NEED to KNOW Information for Abstract Submission

Abstract Maximum word count = 320

This count includes headings associated with the Type of Project you select.
For abstracts to be scored fairly, use the headings listed in the instructions that are associated with the Type of Project. Do not include author names, facility, or organization.

1. Choose a TYPE of Abstract for your project from list below.
2. Become familiar with the description of each type.
3. Use headings associated with each TYPE.

Type of Abstract
- Evidence Based Practice (EBP).
- Performance Improvement (PI)
- Original Research
- General

Description of each Type:
Evidence Based Practice (EBP)
The purpose of EBP is to evaluate evidence along a continuum to identify the strongest or best evidence to guide nursing practice within an organizational setting and with a specific patient population. EBP interventions are stricter and more prescriptive than Performance Improvement protocols but are not as strict as Original Research protocols. EBP data collection may not be rapid cycle and involves varying resources.

Performance Improvement (PI)
The purpose of performance improvement is to improve internal processes and practices within a specific patient group or organization. Performance improvement protocols are less formal or rigorous and may change throughout the course of a performance improvement project. Data collection in performance improvement is usually *rapid cycle* and uses minimal to moderate time and resources.

Original Research
The purpose of original research is to generate new knowledge within the broader scientific community that is generalizable beyond the study sample. Original Research studies have tight controls for extraneous variables to ensure confidence that outcomes occur because of defined intervention and not by chance. Original Research is not rapid cycle and involves the use of resources that may vary per scope of the study.

General
The GENERAL TYPE is for endeavors that, by definition, do not fall within ORIGINAL Research, EBP, or Performance Improvement criteria.
Examples: Educational, Professional Development, or Leadership Projects.

Abstract Headings associated with each Type.

Evidence Based Practice Abstract Headings:
Background: Background provides the context for the study.
Purpose of EBP Project: Purpose, describes clearly why this Evidence Based Project is being done.
Methods: Include EBP model utilized, PICO Question, key words, databases searched, number of studies identified / screened / eligible / and included.
Results: (provides summary of number of studies at each level of evidence, overall quality, synthesis of findings that answer the EBP question)
Conclusions: (available evidence supports or does not support translation of findings into practice)
Implications for Clinical Research Nursing Practice and/or Future Research: Articulates application to clinical research nursing or for future research.

Performance Improvement Abstract Headings:
Background / significance: Provides a context for the path leading the authors to do this project and answers the "so what?"
Objectives: Provides the purpose of the project and describes the goal or what the author/team intends to implement or achieve.
Implementation: Provides a clear description of how the plan to achieve the objectives will be executed including strategies for evaluation.
Performance Improvement Outcome: What were the results of executing the plan to achieve the stated objectives?
Implications for Clinical Research Nursing Practice / Future Research: Articulates application to clinical research nursing or for future research.

Original Research Abstract Headings
Background and significance: Provide the context for the path leading the authors to conduct this research and answers the "so what?"
Purpose: States the Research Question and secondary aims for the project that the author/study team are investigating.
Methods: Section states the research design, theoretical framework, study procedures used to gather data and statistical tests used to analyze the data.
Results: State the results of data analysis
Conclusions: Describes how well the research question was answered
Implications for Clinical Research Nursing Practice: Implications for nursing practice and implications for future research are described in terms of impact and application for CRN practice.

General Abstract Headings
Background: Gives the context for the path leading the author(s) to engage in the activity.
Significance: Describes the reason why the authors are conducting this project and answers the "so what" question.
Purpose: Provides goals for the activity.
Description of the Process: Provides a clear description of actions taken to achieve the goals.
Implications: Describes results of the activity and implications for application to clinical research nursing

How to use the online abstract submission system

If you are submitting more than one abstract you can use the same login for each abstract.

You can alter your abstracts at any time up to the deadline.

Do <u>not</u> include author names or organization in the <u>title of your project</u> or in the <u>body of your abstract</u> because a "blinded" review process will be used.

1. The submission process

   • Log in to the submission system when you have prepared your abstract - enter your email address and the password you chose when you registered with the system.

   • You will be taken to a screen from which the submission process starts. Please read the instructions on this screen carefully. If you want to submit a new abstract you should click the link that says "Click here to submit a new abstract".

   • Submitting an abstract is a multi-step process. Each step asks several questions. Some questions are marked "required" and you will not be able to complete your submission until these questions have been answered.

   • If you have to stop part way through the process your submission will be held in temporary storage until you return later and complete all the questions. When you log in again you can click on your incomplete abstract and resume submission.

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   • When you reach the final step and press "Finish" you will be sent an email confirming that your abstract has been amended.

3. Queries

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