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Abstracts: Writing for Acceptance

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Objectives

- 1. State 2 Elements of a Strong Abstract**
- 2. Identify 3 Strategies for Developing a Strong Abstract**



Abstract

A high-level summary

A brief but thorough report

A stand-alone communication





Plan Ahead

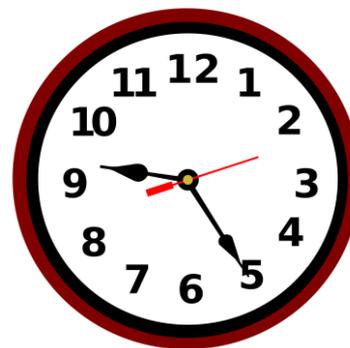
Don't Rush

Map out a schedule: Weeks

Seek input

Share a draft

Rewrite





Creating the Right Fit

Innovative Projects

Audience Considerations

Conference

Themes

Section Headings



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Title

Make it “catchy”

Be descriptive

Send a message

Coincide with conference theme

Keep the length in-check

Don't incorporate it into the abstract

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Titles

Too Short: Improving Supply Efficiency

Too Long: A Quality Improvement Project to Decentralize Needed Clinical Supplies and Relocate Them to Enhance Work Flow for Nursing Staff on Multiple Inpatient Units

Just Right: Make Haste, Not Waste: Bringing Supplies to the Clinicians

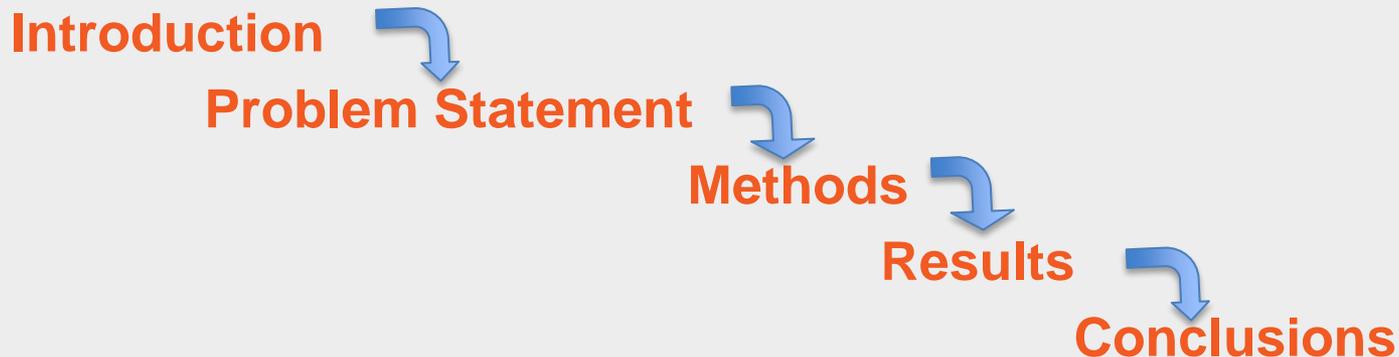
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Use the Conference Template

Common Elements



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Introduction

Be brief

Background

Lay the groundwork

Create the tone

Why is this project important?

What is the larger perspective on the issue?

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Problem Statement

A description of the issue requiring resolution

Used to evaluate the success of an outcome

May include more than one

May be termed as the goal or objective

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Methods

The description of the work and the actions taken

What did you do?

How did you do it?

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Results

Link to problem statement

Clear and concise

Speak to the outcome: Was the project beneficial?

Include the data

decreased by Y

increased by X

Provide timeframe when possible

Demonstrate consistency of the change

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Conclusion

Emphasize the findings
Summary statement
Wrap it up





Clear Connection: An Example:

Unclear

Problem Statement:

The incidence of healthcare acquired infections is above the mean.

Methods:

A new documentation system was introduced. Staff were educated regarding best practices in clinical documentation

Results:

Surgical site infections decreased 10% in May

Clear

Problem Statement:

The incidence of abdominal surgical site infections is above the CDC's *National Healthcare Safety Network* (NHSN) mean.

Methods:

A new electronic medical record system was introduced. The healthcare team built order sets to include essential elements of surgical site prevention care. All team members were educated to their specific role in the implementation of the order sets and the necessary documentation.

Results:

The incidence of abdominal surgical site infections are below the NHSN mean since introduction of the new order sets.

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Follow the Guidelines

Read Carefully

Format

Word Count

Submission style

Author(s)

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Review points

Relevant

Innovative

Grammar including full sentences

Jargon, Acronyms and Abbreviations

Avoid first person and passive voice

Limit references

Factually accurate

Distinct linkages

Remove organizational name or vendor name

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Internal Peer Review

Clarity

Smooth flow

Chronicity

Eliminate unnecessary words

Focus on essential elements

Applicable to a broad and unfamiliar audience



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Edit



Incorporate feedback as appropriate
Review guidelines again
Re-read
.....Ready to Submit

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Congratulations

Your abstract is on its way !

