



# **Abstracts submission guidelines:**

We are pleased to invite you to submit your abstract to the SECEC Annual Congress 2026, that will be held in Barcelona, Spain. Abstracts must be submitted exclusively via <a href="the-online platform">the online platform</a> available.

## **Submission timeline:**

Opening of the call for abstracts	December 17th, 2025
Deadline for abstract submission	February 11th, 2026
Notification of abstract status	April 29th, 2026

## **Abstract guidelines:**

- Abstracts must be written in English to maintain consistency and facilitate understanding among a diverse international audience.
- Abstracts should be concise and to the point, with a maximum length of 400 words. It is important to convey the essential aspects of your research within this limit.
- Abstracts should consist solely of text. Diagrams, tables, and pictures are not allowed in the abstract submission. Any visual elements can be included via the "upload your picture" button.
- While you are welcome to submit multiple papers, please note that each speaker is limited to one oral presentation. If you submit more than one abstract, please consider this when selecting a presenter for each submission.

**Abstract title:** Please choose a brief title that clearly indicates the content of the contribution. Please avoid abbreviations in the title. Abbreviations may be used in the text if they are defined when first used.

## **Categories / Topics**

## **Shoulder:**

- Rotator Cuff
- Instability
- Arthroplasty
- Fracture
- Basic Science
- Miscellaneous

#### **Elbow:**

- Fracture
- Arthroplasty
- Soft tissue
- Basic Science

**Main author:** Name, email, institution, business affiliation (department, school, agency, company, etc.), city and country. In instances of multiple authorship, the person whose name is listed first is expected to deliver the presentation.

**SECEC Membership**: Please indicate if one of the authors is a SECEC member (with a valid 2026 membership). Membership status may be checked online in your personal area or directly with the SECEC Office at <a href="mailto:sececoffice@gmail.com">sececoffice@gmail.com</a>

Co-authors: their names, email, institution/business information, country

**Abstract text**: To provide a consistent format for reviewers and attendees, the abstract must be structured into the following five distinct paragraphs:

- Aim
- Background
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusion

The abstract text must not include any information that could reveal the identity of the authors or their institutional affiliation. This includes avoiding mentions of specific universities, hospitals, research centers, or geographic locations that could be used to identify the researchers.

The text and the title of the abstract should be free from abbreviations, except for those that are widely recognized and commonly used in the field. This ensures clarity and avoids confusion for reviewers who may not be familiar with specific abbreviations.

Abstracts must not have been previously published or presented elsewhere. Submissions should be original contributions to the field.

Submissions in the form of meta-analyses, systematic reviews, or papers published prior to December 31, 2025, will not be considered.

By submitting an abstract, authors acknowledge that they are the rightful owners of the submitted content and grant SECEC the right to reproduce, publish, and distribute the material (in print or digital format) as part of the congress proceedings or related communications.

Please note that all abstracts selected for oral presentation will be published in JSES International. Authors who do not wish to have their abstract published must email the Scientific Secretariat to request exclusion.

#### **Submission confirmation:**

All submitters will receive confirmation of submission by email. Your abstracts call also be viewed in the "My submissions" section.

If you do not receive an e-mail confirmation, please check your online submission status. Make sure that you have access to the email address you have used at the time of submission.

## **Abstract selection:**

Each abstract will be reviewed by three independent reviewers to ensure a thorough and unbiased evaluation. The review process aims to assess the quality, relevance, and scientific merit of each submission.

The SECEC Scientific Committee will allocate selected abstracts to either oral or poster presentation.

The submitters will be notified the acceptance/rejection of their abstract by email. Upon receipt of acceptance for an oral presentation, all presenters will be invited to register for the congress. Only presenters who have paid their registration fees will be confirmed in the Scientific Programme.

Please note that the registration deadline for accepted presenters is May 27, 2026. Only abstracts accepted for oral presentations will be published in JSES International.

# Contact:

For any questions regarding the abstract submission process or registration, please contact the SECEC 2026 Scientific Secretariat:

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The Secretariat remains at your disposal for any further information or assistance.