



## Research Bites

### Guidelines for writing an abstract – case reflections

#### **Which cases would be suitable to present?**

BVNA invites submission of any case which may be unusual and/or interesting. There is no restriction on species, or on the reason for admission (emergency, critical care, neonatal, surgical/medical).

#### **What is a clinical abstract?**

An abstract is a succinct overview of research (in this instance, the case you wish to present). It should capture the attention of the reader. As a guide, a case reflection abstract would normally consist of the following:

1. **Title and author information:** The title should capture the reader's attention. If the case was novel, highlight this in the title too. The names of *ALL* authors (including supervisors if appropriate) and their institution/practice must be listed. The contact email of the primary (usually the submitting author) should also be provided.
2. **Introduction:** It can be useful to begin by including an interesting and specific fact about the case you worked with. What was unusual about it?
3. **Patient information – a brief overview of:**
  - History and signalment
  - Assessment, findings and diagnosis
  - Treatment plan (to include resuscitation/stabilisation measures if appropriate)
  - Outcome
4. **Nursing care and interventions**
5. **Reflection and conclusion:** What did you learn from the case? Did practice protocols change? How would you feel about encountering a similar case in future?

#### **Please note:**

- The maximum word count of your abstract (excluding title) should not exceed 500 words.
- Please refer to the deadline for abstract submissions.
- Your abstract will be peer-reviewed. Following acceptance by reviewers, research projects and case reflections will be shortlisted for presentation at BVNA Congress.
- If your submission is shortlisted, you will be invited to the relevant day of BVNA Congress, and asked if you would like to deliver an oral presentation alongside your poster. Your abstract will also be published in the VNJ.

- If selected for presentation, you will be required to submit a PDF file of your poster, and a Powerpoint file of your presentation (if applicable). Please refer to BVNA's Guidelines on Producing a Poster and Presentation for further details.
- Your poster will be displayed within the exhibition throughout BVNA Congress.

All successful applicants will receive a free one-day registration to BVNA Congress, and will be able to access a wide variety of lectures and the commercial exhibition. All applicants are required to attend the Research Bites event where abstract presentations will commence (regardless of whether presenting or not).

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