



SRI LANKA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Sri Lanka Medical Association invites you to submit abstracts for the 137th Anniversary International Medical Congress – 2024 (16th August – 18th August at Galadari Hotel, Colombo).

The deadline to submit abstracts is 30th April, 2024 23:59 Sri Lankan Time.

- All abstracts should be submitted via <https://www.slma.lk/abstract>
- Hard copy submissions to the SLMA office will not be accepted.
- One author will be permitted to submit a **maximum of three (03) abstracts**.
- **All authors of abstracts** should be members of the SLMA, if they are eligible for membership (doctors & medical students).
- All research studies should have obtained ethics approval. All clinical trials should be registered with a Clinical Trials Registry. Authors should provide the letter of approval from an accepted Ethics Review Committee (ERC) for research studies and registration number for clinical trials, upon request.
- The SLMA considers plagiarism as serious professional misconduct. All abstracts are screened for plagiarism and when identified, the abstract and any other abstracts submitted by the same author will be rejected.
- The SLMA reserves the right to edit the contents of abstracts to improve the quality of the presentation.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Guidelines

- The title of the paper should be concise and the SLMA reserves right to modify the title if necessary.
- The forwarded abstract should be in *Microsoft Word format*. The File name should be the *Title of the Abstract*.
- The document must consist of 2 pages; a cover page and the abstract.
- The cover page must contain the following
 - Title of the abstract
 - **Authors:** The author(s) name(s) should be in the format of last name followed by initial(s). Please DO NOT use prefixes such as Mr/Dr/Prof.
 - The presenting author must be underlined. A superscript number should be placed after each name to refer to the respective affiliations. (eg.:- Perera AB¹, Silva CD²)
 - **Affiliations:** must be listed below the authors without their designations BUT only their place of work/ attachment
 - Subject category: Please select the relevant submission category (Eg: Dermatology, Family Medicine...etc) from the list below and mention this on top corner of the cover page.

Anesthesiology	Miscellaneous
Cardiology	Nephrology
Community Medicine	Neurology
Dermatology	Nutrition
Emergency & Critical Care	Obstetrics and Gynaecology
Endocrinology	Oncology
Family Medicine	Ophthalmology
Forensic Medicine	Paediatrics and Neonatology
Gastroenterology	Pathology
General Medicine	Pharmacology
Genetics	Psychiatry

Geriatric Medicine	Radiology
Health Informatics	Rehabilitation Medicine
Health Systems Research	Respiratory Medicine
Haematology	Rheumatology
Infectious Diseases	Sports and Exercise Medicine
Medical Administration	Surgery
Medical Education	

- The second page must contain the following
 - **Title: Bold sentence case.**
 - **Body of the abstract:** Structured with the following subheadings:
 - Introduction and Objectives,
 - Method
 - Results
 - Conclusions
 - **Font:** Times New Roman
 - **Font size:** 12, single line spacing
 - The body of the abstract MUST NOT exceed 250 words
 - Please DO NOT include the names of the authors, institutions or any tables/graphs/figures or references within THE body of the abstract.

1. Important notices:

- Please note that NO amendments to the submitted abstracts (including the authors list) would be entertained after closing of submission.
- Abstracts not conforming to the above instructions will be rejected.
- A panel of reviewers will review abstracts anonymously and the decision of the Scientific Committee will be final. Successful applicants will be notified via email by slmaconf2024@gmail.com
- The presenting author is required to register for the sessions upon acceptance of the abstract.
- Please provide a name of a second presenting author (in case of a situation where the original presenting author is unable to attend).
- Failure to make a presentation (oral or poster) once participation is confirmed will be considered an episode of academic/scientific misconduct and the authors will be liable for punitive action.

Please provide the e-mail address and the mobile number of the corresponding author when submitting the abstract.

Please note that all submissions should be made electronically through the online Abstract Portal. More details will be uploaded on the SLMA conference website in due course (<http://slma.lk/scientific-congress>).

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