



World Cancer Congress
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Abstracts submission guidelines

The World Cancer Congress is an occasion to share best practices and transfer knowledge to reduce the burden of cancer around the world. Abstract presentations represent a core part of the programme.

1. Definitions

Submitting and presenting author: individual who submits online the abstract and upon acceptance of the abstract, who will be physically presenting the abstract as part of the programme at the 2020 World Cancer Congress.

2. Submission category

Three types of submission presentations will be welcomed at the Congress:

1. Abstracts on **scientific studies** describing the collection, analysis and interpretation of cancer-relevant data (clinical, behavioural, epidemiological, etc)
2. Summaries of **practice, policy and advocacy reports** with impact describing innovative cancer and NCD programmes in detection, care, support, prevention, organisation.
3. Summaries of **fundraising campaign reports** describing programmes to build public support to fund or donate to cancer and NCD control causes.

3. Submission process

All submissions **should be made in English** and only through the online submission platform, available on www.worldcancercongress.org

Abstracts submitted in another language than English will be automatically rejected.

1. Go to www.worldcancercongress.org and click on "CALL FOR ABSTRACTS" and follow instructions as given;
2. Select the category of your abstract;
3. Select the theme and sub-topic(s) your abstract is most relevant too;
4. Whilst quantitative data is not required for practice/policy reports or advocacy reports, wherever possible, please do use quantitative data to support your conclusions;
5. Abstracts should meet international ethical standards;
4. Abbreviations should be defined;
5. Trade names cannot be mentioned in the title. However, trade names in brackets will be accepted in the body of the text;
6. All graphics and supporting visuals need to be commented and with an explanatory title;
7. The submitting author accepts to declare all of the authors' conflicts of interest for the last 5 years. An abstract or summary report cannot be accepted if the conflict of interest disclosure has not been ticked on the submission form. If the project or one of the co-authors has a conflict of interest, this must be clearly stated within the submission form and then, later, upon acceptance of the abstract, disclosed within the presentation
8. Each author needs to have authorised the submitter to submit the abstract, and then, later, upon acceptance of the abstract, approve to have it presented at the Congress
9. If the abstract is accepted, the presenting author accepts that his abstract will be available in the Congress abstract e-library;

10. Make sure you have something new to contribute and that there is a logical and convincing progression through to your conclusions and advice;
11. Ensure your abstract or report is informed by depth of experience, careful reflection, analysis and impact / results. Merely describing your activity is not enough.
12. Aim for relevance to international delegates who might be working on a problem similar to yours.
13. Declare if your abstract has already been published or presented previously.

6. Technical Guidelines

1. The abstract must contain at least 1,500 characters and cannot contain more than 3'000 characters (blank spaces, punctuation as well as authors' affiliation and titles included).
2. A prescribed format has been identified for each type of submission format:
 - a. **Scientific studies.** Background, aim, methods, results, conclusions.
 - b. **Practice, policy and advocacy reports.** Background and context, aim, strategy/tactics, programme/policy process, outcomes, what was learnt (develop any replicability potential)
 - c. **Fundraising campaign reports.** Amount raised, background and context, aim, strategy/tactics, programme process, stakeholders involved, costs and returns, innovative methods, what was learnt. Mention any replicability potential.
3. **3.** Please ensure that your abstract does not contain spelling, grammatical or scientific errors. No corrections are possible after the submission. The abstract will be reproduced exactly as submitted. Please ensure that the abstract is complete. No proofreading will be done.
4. **Please ensure to mention all sources of information and references.**
5. Once you have successfully submitted your abstract, you will receive a confirmation email with an abstract ID number, to use in any communication you might have with the organisers.
6. Abstracts can be re-edited and modified until you click "submit" for final submission. Once submitted, abstracts cannot be edited.
7. All abstracts should be finalised and submitted by 31 March 2020 at midnight CET.

7. Review process and format of presentations

As part of the two-tier review process, your submission will be screened within two weeks and you will be notified if it has been accepted or rejected.

Accepted abstracts will undergo a secondary review process by an International Panel of Reviewers, once the call for abstracts has closed (31 March 2020).

Based on the average score, abstracts and summary reports will be presented at the World Cancer Congress under one of the following formats:

- **Abstract oral:** 8-minute presentation (incl. 2 minutes of Question and Answers), scheduled in a session in front of a large audience of approximate 100 persons
- **Rapid Fire:** 3-minute presentation in front of a large audience of approximate 100 persons
- **Electronic-poster pod presentation:** 3-minute presentation in an e-pod. The poster will be displayed on an electronic poster screen and presented at a given time during one of the networking breaks. Each e-pod presentation will take place in an e-poster pod seating approximately 35 people.

Each accepted abstract will be available for consultation on the 2020 WCC abstract e-library.

8. NEW for UICC Members only! Nomination to UICC Awards

The UICC Awards aim to identify and celebrate the exceptional contributions made by UICC members and inspire the cancer control community through their efforts.

By submitting an abstract, UICC members will be eligible to an Award nomination for the three below listed Award categories:

- The best advocacy with impact Award
- The best Public-Private partnership initiative Award
- The best scientific abstract Award

The nominees in each category will be announced at the start of July 2020. Winners within each category will be announced at the UICC Awards Ceremony held on 22 October during the 2020 World Cancer Congress.