



World Dental Congress | Special Edition

26-29 September 2021

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Please read carefully and check prior/during abstract submission.

Important notes:

- The 2021 World Dental Congress – Special Edition will be 100% virtual due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Timeline for abstract submission is shorter this year, so please carefully check all deadlines in the below document.

A. Important Dates and Deadlines:

- 23 February 2021 – Abstract on-line submission site opens
- 15 April 2021 – Deadline to submit an abstract to system
- 14 May 2021 – Authors notified of abstract submission outcome
- 15 June 2021 – Authors registration deadline

B. Abstract submission process

1. Abstracts must be submitted via the online abstract submission site:
<https://fdi2021abst-c35566.eorganiser.com.au/index.php?r=site/login>
(Faxes, photocopies or emailed copies will not be reviewed.)
2. Abstract authors can edit or withdraw their submitted abstracts until the submission deadline: 15 April 2021.
3. Abstracts will be reviewed as submitted by the abstract deadline. No changes to abstract text, including correcting typographical errors, incorrect data, etc. will be permitted after this date.

C. General submission rules

1. Language

All abstracts must be prepared and presented in English only.

2. Presentation type

Authors can submit abstracts for Oral Presentations (virtual/online) or Posters (e-posters format).

However, the final presentation type of the accepted abstract is under the discretion of the congress scientific committee.

3. Research type

Projects being reported must be Original studies or Case reports. No literature reviews will be accepted.

4. Abstract topics / sub-topics

1. General Dentistry

- 1.1 Oral Health and Systemic Health
- 1.2 Digital Dentistry
- 1.3 Gerodontology
- 1.4 Special Care Dentistry
- 1.5 Others

2. Preventive Dentistry

- 2.1 Caries prevention
- 2.2 Prevention and Periodontal diseases
- 2.3 Epidemiology
- 2.4 Interceptive Orthodontics
- 2.5 Public Health
- 2.6 Dental erosion and non-carious lesions

3. Dental Treatment & Restorative Dentistry

- 3.1 Caries
- 3.2 Periodontics
- 3.3 Endodontics
- 3.4 Pedodontics
- 3.5 Materials
- 3.6 Esthetics
- 3.7 Prosthodontics
- 3.8 Orthodontics

4. Oral Surgery, Medicine and Cancer

- 4.1 Implantology
- 4.2 Oral Surgery
- 4.3 Oral Medicine
- 4.4 Oral Pathology
- 4.5 Oral Immunology

5. Abstract content

a) Abstract Title:

Abstract title shall be less than 10 words and express the research essence.

b) Abstract body:

- Abstracts shall be less than 250 words.
(Do not include the title or authors in the abstract body, these items will be collected separately).
- Abstracts shall include specific sections (see below item 6. Abstract Sections)
- Abstracts shall not include any indication of the personal details of authors.
- Abstracts shall avoid reference to institution names, locations, or funding sources.
- Abstracts shall not include any tables, charts or graphics.
- Abstracts and commercial/trade names:
 - For original studies, abstracts shall not include any reference to commercial/trade names. Only generic names can be used.
 - For case reports, the trade name may be used but must be accompanied by the generic name.

6. Abstract sections

The sections depend on the research type: Original Study or Case Report. Templates are available on the submission site.

a) Abstract sections for Original Study Abstracts

1. Title

Abstract title must be less than 10 words. The initial letter of the title must be capitalized.

It should express the research essence (concise summary) and should convince the reader that the topic is important, relevant, and innovative.

2. Aim or purpose

In one brief sentence, provide the rationale for the investigation and/or the question to be answered, with or without short citation(s). Citations should be listed and provide the name and initials of authors (max 3), title of article, title of journal, year of publication, the volume number and first and last page numbers in full.

3. Materials and methods

The experimental conditions should be reported briefly (i.e. age group, nature of the animals, sex, and approval from the Ethics Committee at the presenter's institution). The clinical approach should be precise, and the period of time studied taken into account in the interpretation. The methods used should also be clearly indicated (i.e. image analysis, biochemical data, histological, immune-histological or molecular probes used for the analysis of the data, statistical significance).

4. Results

The results should be stated in a maximum of three sentences.

5. Conclusions

This is any conclusion(s) that can be drawn from the presentation. This final statement is crucial because it supports the scientific value of the poster.

b) Abstract sections for Case Report Abstracts

1. Title

Abstract title must be less than 10 words. The initial letter of the title must be capitalized.

It should express the research essence (concise summary) and should convince the reader that the topic is important, relevant, and innovative. It is not necessary to describe everything about the case in the title.

2. Introduction

The case report abstract begins with a short introduction. It describes the context of the case and demonstrates its relevance or importance.

3. Case Description

Case Reports needs to represent treatment (new or novel) approaches to dealing with specific clinical problems. When reporting the case, comply the essential guidelines of medical/dental communication; describe in sequence the medical and/or dental history, physical examination, investigative study(studies), and the progress and outcome. Product trade names used in the case treatment must be accompanied by a generic term and followed by the manufacturer in parentheses.

4. Discussion

The principal objective of the discussion is to review why decisions were made and summarize the lesson from the case. Clinical Considerations should be included by a brief description of the clinical materials and techniques employed. Not uncommonly, reports from the literature, or their absence, are cited that either directly support or contradict the findings of the case. The best case report abstracts are those that give a small number of learning points in clear and concise language.

5. Conclusion/clinical significance:

In a few sentences, the clinical importance and implications of the research or clinical technique should be discussed and included, and if applicable, its relevance to clinical dentistry.

7. Authors:

- Authors may submit up to 3 abstracts but present only 1 abstract (for example: 1 abstract as presenting author and 2 abstracts as co-author).
- The submitting author must receive the approval of all co-authors before including their names on the abstract.
- Each author should be added separately to the submission to ensure proper listing. Enter first (given) name, and last (family/surname) name for each author, contact details plus institution/affiliation. Please do not list the department/branch in the Affiliation/Organisation field.
- One author must be identified as the presenting author.

8. Other rules

- Abstracts of the unfinished research will not be evaluated.
- Previously published abstracts (in print or any electronic format) or those presented at another meeting are not allowed.
- Conflict of interest: The submitting author must disclose any personal or co-author potential conflict of interest.
- Contact Information: FDI will only correspond with the presenting author listed on the abstract regardless of who may have submitted the abstract. Thus, make sure to include a correct email address of the presenting author in the field "Email correspondence".

9. Special Requests

If you have any special requests or if you wish to request that abstracts be scheduled on a specific date, please enter this information in the "Special Request" box when submitting your abstract online. FDI will NOT change presentation dates/times to accommodate your schedule or requests made after submission.

Please note that it may not be possible to accommodate all special requests, but we will do our best when scheduling the abstracts.

D. Evaluation Criteria

The evaluation by the reviewers is based on the following criteria:

Original research:	Case report
1. Originality of research	1. Novelty of the idea
2. Research methodology	2. Methodology of treatment
3. Results & analyses	3. Treatment of results
4. Clinical applications	4. Significance in clinical practice
5. Is the research presented clearly and legibly?	5. Is the work presented clearly and legibly?

E. Notification of Acceptance/Non acceptance

- Abstract notification emails will be sent by **14 May 2021**.
- Abstract notification emails will be sent to the presenting author's e-mail address entered in the system.
- All accepted abstracts will be highlighted in the system and authors will be able to monitor the actual situation of their abstracts after 14 May 2021.

PLEASE NOTE: All communication between FDI and authors will take place via email. The email address used will be the one supplied when submitting the abstract for the PRESENTING AUTHOR. Please make sure that you enter a valid, long-term email address for the PRESENTING AUTHOR so that you will receive all important notices that are sent from FDI regarding your abstract and presentation during the congress.

F. Presenter pre-registration and presence

- Oral presentations:
 - a. Presenting authors are required to pre-register for the congress before **15 June 2021**. Failure to pre-register by this date will result in the withdrawal of the abstract.
 - b. Presenting authors are required to present their work.
 - Time limit for each presentation: 10-12 minutes maximum, with slides.
 - Presentations will be pre-recorded but presenting authors are required to be present online for a live Q&A session.
 - The date and time for your online presence will be specified by the congress organizer before **25 June 2021**.
- Posters:
 - a. Presenting authors are required to pre-register for the congress before **15 June 2021**. Failure to pre-register by this date will result in the withdrawal of the abstract.
 - b. e-posters (pdf format) must be uploaded in the system before **15 August 2021**.
 - c. Winners of the Poster competition are required to attend the online Best Poster Award Ceremony (see below item F. Poster competition)

G. Poster competition

- A Poster competition awarding the best poster of each abstract topic (4) will be organized prior to the congress.
- The 4 winners (presenting authors) will be notified by email.
- An award ceremony will be organized online during the congress, in presence of representatives of the FDI World Dental Federation and the Australian Dental Association and the 4 winners.
- Awards consist of:
 1. a certificate,
 2. an invitation to present the poster during the online Best Poster Award Ceremony organized during the congress,
 3. a free registration for the 2022 World Dental Congress.

H. Abstract book

All accepted abstracts will be published in an online supplement of the *International Dental Journal*.

I. Certificate of Participation

Presenting authors are required to present online at the time specified by the congress organizer to get their certificates. Certificates will be sent after the congress.

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