

EDITORIAL**MEDICAL PHYSICS****New abstract guidelines for *Medical Physics***

Manuscripts for research articles and technical notes submitted to *Medical Physics* require a structured abstract. With this notice, that structure is being modified to include “Background,” before the current four sections of the abstract: Purpose, Methods, Results, and Conclusion. In practice, many authors begin the Purpose section with a description of the background of the study, and this change is simply to formalize this well-established approach. This new Background section should include a short introduction to the topic of the study, typically limited to one or two sentences. The overall word limits for structured abstracts remain the same, with 500 words for research articles and 300 words for technical notes.

Additionally, abstracts that refer to patient image data sets should include the image modality and number of cases. This information on the type of imaging data sets is very instructive for those investigators performing digital searches for specific modalities in a designated clinical environment.

For further information on abstracts and manuscript submission please refer to the author guidelines at: <https://aapm.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/hub/journal/24734209/about/author-guidelines>

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