



# SRI LANKA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Sri Lanka Medical Association invites you to submit abstracts for the  
**138<sup>th</sup> Anniversary International Medical Congress 2025**  
*to be held from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> July 2025*

**THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ABSTRACTS IS 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025, 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 is permitted to submit a **maximum of three (03) abstracts**.
- **All authors of abstracts should be members of the SLMA**, if they are eligible for the membership (doctors & medical students).
- All research studies should have obtained ethical 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 all abstracts submitted by the 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

- The title of the abstract should be concise and the SLMA reserves right to modify the title if necessary.
- The 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). DO NOT use prefixes such as Mr/Dr/Prof.
    - The name of presenting author must be underlined. A superscript number should be placed after each name to refer to the respective affiliations. (e.g., Perera AB<sup>1</sup>, Silva CD<sup>2</sup>)
  - **Affiliations:** Affiliations must be listed below the authors with the superscript number. Affiliations should contain only the place of work or attachment BUT should not contain designations.
  - **Corresponding author details:** E-mail address and the mobile number of the corresponding should be provided.
  - **Word count:** Abstract word count
  - **Subject category:** Please select the relevant subject category (E.g., Dermatology, Family Medicine, etc) from the list below.

Anaesthesiology	Geriatric Medicine	Ophthalmology
Cardiology	Health Informatics	Paediatrics and Neonatology
Community Medicine	Health Systems Research	Pathology
Dermatology	Haematology	Pharmacology
Emergency & Critical Care	Infectious Diseases	Psychiatry
Endocrinology	Medical Administration	Radiology

Family Medicine	Medical Education	Rehabilitation Medicine
Forensic Medicine	Nephrology	Respiratory Medicine
Gastroenterology	Neurology	Rheumatology
General Medicine	Nutrition	Sports and Exercise Medicine
Genetics	Obstetrics and Gynaecology	Surgery
Miscellaneous	Oncology	

- The second page must contain the title and the body of the abstract
  - **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 in the second page and within THE body of the abstract.

## 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.
- The presenting author is required to register for the sessions upon acceptance of the abstract.
- 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.

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