

Guideline for Reviewing Abstract (in plain language)

Research Project must be **COMPLETED** at time of poster production

Performance Improvement	Original Research	Research Utilization
Is research completed: YES NO	Is research completed: YES NO	Is research completed: YES NO
If indicated, IRB # and Approval date is included: Yes NO	IRB # and Approval date is included: Yes NO	
Title of Research: Does the title describe the topic of the abstract?	Title of Research: Does the title clearly define the topic under investigation?	Title of Research: Does the title describe the topic of the abstract?
Background/Significance: Is the history of the problem and the reason for the importance of the problem adequately described?	Purpose of Study: Why are the investigators studying their topic? Do they adequately describe the reasons for conducting their investigation?	Topic: Do the investigators describe the significance of this topic to the clinical practice of nursing?
Objectives: What is the "improvement" intended to accomplish?	Background / Significance: Do the investigators review what has already been done to study their topic? Do they state clearly why this topic is important and what new information will contribute to the science?	Scientific merit (Review of Literature): Do the investigators discuss what has been done in the past relative to the what they have now that is new?
Implementation: How is the "improvement" introduced into use?	Method / Design: Is the type of research design clearly described? Is the method / design appropriate to the topic? Are instruments used validated and how are they validated? Was a power analysis conducted to determine if the sample size is adequate?	Interpretation: Do the investigators demonstrate an examination and understanding of the relevance of their topic to clinical nursing practice?
Performance Improvement Outcome: Did anything change after the "improvement" started to be used?	Findings: Are the research results reported adequately for the type of design? P values, etc?	Outcomes: Do the investigators describe what happened after the research findings were put into practice?
Implications for Nursing Practice, Research, Policy, and/or Education		Nursing Practice Changes: Is the message clear in the abstract that the described changes made to nursing practice resulted from awareness of new findings or new awareness of current findings? Do the investigators make recommendations for changes in nursing practice in light of the findings?