

Guidelines for Abstract Submissions: ASS 2025
College of Specialists in Rheumatology and Rehabilitation of Sri Lanka

We are excited to announce that abstract submission for ASS 2025 are now open. The deadline for the submissions is the 15th of July 2025. Please read the guidelines below carefully before submissions.

1. This is open for abstracts of original research, audits and case reports/care series.
2. The abstracts should be submitted on or before 12pm on the 15th of July 2025
3. Abstracts should be submitted as Microsoft Word documents. We will update you regarding the submission process in due course.
4. The format of research abstracts/audits should be as follows:
 - a. Title
 - b. Authors and affiliations
 - c. Introduction
 - d. Methodology
 - e. Results
 - f. Conclusion
 - g. References (maximum 3): Referencing style- APA
5. The format of case reports is as follows:
 - a. Title
 - b. Authors and affiliations
 - c. Introduction
 - d. Case report
 - e. Conclusion
 - f. References (maximum 3): Referencing style- APA
6. The total word count of the abstract should not exceed 300. This excludes the title, author names and references. The final formatted abstract should not exceed one A4 page.
7. Formatting instructions:
 - a. Title: Times New Roman, 14, Bold
 - b. Authors: Times New Roman, 12, Italics
 - c. Affiliations: with superscript numbers in order of appearance
 - d. Titles of subsections: Times New Roman, 12, Bold
 - e. Content: Times New Roman, 12, line spacing 1.15
 - f. Page margins: 2.54 cm margins on all 4 sides
8. All research studies should have obtained approval of a recognized research ethics committee (REC) and evidence of approval should be submitted.
9. Ethical clearance proof is not required for audits and case reports/case series.
10. Audits should have completed at least one audit cycle.
11. All abstracts will be reviewed by two independent reviewers and the decision of the reviewers will be final.
12. The final decision of the reviewers will be communicated to the corresponding author on or before the 1st of September, and the instructions for presentation will be sent to the authors (oral or poster).
13. The presenting author must register for the sessions and should be available physically for the presentation.
14. The presenting author can be changed in case of justifiable reason, within 3 weeks prior to the date of the congress. After that, such requests will NOT be entertained.

15. The order of authors will be the same as in the original submission. Requests for later changes will NOT be entertained.