



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS FOR THE YORKSHIRE SOCIETY OF OBSTETRIC ANAESTHETISTS ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

29th APRIL 2025

Note: In preparing your submission please follow the instructions carefully. Acceptance of your submission is conditional on your compliance with these instructions and failure to follow these requirements may result in abstracts not being accepted.

All submissions will be considered for the poster category with the four highest scoring being eligible to present their work orally.

Deadline for submissions

Deadline will be 2359h on Friday 11th April 2025.

Submitting an Abstract

Your submission must be a topic related to Obstetric Anaesthesia.

Please ensure that you:

- use the abstract template provided as a separate file which must be adhered to.
- complete the “**Abstract submission form**” and “**Abstract submission checklist and declaration**” at the end of this document to ensure you have met all the necessary criteria.
- Submit the abstract as a Word file, labelled as “ASM-1stauthorsurname-brief topic” (e.g. “ASM-Smith-morphine”).
- e-mail a copy of the **abstract** along with the completed “**Abstract submission form**” and “**Abstract submission checklist and declaration**” to w.sheedy@hull.ac.uk

Presentation guidance

Authors of abstracts will be contacted via e-mail to tell them if their abstracts have been accepted. Further instructions will then follow for successful authors but here is a guide:

Posters

- Your poster should fit in a space 594 mm across by 841 mm down (A1 size, portrait not landscape)
- Velcro will be provided to attach your poster to the stand
- Posters that do not fit the allocated space may be disqualified

If your abstract is eligible to be presented orally please use the guidance below:

Free paper presentation

- Maximum of 6 slides
- Presentation should be 7 minutes long
- You will be stopped at 7 minutes
- 2 minutes for discussion

Abstract template form

Please use this template to prepare your abstract. Title goes here in bold with only the first letter of the first word in upper case

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Email of corresponding author

Introduction without a heading in plain Times Roman, not bold or italic (nb note title in bold, authors in plain text and institution(s) in italics as above). Remember to put references in square brackets with a space between numbers if more than one [1, 2]. The column width should be fixed to 8 cm and the length to 23 cm.

Methods

Plain text again – remember to include ethics approval and statistics here. Only one paragraph in each section unless a figure or table is included (see below). Spell out all numbers at the beginning of sentences; those in the middle of a sentence should be spelled out if less than ten, but numerals are OK if 10 or greater. Twelve therefore like this but 12 like this but nine always like this. An exception is when units are used, e.g. 9 mm.

Results

Preferred format for numbers is x (y%) – ie don't forget the percentage. Include a single Figure or Table if you wish – but no colour please! Each Figure or Table should have a title describing the symbols (e.g. women (circles) and men (triangles), or dogs (solid lines) and cats (dotted lines), etc); don't include a legend box within a graph or a box around the whole graph. The legend should also say "Values are mean (SD)" etc so readers know what the numbers refer to. Remember to give an indication of variability, not just the mean or median – ie either mean (SD) or median (interquartile range [range]). The interquartile range should be x-y not a single number.

Discussion

Further information on style etc can be found in the Instructions for Authors borrowed from:

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/%28ISSN%291365-2044/homepage/ForAuthors.html> – please do look. Thank you.

References

1. Name A, Name B. Title here. *Journal name in full please* 2003; **22**: 123-4.

Maximum length 23cm

Abstract submission form

TITLE OF ABSTRACT:

(exactly as written on the abstract)

AUTHORS

Name	Email address	Institution	Grade

Please tick if the author is NOT the individual who will present the poster/ paper [] and provide details of the presenting author

This work is (Mark one box only)

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| Original research | [] |
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| Survey | [] |
| Service evaluation | [] |
| Case report or case series | [] |

Please also complete the following checklist and declaration.

Abstract submission checklist and declaration

Requirement NB your abstract may be rejected if you do not follow these requirements	Please mark to confirm
New Times Roman 8 point	
No longer than 23cm long, 8cm wide	
Title in bold	
Authors in plain text	
Employing institution of ALL authors in italic (Address and postcode are not necessary)	
Email address of corresponding author, in italic	
ONLY these section headings: Methods / Results / Case Report (if applicable) / Discussion / Acknowledgements / Reference(s)	
Results must be included in the abstract rather than just "results will be presented"	
One paragraph ONLY for each section	
Single line space between paragraphs	
ONE table or figure	
Table has a caption ABOVE the table; Figure has a caption BELOW the figure	
All parametric data should be mean (SD); non-parametric data should be median (IQR(range))	
All numbers that start a sentence should be spelled out	
ALL references have ALL the authors unless more than six (give first three only then 'et al')	
ALL journals spelled out in full in references	
ALL references have volume number and year	
ALL reference page numbers given (e.g. 123-4)	

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- This work has not been published elsewhere, either as an abstract or as a full paper in a journal or website (this does not preclude presentation at another meeting, so long as the abstract has not been published). If the full paper has been accepted by a journal, it must not have been published (in print or online) before this abstract is presented. Please seek advice from the YSOA if uncertain. If the abstract has been presented at another meeting, it is not necessary to state this in the abstract, but it must be stated during the oral presentation/included on the poster.
- That appropriate ethical approval has been obtained and that written informed consent has been obtained from research subjects, and written consent for the publication from patients of case reports. It is not necessary to state this in the abstract, but it must be stated during oral presentation/included on the poster.
- That any commercial interests or conflicts of interests regarding the abstract have been declared explicitly (please give details where necessary).

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