



AMEE 2024: Criteria for abstract selection

Scope of content

All submitted abstracts should meet the following criteria:

1. The work should be on the topic of health professions education. Abstracts are welcomed from any health profession, stage of education or subject area but we will not consider purely clinical research unless it has strong educational implications.
2. If the abstract describes the outcomes of a research or evaluation project, or reports on a new initiative or innovation, the work must be complete. Pilot studies or work-in progress should include at least interim findings. We do not generally accept abstracts based on speculative findings.
3. The abstract should be of broad relevance to the global health professions education community. While we do not automatically reject work because it is not 'novel' the contribution should add something to the field and be of interest to people from outside the institutional / national context of the submitter.

Provided these criteria are met, a wide range of content is considered suitable for presentation, including:

- Reports of research and evaluation projects in health professions education
- Descriptions of new methods or procedures
- Case studies which help to inform on current practice in different contexts
- Literature reviews
- New ideas or concepts which may contribute to our understanding of health professions education or provide a possible basis for other studies
- Reports of consensus views in an area of topical interest, e.g., the core curriculum on a subject
- Historical perspectives, where they illuminate current thinking

Review process

Within the abstract portal, reviewers are asked to rate each abstract on a scale of 0–4 where 0 is 'reject' and 4 is 'definitely accept' and to add a short comment with regards to their decision. If you have received abstracts which have been submitted for either short communication or ePoster, please indicate which format you think is better for the presentation. You do not have a quota to accept, and each abstract should be judged on its merits.

If you have a conflict of interest, please indicate this on the review.

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Reviewers should check whether the abstract is within scope, as defined by the criteria above, and if not should apply a score of 0 and indicate the reason for rejection in the comments box.

If the abstract meets these criteria, reviewers should consider the following:

- Is the work appropriate for inclusion within the selected theme? If not, please include most appropriate theme in the comments box
- Have clear conclusions / take home messages been identified?
- Is the work relevant to a global audience?
- Is the work broadly relevant across all health professions and specialities?
- Does the work present a particular social, geographic, or cultural perspective that is under-represented and/or of broader interest?
- Is the work relevant to current practice and/or does it contribute to advancement of current thinking?
- Does the work offer opportunities for scholarly discussion or debate?
- Is the presentation format appropriate for the content?

AMEE has historically prized inclusivity over novelty, and abstracts reporting confirmatory or negative findings are welcome provided they have a clear educational message which is of relevance to conference delegates.

Abstracts should not be rejected solely on the grounds of grammar or standard of English if the meaning is clear.