

# **Guidelines - Abstract Submission for the EUROSPINE Annual Meeting 2026 in Gothenburg**

## **Abstract Submission:**

- All abstracts must be submitted in English and uploaded online by 24 February 2026. No exceptions will be made.
- Abstract available categories are:
  - Basic Science & Economics
  - Complications & Epidemiology
  - Growing Spine
  - Trauma
  - Tumours & Infection
  - Degenerative Thoracolumbar
  - Cervical and Neural Pathologies
  - Adult Deformity

### **New this year:**

**You will be able to select a subcategory with treatment options (MIS, Open, Non-Operative) in each category and mark if an abstract should be considered in a “New Technologies” section.**

- The text of the abstract should not exceed 3,000 characters (each letter, space and punctuation mark count as one character). Please note that the submission system will count in lines which will equal your number of characters.
- Required structure: Title, Introduction, Methods, Results, Conclusions.
- Avoid special characters that may cause formatting issues.
- Figures or Tables: Limited to (2) figures or tables per abstract. Legends and/or references must be in English.
- Case reports and technical notes should be submitted as ePoster (as these are generally not considered for paper presentation).
- Presenters may not use their abstract to market products or services.
- Editing of abstracts after the submission deadline is not permitted and will not be accepted.
- References to trade names or specific company product lines are prohibited in abstracts and presentations.
- No patient, author or other provenance information can be displayed.
- Potential or current conflicts of interest, funding sources, royalties or similar related to the subject matter or results of the abstract in the last 24 months must be declared to the Programme Committee by each author at the time of submission.

## **Originality and Prior Publication**

- Abstracts must contain original data that have not been published in a peer-reviewed journal before the EUROSPINE abstract submission deadline.
- As a rule, data should be presented for the first time at the EUROSPINE Annual Meeting. If closely related work has already been presented elsewhere, the abstract must include substantial new data or analyses, and this must be declared during submission.
- The same study, patient cohort or dataset must not be split into several abstracts with only minor differences in title or focus. Multiple abstracts from one project are only acceptable if they address clearly distinct and non-overlapping research questions.

## **Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and AI-Assisted Tools**

- Authors are fully responsible for the originality, accuracy, and integrity of all submitted content.
- Generative AI tools (e.g. ChatGPT or similar systems) may only be used to improve the language and readability of text based on the authors' own work and real data.
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- AI systems cannot be listed as authors or co-authors.

## **Abstract Reviewing:**

- Abstracts will be reviewed anonymously without reference to authors or institutions to ensure fairness.
- Abstracts containing names of institutions, cities or similar attributes in the abstract text that allow conclusions to be drawn about the abstract author will be rejected.
- Abstracts with delayed outcome data will not be considered. All data presented must appear in the original abstract.

## **Abstract Selection**

- Abstracts selected for presentation (oral or ePoster) will be selected at the discretion of the Programme Committee to ensure a fair and balanced programme.
- If an abstract is not accepted as a full paper, it may be accepted as an ePoster instead. The final choice of presentation format is at the discretion of the Programme Committee.
- Notification of acceptance and information on presentations will be sent to authors by email immediately after the review process in May 2026.

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