



Geriatric Medicine Society Conference

Exploring New Giants in Geriatrics

Friday, 3rd May 2019

Dolmen Hotel, Qawra, St Paul's Bay

Submission of Abstracts for Posters

Please submit your abstracts for the Geriatric Medicine Society Conference to be held on Friday 3rd May 2019 by electronic means through the Geriatric Medicine Society of Malta website, www.gsmalta.com

Instructions for submitting abstracts

The Scientific Committee accepts submissions only through the online submissions facility through the website of the society, address above. Deadline for submissions is **Sunday 31st March 2019**.

Date of submission

Abstracts must reach the scientific committee by the deadline. Abstracts received after this deadline will not be considered.

Only TWO abstracts per investigator as first author are allowed.

Corrections

Make sure that the abstract you submit is correct. If modifications to the abstract are required contact the scientific committee on info@gsmalta.com by the deadline with the corrected abstract.

Preparing your abstract

Maximum word count is **250 words** excluding the title, authors' names and provenance.

Title, Authors and Provenance

- Title – use Arial font size 14
- Authors – initials then surname, using capitals without any full stops e.g. A Borg¹, M Caruana².
- Provenance – the place of work e.g. 1. Rehabilitation Hospital Karin Grech, 2. Mater Dei Hospital

Abstract Body

The abstract should be written in a structured manner and give the

- **Objectives** of the study
- **Methods** used
- **Results** obtained
- **Conclusions** reached

The abstract must include sufficient information (e.g. numerical and statistical data) to allow its evaluation by the Scientific Committee and to enable it to stand as a published abstract. Expressions such as “data will be presented” or “findings will be discussed” are not acceptable and will result in automatic rejection of the abstract. The onus is on the author to check spelling, grammar and format of the abstract

References - include any references within the body of the text, in the format, Author names (up to 3), Journal name, year, volume and page. Do not include the title.

Abbreviations - must be defined by being placed in parentheses immediately after the full word or phrase has been typed for the first time.

Generic names must be used for drugs.

Any financial support from commercial parties must be disclosed in a final statement of the abstracts.

The Poster

- Posters are required to conform to **PORTRAIT** ORIENTATION. Failure to follow this requirement will mean that the poster will NOT FIT on the allotted board.
- If printing on one page, use size A0 PORTRAIT ORIENTATION (0.84 x 1.19 m). Alternatively, a number of smaller sheets can be used to create a larger collage, but do not go beyond a maximum 'layout' height of 1.5 m.
- Posters should be clear and easy to read. Type size should be sufficiently large to allow people to read from 2-3 metres. (Minimum of 1 cm high for text and 2.5 cm high for titles). Do not reduce text size in order to fit more information onto the poster.
- Design the poster to convey a CLEAR MESSAGE. If this is not obvious to the reader after reading the introduction, the message is NOT CLEAR and the reader will move on to an alternative poster, which provides the correct impact.
- Avoid overload – too much information seriously detracts from the overall impact. LESS IS BEST!
- The SIMPLE use of colour can enhance a presentation, **but avoid the temptation towards art!**
- Consider the use of a suitable photograph, but do not include as a background to the poster. Keep Logos to a minimum and discreet.
- Proof-read the poster, and get others to do so as well.

Setting up: Posters should be set up on the day of the conference between 7.30 and 8.30am. They should not be removed before the beginning of the last session but to be removed by the end of the day of the conference.

Prizes

There will be prizes for the best 3 posters. Also the poster winners will have the opportunity to give a 5 minute presentation at the end of the last session.