

# 10 Tips to Write a Good Abstract

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## 1. DON'T PROCRASTINATE

## 2. WRITE FIRST, EDIT LATER

## 3. FOLLOW DIRECTIONS

## 4. USE AN INFORMATIVE TITLE WITHOUT OVERSTATING FINDINGS

### 5. BACKGROUND:

Use 1-2 sentences max, demonstrate how your work seeks to advance what is known from the literature

### 6. METHODS:

demonstrate rigor of the study and should align with the overall aims

**For education abstracts:** Avoid pre-post assessments of satisfaction or knowledge. Consider comparing two educational approaches vs. comparing something to nothing. Use Kirkpatrick's model of evaluation as a guide.

## 7. RESULTS: ADEQUATELY DESCRIBE KEY FINDINGS

## 8. CONCLUSIONS: DON'T OVERSTATE FINDINGS OR RESTATE RESULTS

**For Case Studies:** How does this case demonstrate a novel finding or a creative solution to a common diagnostic, assessment, and/or management situation

## 9. EDIT AND PROOFREAD

## 10. CHECK INTO THE AGS SUBMISSION SITE EARLY

For more information, see the webinar "How to Write a Research Abstract that Will be Accepted for Presentation," available on [GeriatricsCareOnline.org](https://www.geriatricscareonline.org).