SESAM 2026 – Abstract Submission Guidelines

All abstracts must be submitted online using the electronic abstract form on the SESAM Lyon 2026 website https://www.sesam-web.org/events/event/sesam-lyon-2026 Abstracts sent by post or email will not be accepted. To begin your submission, please login with your SESAM credentials and click on the words 'Submit Abstract'.

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FORMAT

Accepted formats are scientific abstracts, divided into Descriptive Works, Research Studies, and Workshops.

In all formats, please indicate the clinical speciality related to your work (e.g., obstetrics, mental health, surgery, etc), under 'Keyword.' If not applicable, please, indicate "N.A."

Descriptive Works - Non-research abstracts describing simulation related innovations and initiatives corresponding to any of the Annual Meeting topics.

These abstracts are organized in three sections.

- Introduction: Setting, background and identification of needs leading to the initiative
- Description: Description of initiative and approach/methods used
- Discussion: Discussion of the impact/outcome, and novelty of the initiative

Research Studies - Abstracts describing research studies relating to any of the Annual Meeting topics that contribute to the larger scientific context. Preference will be given to complete studies providing quantitative or qualitative data. Work in progress may be submitted, as long as it includes preliminary data and results. These abstracts are organized in three sections:

- Introduction: Context and hypothesis/aims
- Methods and results: Description of the methods used/study design/data collection. Presentation of the results addressing the study hypothesis/aims
- Discussion:. Discussion, based on actual findings (not speculation), of the impact and novelty of the research

In both of the above formats, one figure/table can be included. (The image must be either a JPG or GIF. It must be larger than 50x50px and between 45KB and 500KB in size. Tables are recommended to be submitted as Word files.)

References and/or acknowledgements may be included in the Reference area.

Workshops – Abstracts describing interactive workshops, with a focus on active learning. Innovative strategies are welcome and interactivity with the participants is essential. The abstract should clearly indicate the intended learning outcomes of the session and be organized as follows:

- Introduction & aims
- Intended learning outcomes
- Session description (planned activities including specific timeline)
- Educational methods
- Expected impact
- Target audience
- Level (introductory/intermediate/advanced)
- Maximum number of participants
- Equipment required and specific room set-up

Please note Facilitators/Moderators should make their own arrangements for their proposed activities (e.g., handouts).

TOPICS

1. Culture, language, ethics, wellbeing, equity, diversity, inclusivity (demographically and geographically)
2. Curriculum Development and Assessment
3. Debriefing
4. Emerging healthcare challenges (e.g., global health, global conflict management, planetary health, public health, major emergencies)
5. Extended reality (XR), use of AI and virtual simulation modalities
6. Interprofessional/Team Education and Training
7. Patient Safety and Quality Improvement (incl. organisational level, low-cost settings, sustainability)
8. Quality Assurance, Faculty Development and Program Evaluation
9. Research methodology
10. Simulation to develop Communication Skills and Build Resilience
11. Simulation Management and Administration
12. Simulation Practice for Education and Treatment of real Patients
13. Surgical and Psychomotor Skills Training
14. Technological Innovation and Technical Operations (incl. Gamification)

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Failure to observe these guidelines may result in disqualification.

- Abstracts main text are limited to 400 words in total.

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- If AI has been used in the development or translation of the abstract, it must be declared.
- It is the intent of SESAM to provide high-quality sessions focused on educational content that is free from commercial influence or bias. Thus, the submitting author of an abstract is requested to declare any potential conflicts of interest for all authors.
- All submitted abstracts must have an adequate level of academic writing. Abstracts in English, French, and Spanish are accepted for SESAM Lyon 2026. The submission language must match the presentation language and must be indicated by checking the corresponding box.
- The correct format and topic (see above) must be selected to allow appropriate scoring. The content of the abstract must be topic related.
- All acronyms/abbreviations must be written in full when used for the first time (e.g., American Heart Association (AHA)).
- Trade names cannot be mentioned in the title. However, trade names in brackets will be accepted in the body of the text.
- Abstracts must meet international ethical standards. Authors are expected to agree to follow these principles during the submission process.
- Descriptive Works and Research Studies abstracts can only be submitted for SESAM Lyon 2026 Annual Meeting if they have not been previously published or presented. This requirement will be confirmed during the submission process.
- The submitting author must certify that all co-authors have agreed for the abstract to be submitted. This requirement will be confirmed during the submission process.
- Abstracts must not contain spelling, grammatical, or scientific errors. The abstract must be submitted ready for reproduction in the SESAM Annual Meeting programme as presented, without any copyediting. Upon submission, the author is asked to state whether they authorize the abstract's publication.

AFTER SUBMISSION

- Each abstract will be reviewed anonymously and independently by at least two reviewers.
- The reviewers will evaluate the scientific abstracts (Descriptive Works and Research Studies) according to the quality of the content, the quality of the writing, and the educational value. Specifically, they will assess if the abstract:
  - Has an informative title and is structured as recommended, with correct spelling/grammar and coherent writing in English, French or Spanish
  - Provides educational value to the participants to the Annual Meeting
  - Provides context
  - Clearly states hypothesis, questions, or well-documented need

- o   Concisely describes the initiative and approach/methods used (Descriptive Works) or the methods used/study design/results/discussion (Research Studies)
- o   Discusses the interest and impact of the proposed study, and argues the novelty or impact of the initiative (Descriptive Works) or presents results clearly addressing the hypothesis and discusses them based on the presented data (Research Studies)
- o   Is an important contribution to theory, knowledge, or innovation
- o   Is relevant to the meeting aims and for meeting delegates
- Depending on the evaluation of the abstract and on the relevance of the work, the Scientific committee will define the type of presentation during the meeting (oral presentation, short communication or e-poster). The authors will be notified by email. It is the author's responsibility to provide an up-to-date email address and ensure that emails from the SESAM administration team can reach them (for instance, checking that they are allowed into their main inbox). Detailed presentation guidance will be included in the acceptance email.
- The reviewers will also evaluate the Workshops according to the planned activities and their viability on the available timeline, dynamics and interactivity, relevance for the target audience, and novelty or innovative contribution. Authors may be invited to improve/adjust the proposed workshop abstract.
- The submitting author will be notified of the Scientific Committee decision by 17 January 2026, by email to the same email address provided in their online SESAM profile.
- If an abstract must be withdrawn, a written statement reflecting the reasons for this decision must be sent to abstracts@sesamsociety.org by 10 February 2026. NOTE: If abstract withdrawal notification is not received, as indicated above, the submitting author will not be eligible to submit an abstract the following year.
- If an author fails to present an accepted abstract, it will be removed from the Annual Meeting proceedings, and the submitting author will not be eligible to submit an abstract the following year.
- For any questions or problems related to abstract submission, please do not hesitate to contact the SESAM Events Team by email at abstracts@sesamsociety.org