

NZSG CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Delegates who would like to present their work at the NZSG and NZgNC Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) are invited to submit an abstract for consideration.

Abstract submission deadline: Friday 7 August 2026 at 11:59pm (NZST)

Please read the information below before you submit your abstract. The NZSG intends to provide high-quality sessions focused on educational content that is free from commercial influence or bias. All conflicts of interest must be declared.

Requirements for the submission of abstracts:

- All abstracts must be submitted online
- All abstracts must be submitted into the correct category
- Advise as part of the submission process if you would like to be considered for a Young Investigator Award (YIA).

Your abstract will be submitted and be assessed for presentation at the ASM. If your abstract is accepted, the reviewers will assess whether your work will be presented as an oral presentation, or as a poster. The majority of successfully submitted abstracts will be for poster presentations. All poster formats will be required to be printed and will be displayed at the ASM. If you would like to present your work as an oral presentation or be considered for a YIA, please indicate this as part of the submission process.

It is expected that all oral presentations and posters be of a high standard.

KEY DATES

Call for abstracts open: Tuesday 2 June 2026

Call for abstracts close: Friday 7 August 2026

Notification of abstract acceptance/decline: Monday 28 September 2026

CATEGORIES

Abstracts should be submitted into the relevant category:

- Endoscopy
- Hepatology
- Innovation in Gastroenterology
- Luminal
- Nutrition/General

CRITERIA

Reviewers appointed by the Secretary of the New Zealand Gastroenterology Society will rate each abstract blindly using these criteria:

1. Originality: How original or unique is the idea, observation or research?
2. Clinical usefulness: Does the abstract address an important scientific or clinical question?
3. Quality of the abstract: How coherently written is the abstract? How appealing would this work be to journal editors?
4. Design and methods: Is there evidence of statistical method? What is the nature of the work? (For example, a clinical or scientific trial would generally carry more weight than a clinical audit or case series). This is also where ethics are considered.
5. Results and conclusions: Are the conclusions are justified by the methods and results?

ABSTRACT GUIDE

The abstract should be in **Microsoft Word** in the following format:

- Single line spacing
- Arial font 11
- Title: **bold**, left aligned
- Please do not include the following in your abstract document: Authors, Co-authors: Surname, Granting bodies. This information should be added into the online form during the submission process
- Abstract text:
 - Left aligned
 - Maximum word count of **300** words
- The abstract should be structured as follows:
 - A title that clearly refers to the nature of the abstract
 - The **introduction** should contain 1-2 sentences that clearly indicate the scientific question of the study and its clinical or scientific importance
 - **Methods** should contain sufficient information to be able to understand the design and analysis and statistics used. Include here compliance with local ethics requirements.
 - **Results** should contain objective data to answer the scientific question
 - **Conclusions** should only cover conclusions of the study directly supported by the results, along with implications for clinical practice. Speculation and over-generalisation are to be avoided.
- Up to one Figure **OR** one Table can be included:
 - The figure will be considered as equal to 50 words of text.
 - The words in the table or flow diagrams count towards total word count.
- References **do not** need to be included.
- Define abbreviations on first use.
- Ensure the abstract does not contain spelling, grammar or scientific mistakes.
- There will be NO late breaking abstracts.
- Abstracts that contain >300 words will be rejected.
- Abstracts in PDF format will not be accepted.

RULES FOR ABSTRACTS

Scoring of abstracts

Each abstract will be scored in a blind fashion by reviewers appointed by the NZSG. The reviewers decision to accept an abstract is final.

Acceptance/decline notification

All submitting authors will be notified by Monday 28 September 2026 if their abstract has been accepted (for poster or oral), as a YIA finalist, or declined.

Registration

A condition of acceptance is that at least one author or nominated presenter must register for the ASM. Presenters are responsible for their own travel, accommodation and registration expenses.

Oral presentation

If your abstract is accepted as an oral presentation, you will be given a 15-minute slot in the scientific programme, which will include 3 minutes discussion/question time. Further detailed instructions will be sent to authors of the accepted abstracts.

Poster presentation

Posters must be presented within the size of the poster boards, which are 2.3 metres high by 1.2 metres wide. Posters should be A0 Portrait (1189mm deep x 841mm high). Please ensure the text is of sufficient size for easy reading at a distance of one metre.



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NZSG PUBLICATIONS OF NOTE

Many of our Society members publish work in peer reviewed journals. The NZSG wishes to acknowledge and celebrate this work, as getting a paper through to publication requires hard work and determination. We invite all members to submit to the Executive links to their published papers from the past 24 months. These can be sent to research@nzsg.org.nz. The Executive will work towards making this list available on the Society website and assess the possibility and feasibility of authors presenting key papers, or these papers being acknowledged in another form, as part of the ASM 2026 programme.

All accepted abstracts for the ASM (poster and oral), will be published in a special issue of the Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology. A link to the issue will be sent out to all authors once available.

CONTACT

If you have any questions regarding the submission of your abstract, please contact [Amika Van den Broek](#) or call 09 281 5588.