



IFSO 2025 Call for Abstract Guidelines

You are invited to submit an original abstract to IFSO 2025 to be held in Santiago from 9-12 September 2025.

Call for abstracts will close on **TBA**.

BEFORE YOU SUBMIT

- Read though this entire document before proceeding.
- All submissions must be made via the online submission system.
- Ensure ALL authors / presenters are aware of, and agree to, the abstract details as well as the submission terms and conditions.

Important Information

IFSO Accepted Nomenclature

- Use first person language: authors should not use “obese” as an adjective or noun to describe an individual person or group of people, but instead, use terms such as “people with obesity” and “populations with obesity”.
- Use “severe obesity” (or reference BMI range or Class), never “morbid obesity”, “superobesity” or “extreme obesity” and all derivations (morbidly, super obese, etc.).
- Do not use words such as: “success / failure”, “recidivism”, “non-compliant”, “gold-standard”, “last-resort”.
- Avoid the term “weight-loss surgery”; instead use “bariatric-metabolic surgery”.
- Imagery: do not use headless people, stereotypical / stigma = takeaway boxes, fast food, ill-fitting clothes, etc.

Old and not accepted per Journal Policy	New replacement nomenclature
Morbid obesity	Severe obesity
Obese / Diabetics	Patient or individual with obesity / diabetes
Subject/s	Patient/s or individual/s
Weight loss surgery	Metabolic Bariatric Surgery (MBS)
Super or super-super obesity	Please use Body Mass Index reference BMI>50 or BMI>60 to refer to this patient population respectively
Gold standard	Avoid using this term please
Revision procedure	‘Revision or modification’ for any procedure that does not encompass conversion to a new procedure with a new mechanism of action or reversal of the anatomy. Revision or modification encompasses correction or an enhancement of the same procedure (revision of a gastric pouch, distalization of gastric bypass)
Conversion procedure	‘Conversion’ entails converting one procedure to another with a different mechanism of action. Revision is not accepted as a substitution anymore
Reversal procedure	The term can still be used to describe reversing a procedure to the normal standard anatomy
Insufficient or inadequate weight loss	‘Suboptimal clinical response’ encompasses maximum total weight loss outcome (TWL%) <20%, while also covering no improvement or worsening of any obesity complication that was present preoperatively

Weight loss failure	Failure is not an acceptable term anymore. Use suboptimal clinical response if fits these criteria
Adequate weight loss	Optimal clinical response which follows the criteria of TWL% >20% and/or improvement of obesity complication/s
Success	This term is not acceptable anymore. Please use Optimal clinical response for primary procedures or optimal clinical response for other revision or conversion procedures
Restrictive or Malabsorptive procedures	These terms are not acceptable. Please describe procedures according to their anatomic features, bypass, diversion, etc.
Malabsorption / Hypoabsorption	Both are accepted, but it is essential to report: Micronutrients for minerals and elements versus Macronutrients for protein / fat or carbohydrates
Weight regain / recurrence	Recurrent weight gain

- BMI 30 <35kg/m² Obesity I
- BMI 35 <40kg/m² Obesity II
- BMI 40 <50kg/m² Obesity III
- BMI 50 <60kg/m² Obesity IV instead of “Super Obesity”
- BMI 60 <70kg/m² Obesity V instead of “Super-Super Obesity”

Abstract Format

Abstracts need to be structured under the following sub-headings. The abstract should not repeat the title, authors and affiliations.

- **Background**
- **Objectives**
- **Methods**
- **Results**
- **Conclusion**

Abstract Submission Information

Submissions should be no longer than **350 words** (excluding title and other contact details). Further details will be provided to accepted presenters.

- All abstracts must be submitted in English.
- The author is responsible for the accuracy of the abstract.
- Do not include references in your abstract body.
- Presenters of accepted submissions are expected to register and pay within the deadline that will be indicated at the moment of notification of acceptance to be able to present their study at the Congress and to make sure their abstract is included in the Abstract Book that will be published in Obesity Surgery Journal.
- The acceptance of an abstract does not imply provision of travel, accommodation, or registration for the Congress, nor any other costs associated with preparation, presentation of the oral or ePoster, or any costs associated with attendance at the Congress.
- All abstracts are reviewed blindly by the IFSO reviewers. Their decision is final.
- By submitting your abstract, you agree to have your abstract (if accepted) published on the Congress website, Congress app and in printed material.
- If you have any commercial interests or associations that might pose a conflict of interest regarding the submission, they must be declared. If accepted for presentation, the commercial interest or association must be declared on the title slide or the slide immediately following the title slide.
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- You will immediately notify Kenes Group Abstract Department if you are unable to present or if the presenting author is changed.

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- Withdrawal of the presentation from the Scientific Sessions
- Prohibition of submitting abstracts to any IFSO Congress for one year

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 - o Operative procedure
 - o Postoperative outcome
 - o Conclusions
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e. **Abstract** (max 350 words)

The abstract should not repeat the title, authors, and affiliations (abstracts will be blind reviewed).

IFSO requires a structured abstract organized under the following headings:

- Background
- Objectives
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusion

References **are not** to be included.

Tables – a maximum of 2 tables can be incorporated and placed anywhere in the abstract; ; inserting tables will reduce your word capacity.

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Any abstracts not using the above format will not be accepted.

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Does the author/s have any commercial interests or associations that might pose a conflict of interest regarding this submission?

- Yes
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