

**PHILIPPINE PEDIATRIC SOCIETY, INC.**  
**COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH FORUM & WORKSHOP**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> INTERHOSPITAL PROSPECTIVE**  
*Rules and Regulations*

1. Each PPS accredited hospital may submit only one prospective study.
2. Only second year and third year residents may compete for the prospective paper contest.
3. All entries should not have previously won in other PPS Research Contests, and should have been completed within the last 6 months prior to the application. However, the papers should be the exclusive work of the residents themselves only. Letters from the Chairman and the Training Officer should accompany each entry, attesting to these criteria.
4. Submission of Papers
  - 4.1 Submit 7 copies of the paper to the PPS Secretariat
  - 4.2 Research papers should be typewritten, double spaced 8.5 x 13" bond paper.
  - 4.3 Make sure there are no **IDENTIFYING MARKS** in the body of the paper.
  - 4.4 Specify in bold letters on the folder the specific category that you are entering.
  - 4.5 The **NAME OF THE AUTHORS** should be placed in a separate title paper enclosed in a sealed envelope.

The envelope should be marked outside with the:

    - 4.5.1 Title of the paper
    - 4.5.2 Research Award Category for which it is vying
5. Deadline of submission of entry is on December 15, 2008. Mailed entries should be received by the PPS Secretariat office not later than the set deadline.
6. Failure to comply with any of the above rules shall automatically disqualify an entry.
7. The papers shall be screened by the Committee on Research Seminar Workshop & Forum, which will choose the papers for presentation during the Annual Convention. First, Second and Third Prizes will be awarded.
8. The decision of the Board of Judges is final.

## Guidelines for a Structured Abstract

Please follow these guidelines to prepare a structured abstract. Collaborate with your preceptor or reviewer as necessary to adapt the information in your abstract to the format shown in the gray box below.

- Print or type the information requested at the top of the form.
- Your abstract may not exceed 325 words.
- Type your abstract, single-spaced using 12-point type (for comparison, these instructions are an example of 12-point type). Leave about two space between type and the border of the abstract box on all sides.
- Use standard abbreviations. Place abbreviations in parenthesis after the full word the first time it appears. Use numerals to indicate numbers, except at the beginning of sentences
- Organize the body of your abstract using the heading and information described in the sample below.

**CAPITALIZE ENTIRE ABSTRACT TITLE.** Underline only presenting author's name.

Include institution, city state and country. Do not put degrees, titles and full addresses.

**Objective:** State the main question or objective of the study and the major hypothesis tests, if any.

**Design:** Describe the design of the study indicating, as appropriate, use of randomization, blinding, gold standards for diagnosis test and temporal direction (retrospective or prospective)

**Setting:** Indicate the study setting (hospital, clinic, community). Also include the level of clinical care (for example, primary or tertiary; private practice or instructional).

**Patients/Participants:** State selection procedures, entry criteria, and numbers of participants entering and finishing the study.

Interventions (if any): (Describe the essential features of any interventions, including their method and duration of administration.

**Main Outcome Measure(s):** The primary study outcome measures should be indicated planned before data collection began. If hypothesis being reported was formulated during or after collection, this fact should be clearly stated.

**Results:** Describe measurements that are not evident from the nature of the main results and indicate any blinding. If possible, the results should be accompanied by significance. For comparative studies, confidence intervals should related to the difference between groups. Absolute values should be indicated when risk changes or effect sizes are given.

**Conclusions:** State only those conclusions of the study that are directly supported by data, along with their clinical application (avoiding overgeneralization) or whether additional study is required before the information should be used in usual clinical settings. Equal emphasis must be given to positive and negative findings of equal scientific merit.