

**ANNUAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM 2025**  
**POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE**  
**UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO**

**Ethics and Medico-Legal Awareness in Healthcare**

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

The Editorial Committee of the Annual Research Symposium of the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine (PGIM) of the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka invites abstracts from all trainees and trainers of the PGIM to be considered for presentation and publication at the Annual Research Symposium (ARS) of the PGIM to be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November 2025.

**Deadline for Abstract Submission: 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2025**

For submissions, please use the following link:

<https://forms.gle/hvo4Z7WxUC66qXKZ8>

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(Guidelines for preparation of abstracts are attached)

## Author Guidelines

The main theme of the symposium is “**Ethics and Medico-Legal Awareness in Healthcare**”.

However, the symposium will accept abstracts related to, but not limited to the following academic areas:

- Clinical Sciences
- Laboratory Sciences
- Basic Sciences
- Multi-Disciplinary Sciences including Health Informatics
- Medical Education

All accepted abstracts will be published in a Special Supplement of the Journal of the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine (JPGIM). Authors of accepted abstracts will also be invited to submit full papers to the JPGIM.

Please note that case reports or case series are not accepted at this symposium. Primary research, systematic reviews and meta-analysis are accepted.

### Abstract guidelines:

- ✓ The abstract must report original research not previously published elsewhere.
- ✓ **Title:** The title should be brief and reflect the study reported. Capital letters should be used only for the first letter in the first word of the title and proper nouns.
- ✓ An author may submit a maximum of one abstract as a single author and up to three abstracts as a co-author. No author shall submit more than four abstracts in total,
- ✓ Priority will be given to authors affiliated to the PGIM, University of Colombo (as a trainee, trainer or an examiner) and should be mentioned as at least one of the affiliations,

✓ **The authors' names and addresses:**

- a) Capital letters should be used only for the initials and the first letters of the surnames of authors,
- b) The address of the Institution where the work was carried out should be included under the author's name,
- c) If the collaborators are from different Institutions, the addresses of the institutions should be included in brief,

✓ **Keywords:** A maximum of five,

✓ **Format:** Abstract shall be structured as Introduction, Objective, Methods, Results, Conclusion

✓ **Length:** Maximum 300 words, excluding title, author affiliations, acknowledgements, and key words.

✓ Standard abbreviations of SI units should be used,

✓ Acknowledgements should be restricted to the names of funding agencies providing sponsorship,

✓ The abstract should be coherent and free of language errors,

✓ A covering letter signed by all co-authors, including the last name of all authors with initials and their affiliations and signatures should be uploaded along with the abstract.

**Submission: Please use the online form available at the PGIM website:**

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Kindly note that the abstracts that are not prepared according to the guidelines provided or are submitted after the deadline will not be considered for review.

The Editorial Committee reserves the right to suggest alterations to the text of the abstract in order to improve its quality.

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