



CALL FOR AWEMS ABSTRACT & ADVENTURE SUBMISSIONS

Instructions for authors The AWEMS Committee invites prospective authors to submit their abstracts and adventures for presentation at the Society's Inaugural Expedition and Wilderness Medicine conference October 16th, 2021. The conference will be held both ONLINE and IN-PERSON in Macedon, Victoria. For questions or more information, please contact conference@awems.org.au

Abstract Submissions are invited in the following categories:

- Original research covering the spectrum of expedition and wilderness medicine
- Case reports
- Audits and quality improvement

Accepted abstracts will be presented as posters at the meeting, with a selection chosen for oral presentations. Further information can be found below.

Adventure Submissions

AWEMS is also accepting "adventure submissions". These entail interesting stories from working in austere environments, expeditions, or lessons learned along the way. Submissions should be a maximum of 300 words. 1-3 photos may also be included but are not required. They are not subject to the below scoring system but will be judged by the Conference Committee on quality of writing, originality, and interest.

Accepted abstracts will be presented as posters at the meeting, with a selection chosen for oral presentations. Submissions will be via email to conference@awems.org.au with the subject line 'Adventure Submission'.

Important information for abstract authors

- Abstract submissions will close at 11:59pm (AEDT) Friday 17th September 2021.
- Notification of acceptance will be sent to the principal author via email by 24th September 2021
- Please note that abstracts will not be included in the final program if presenters do not register for the conference
- Preference will be given to completed research but abstracts for works in progress will be considered.
- Abstracts will be scored as per the below scoring system, adapted from the Society for Academic Emergency medicine
- Authors must ensure information regarding ethics approval and patient consent is included with your abstract submission if relevant
- Authors must submit by abstract online via the following email: conference@awems.org.au, with the subject line, "Abstract Submission"
- Authors must ensure they obtain any relevant consent and approvals before submitting their abstracts
- Prizes TBC

Submission Guidelines

- Abstract preparation
 - See "Abstract Format" below
- Eligibility:
 - Abstracts will only be considered if they have not previously been presented at a scientific meeting or published in a journal
 - Authors must be a member of AWEMS (<https://awems.org.au/become-a-member/>)
- Language: All abstract submissions must be in English
- Number of submissions: Authors may submit more than one paper, but no more than two
- Acknowledgement of receipt: Upon submission, authors will receive confirmation by email. Please contact the AWEMS team at conference@awems.org.au if you do not receive this email.
- Review and selection: Abstracts will be reviewed by the Abstract Review Committee. Selection will be based upon relevant to theme; originality and interest; clinical and research content, and state of completeness
- Mode of presentation: All presentations will be in electronic poster format and select presentations will be oral presentations. Full details of e-poster and oral presentation format will be supplied after acceptance is confirmed
- Funding: Include any funding sources and/or disclosures
- Notification of acceptance: Authors will be notified if their abstract has been accepted by September 24th, prior to the closing of registration
- Registrations: All presenters are required to register to the conference (<https://www.trybooking.com/BTLKC>)
- Publication: abstracts will be published virtually on the AWEMS website.

Abstract format

Word limit: The abstract should not exceed 500 words

Do not include illustrations, tables, graphs, scientific characters, or internet links

Up to five references can be included and cited in the text with superscript numbers in the order in which they appear. In the reference list, the references should be numbered and listed in order of appearance in the text.

Author information: Author and co-author names

As AWEMS is accepting abstracts of varying natures (e.g., case reports, research, audits, etc), there is no prescribed format of presentation

ABSTRACT SCORING SYSTEM (Adapted with permission from the SAEM scientific abstract scoring system: <https://wms.org/research/saem-abstract-scoring-adapted%202017.pdf>)

CLARITY OF OBJECTIVES—Does this submission have with clear objectives (whether quantitative or qualitative)?

2 Well-thought-out study objectives, or clearly stated and testable hypothesis

1 Stated objectives were poorly chosen, or stated hypothesis was difficult to test

0 No clear objectives or hypothesis, or not relevant to expedition and wilderness medicine

QUALITY OF DESIGN—Does this submission use the right research methods for the scientific question?

2 Chosen study design was the best feasible method for testing the stated hypothesis/objectives (i.e., a robust design)

1 Chosen study design was sub-optimal but did test the stated hypothesis/objectives (i.e., an acceptable design)

0 Design did not test stated hypothesis/objectives, or not relevant to expedition and wilderness medicine

VALIDITY – Were the right outcomes measured in the right way? Were potential confounders managed well? Is it logical?

0 Skip this question because validity is not applicable

2 Well-controlled, protected from bias, and presented very clearly

- 1 Protection against bias, and presentation satisfactory
- 0 Poorly controlled and vulnerable to bias, vague, confusing, or illogical

STATISTICS –Does this submission use statistics correctly?

- 0 Skip this question because statistics are not applicable
- 2 Statistical methods and conclusions are correct
- 1 Statistical methods and conclusions are technically flawed, but conclusions are accurate
- 0 The reader is not given a clear understanding of the statistical method; conclusions are inaccurate

IMPORTANCE OF TOPIC—Is the topic of major importance to the field of wilderness and expedition medicine?

- 2 This topic, or its foreseeable progeny, is relevant to all practitioners of wilderness medicine, a major field of wilderness medicine, or is highly innovative
- 1 This is an important topic that will lead to information of interest to many wilderness practitioners, including those who do not study this topic, or is relevant to a minor field of wilderness medicine
- 0 This topic is only of interest to the small group of people who study it and is unlikely to result in important knowledge

ORIGINALITY—Does this submission reflect content that is new?

- 2 Is highly original
- 1 Is somewhat original
- 0 Lacking in originality

PUBLICATION READINESS—Does this abstract reflect high-quality writing and attention to detail?

- 2 Perfect grammar, no errors, very clear expression of ideas
- 1 Generally well-written but leaves room for confusion on some concepts or has one or two errors
- 0 Poorly written. Hard to understand, idiosyncratic phrasing, or awkward abbreviations