

FoN Nursing Research Day – Abstract Scoring Rubric

Background: Study rationale (0, 1, 2 or 3)

- Is the rationale for the study clearly presented?
- Is key existing knowledge presented to set the stage for the study?
- Is (are) the objective(s) of the study clearly defined?

Methods: Appropriateness and clarity (0, 1, 2 or 3)

- Are critical terms and definitions clearly explained?
- Are the methods appropriate for the study? The analysis?
- Are the methods described sufficiently, avoiding undefined terms and unnecessary jargon?

Results and Conclusion: Interpretation and significance (0, 1, 2 or 3)

- Are the results/significance described adequately and appropriately?
- Are the conclusions justified, based on the results?
- For in-progress projects with no results, is the significance of the potential findings and what implications they could have for conclusions described?

Overall Clarity (0, 1, 2 or 3)

- Are appropriate and lay terms used to describe the methods and discuss the results?
- Is the writing clear and concise?
- Is there a logical sequence and cohesiveness across the abstract?