2nd SSMC Burns Centre of Excellence International Symposium

Abstract Submission Guidelines

Deadline for Abstract Submission

Abstracts can only be submitted online via the abstract submission form. Abstracts sent by post or email will not be accepted. No exceptions will be made.

Deadline: 31st May 2026, 23:59hrs (Abu Dhabi time).

Abstracts submitted after this time will not be considered.

Spelling and Grammar

All abstracts must be written in English. It is the authors' responsibility to submit abstracts with no errors in spelling or grammar. Spelling and / or grammar will not be corrected prior to publication.

Authors

The submitting author should be the first author and the presenting author.

Any change with the presenting author should be communicated before the beginning of the Symposium.

The data of the authors should include: First name, last name (no personal title), affiliation (listed in numerical order corresponding to the authors order).

Abstract's Elements and Structure

- For standardization, the acceptable length of the abstract is a maximum of 300 words (excluding title, authors). Titles are limited to 30 words.
- Once the application has been submitted it is not possible to make any online changes (through the system).

Structure (Mandatory)

Title	Concise and specific
Aim	One sentence for highlighting the purpose of your study
Methods	Briefly describe your study design, patients or subjects, and the methods applied
Results	Summarize your study's main findings
Conclusions	Indicate the main conclusions or interpretations, the possible clinical applications and / or further research
Keywords	A minimum of 3 key words

Case Reports

Must be submitted using the same components (Title, Aim, Methods, Results, Conclusions).

Tables or Figures

No tables or figures are permitted in the abstract submission. Tables and figures may be presented and included in the oral or poster presentation, but they are not permitted in the abstract itself.

List of Topics

Symposium sessions will be multidisciplinary. The topics listed cover the different aspects of burn care, and any professional (e.g., nurse, surgeon, OT, intensivist, physiotherapist etc.) can submit abstracts in the topic that best suits.

• Basic research	• Nursing	• Prevention Psychosocial and psychiatry
• Critical care and anaesthesia	• Nutrition	
• Surgery	• Organization and mass casualties	• Rehabilitation
• Infection		• Scars
• Education	• Pain	• Wounds
	• Paediatrics	• Survivorship / Peer support

Reference(s)
If included, cite the number in text using brackets, e.g. (1). Use APA referencing in the reference list: Author/s, year, title article, journal, volume (issue), page/s
https://www.mendeley.com/guides/apa-citation-guide/

Declarations / Disclosures
- Declaration that you have ethical approval, approval for submission of the work from your local institution, consent from individual participants (or their representatives) to present and publish if the abstract contains details relating to individual participants (for example a case report).
- Disclosures of conflict of interest (including funding information):
  - Author / s should disclose potential conflicts of interest (such as funding support of the work submitted, funds supporting the participation to the Symposium, or any other funding involvement, especially if coming from industries).
  - In case no conflict of interest exists, simply check the "The author / s declare no conflict of interest" box.

Submission Confirmation
After submission of the abstract, the submitting author will receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive a confirmation email within 3 business days after submission, please contact SSMCburnseducation@ssmc.ae

Abstract Review and Selection
All submitted abstracts will be blind peer-reviewed by selected expert reviewers, see abstract marking criteria below. The scientific / program committee will make the final selection of abstracts for inclusion in the Symposium. Abstracts can be selected for oral presentation during one of the four plenary sessions or for presentation as a poster.
Acceptance or rejection of an abstract will be based on the overall score. The minimum score required for acceptance is 60%. Abstracts scoring $\geq$ 80% will be allocated to oral presentation until slots are filled or unless the author prefers a poster presentation. All other eligible abstracts will be accepted for poster presentation.

Abstract Marking Criteria
Abstracts will be marked against the following criteria:
- Structure
- Quality of content
- Methods / study design
- Data collection, collation, analysis
- Results
- Conclusion
- Relevance, word limit
- Originality
- Significance
- Presentation

Notification of Acceptance or Rejection
Notification of acceptance or rejection will be sent to the submitting author by the 6th August 2026. Instructions on the preparation for oral and poster presentation will be included with the notification of acceptance. Please note that the submitting author, who receives the notification email, is responsible for informing all co-authors of the status of the abstract.

Publication Policy
All accepted abstracts and the final programme, will only be published on the SSMC symposium website.

Symposium Registration
Presenting authors are also required to register separately for the symposium. For registration, please see the main symposium webpage.

Travel Compensation
No travel compensation is provided for abstract presenters (oral or poster).