing of text to fit the format
11. If the abstract has been previously presented or published, in whole or in part, this should be stated **clearly at submission**. This does not disqualify acceptance of the abstract.
12. **ORAL PRESENTATIONS:** Each paper will be allowed 7 minutes for presentation with 3 minutes for discussion. Parallel sessions may be conducted depending on the number of papers selected. Multimedia facilities will be made available.
13. **POSTER PRESENTATIONS:** Posters will be presented in the electronic format on screens provided at the Sessions.