General policy

- Attendants are invited to submit original abstracts in the field of shared decision making.

  All abstracts must be submitted before **February 4 2019, 23:45 Eastern Standard Time (EST)** using the online abstract submission form on the website [https://www.fourwav.es/isdm2019](https://www.fourwav.es/isdm2019).

- All submitted abstracts will undergo peer-review and selected by the scientific committee. A notice of acceptance or rejection will be sent by email to corresponding authors in March 2019.

- Presenting authors of accepted abstracts must be registered to attend the conference.

Types of presentation

Authors can submit 5 types of presentation:

1. Oral
   - *Oral presentations of 10 minutes plus 5 minutes for questions.*

2. Cluster of 4 presentations
   - *If authors want to submit a cluster of 4 presentations in one themed session (60 minutes total), they must submit separate abstracts with identical titles, while adding subtitles that also include part 1, part 2, part 3 and part 4.*

3. Poster
   - *Posters must fit on a 80” x 80” (203.2 cm x 203.2 cm) board.*

4. Workshop
   - *120 minutes max.*

5. Special interest group
   - *60 minutes max.*

Instructions for preparing abstracts

- Abstracts can be submitted in English or in French.

- Please do not insert tables, diagrams and/or photographs into abstracts.

- Abstracts should contain a **maximum of 350 words**, excluding title, authors and affiliations. Abstracts will not be reviewed if the word count exceeds 350 words.
• Authors can submit an unlimited number of abstracts. However, a **maximum of 2 oral presentations and 2 posters per presenting author** will be accepted.

• The following are suggested outlines for the different types of abstracts:

  a. Abstracts for oral presentations and posters should include:
     o Background and aims
     o A brief description of methods
     o A summary of results to support conclusions
     o A conclusion.

     *If your study is ongoing and the results are not available when submitting your abstract, please indicate under the results section that the study is ongoing and results will be updated.*

  b. Abstracts for workshops should include:
     o Background
     o The aim of the workshop
     o Target audience
     o Learning objectives and methods for organizing the workshop.

  c. Abstracts for special interest groups should include:
     o Background
     o Aim
     o Target audience
     o Brief outline of the agenda.

The scientific committee reserves the right to refuse abstracts, or to designate abstracts submitted for oral presentation as poster presentations.