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**GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT PREPARATION
FOR THE
SRS ANNUAL MEETING
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
19th and 20th March 2020**

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FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC REJECTION OF THE ABSTRACT.

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By submitting the paper, the first author is agreeing to register and present, if selected, at the SRS Annual Meeting 2020 at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th March 2020.

The work described in the abstract must conform to acceptable ethical standards. When appropriate, please make a statement with regard to ethical committee or Home Office approval for any clinical and/or animal experiments described in your abstract.

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 - **Introduction**
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DEADLINE: 11.59pm, 2nd December 2019

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