

## **Tips for Writing a Successful Abstract**

Writing a successful abstract may seem a daunting task but it doesn't need to be. You have exceptional practices and ideas and we encourage you to share them with your colleagues!

The SGNA Annual Course provides a forum for this type of collaboration. Complete the abstract process and be considered for this opportunity to share.

In an effort to assist you with this endeavor, please note the following tips for submitting a successful abstract.

1. Review the SGNA abstract criteria BEFORE you submit the abstract. Contact SGNA headquarters at [cehrhart@smithbucklin.com](mailto:cehrhart@smithbucklin.com) with any questions or clarification you may need.
2. Develop the abstract in another document and review before attempting to enter the information.
3. Keep it concise; the abstract should provide major points and key content you plan to present.
4. Address the following: Why this topic? What the purpose of the session is? What are the main findings? What is the key take home message(s) for the attendee?
5. Do not reference literature; credit for references can be given at the presentation.
6. Solicit the expertise of a trusted colleague and have them review the abstract to ensure its clarity.
7. Review the submission for any typos, punctuation and grammatical inconsistencies.
8. Use the \*Abstract Criteria Checklist prior to submitting the abstract.

**Thank you for completing the abstract process. Before submitting the abstract, please review the content to ensure that the elements are complete.**

### **\*Abstract Criteria Checklist**

<b>Complete</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Criterion</b>
	Content	The abstract presents key relevant issues and trends related to GI nursing and/or endoscopy based on current best practices.
	Clarity	The title and abstract clearly describe the session.
	Applicability	The abstract is applicable to the current practice of GI nursing and endoscopy on a multitude of levels i.e. settings, roles.
	Writing	The abstract is clearly and professionally written.

## **Sample Abstract**

### **Duct Work: The Biliary System**

This lecture will include a basic overview of the anatomy and physiology of the biliary system. The pathophysiology related to biliary diseases will be discussed and will include stone disease, strictures and tumors. Treatment options will be discussed in detail, ranging from traditional ERCP using standard technology, such as sphincterotomy, dilation and stenting (plastic and metal) to choledochoscopy using advanced technology, such as Electrohydraulic Lithotripsy and Photo Dynamic Therapy. Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS) will be discussed as well as different applications such as intraductal exams. Additionally, difficult ERCP and EUS cases will be showcased. Finally, video clips of actual procedures will also be presented to better demonstrate these techniques.

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