

# SYMPOSIUM 2025 RULES

## **TEAM CRITERIA**

- 1) Teams should consist of a minimum of 8 and maximum of 12 members, including the speakers, the researchers, and the techies. All members must be undergraduates (including interns).
- 2) The team should have a minimum of 4 and maximum of 6 speakers in total.
- 3) A team can consist of members from different medical colleges (inter college participation is accepted).
- 4) Each team should select a MEDICALLY relevant research topic and complete literature review, study design, data collection and analysis.

## **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION**

- 1) A short abstract to be submitted in the specified format along with the required documents as outlined by the Symposium Team.
- 2) Approval from the respective college's ethical committee must be obtained.
- 3) Teams selected from the short abstracts must submit a detailed long abstract by the specified deadline.
- 4) Plagiarism will not be tolerated. Any contents sourced from articles and questionnaires must be properly cited with appropriate references.

## **SYMPOSIUM PRELIMINARY ROUND**

- Selected teams will participate in the preliminary round of the Symposium on **27th and 28th December**.
- During the preliminary round, each team is required to deliver an audiovisual presentation of their research.
- Speakers are strictly prohibited from bringing any reference materials onto the stage during their presentations.
- Participants are advised to dress formally for the event, with preferred attire including blazers or suits. Additionally, all participants must carry their OSMECON 2025 ID.

## **TIME ALLOCATION**

**Total Time Allotted:** All participants have 16 minutes in total.

**Technical Setup:** An additional 2 minutes will be provided for technical setup.

**Presentation Time:** The audio-visual presentation should not exceed 10 minutes. Exceeding this time will result in a score deduction **(2 points will be deducted from the total score for every minute exceeded above the time limit.)**

### **Time Alerts:**

- The first bell will ring at 8 minutes.
- The second bell will ring at 10 minutes.

**Q&A Round: 6 minutes.**

**Adherence:** Ensure strict adherence to the time limits to avoid score deduction and disruptions.

## **TECHNICAL AND FORMAT PROTOCOLS:**

**File Formats:** The visual presentation can be projected using a PowerPoint file (ppt or pptx) or as a video file (.MP4/.WMV/.AVI) only, Ensure the presentation is compatible with the software and plays correctly.

**PowerPoint Version:** The PowerPoint file must be created using MS PowerPoint 2010 or a higher version. If created with another version, ensure the final file is compatible with PowerPoint 2013/2016.

**Background Music:** Incorporate background music directly into the presentation file. Light music is preferable and should not overpower the speakers' voices. (Only background music is allowed; no voice-over.)

**Equipment:** Teams must bring their own laptops with a projector port. Only VGA/HDMI cables will be provided. (Avoid using MacBooks or other Apple products.)

**Synchronization:** Ensure that the speakers are in sync with the presentation file in advance.

**Institution Identification:** The name of the college or institute to which the team belongs must not be mentioned in the presentation or the script. A maximum of 4 microphones will be provided for speakers during the presentation.

**Rehearsal Slots:** Rehearsal slots will be allocated to teams prior to the event.

**Consent for Videos:** If the presentation includes videos of patients, a consent form must be taken.

## **SCORING**

Teams will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

### **1. Research (35%)**

- Methodology: Hypothesis formulation, selection criteria, data collection, and analysis.
- Results: Interpretation and discussion of findings.

### **2. Topic and Content (5%)**

### **3. Audio-Visual Presentation (15%)**

- Relevance of background information, content quality, and visual effects.

### **4. Overall Coherence and Speech Delivery (10%)**

### **5. Relevance in Current Scenario and Message to Society (10%)**

### **6. Response to Questions from the Judges' Panel (25%)**

## **TIMELINES**

- LAST DATE FOR SHORT ABSTRACT SUBMISSION - **21st OCTOBER BY 6PM.**
- THE SELECTED SHORT ABSTRACTS WILL BE REVEALED ON **23rd OCTOBER.**
- ETHICAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL - **WITHIN ONE WEEK OF SHORT ABSTRACT SUBMISSION**
- SELECTED TEAMS SHALL PARTICIPATE IN THE PRELIMINARY ROUND WHICH WILL BE HELD AT OSMANIA MEDICAL COLLEGE ON **27th AND 28th DECEMBER.**
- TEAMS QUALIFIED IN THE PRELIMS ROUND SHALL PRESENT THE SAME AV AGAIN IN THE FINAL ROUND WHICH WILL BE HELD ON **29th DECEMBER** AT OSMANIA MEDICAL COLLEGE.
- SUBMISSION OF LONG ABSTRACT (REPORT) - **20th DECEMBER.**
- FINALISED AV VIDEO SUBMISSION **WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.(Any delay in AV submission will result in corresponding loss of 5 points)**
- REHARSALS WITH SPEAKERS AND COMPLETED AV **WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.**

## **FEEDBACK**

All the participants as well as members of the audience are encouraged to fill out the OSMECON feedback form provided at the end of the event concerning their SYMPOSIUM experience and suggestions for improvement. We look forward to hearing from you.