20th EUROPEAN BURNS ASSOCIATION CONGRESS – NANTES, FRANCE - ABSTRACT GUIDELINES 2023

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List of topics
The sessions in the EBA Congress in Nantes will be multidisciplinary. The topics’ list covers the different aspects of burn care, and any professional (e.g., nurse, surgeon, OT, intensivist, FKT…) can submit abstracts in the topic that best suits.

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▪ Geriatrics
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The scientific/program committee will make the final selection of abstracts for inclusion in the congress programme. Abstracts can be selected for oral presentation during one of the four plenary sessions or for presentation as a poster.

Notification of acceptance or rejection
Notification of acceptance or rejection will be sent to the submitting author by the beginning of May 2023. Instructions on the preparation for poster and oral presentation will be included with the notification of acceptance. Please note that the submitting author who receives this notification email is responsible for informing all co-authors of the status of the abstract.

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