

1st International Clinical Care Symposium on SMA
“Medical Emergencies in SMA: pathophysiology, prevention, and response”

Friday 29th and Saturday 30th August 2025, Milan (Italy)

Information on abstracts

All in-person attendees are invited to submit an abstract, indicating their preference for a poster presentation and/or a short talk.

Main sessions will focus on metabolic, respiratory, and bulbar systems, experiences from different countries in preventing and managing emergencies, as well as a practical workshop featuring real-life case scenarios and hands-on strategies. Example of session topics can include:

- Metabolic system in SMA: biological basis and different types of metabolic disorders in SMA; impairment of liver and kidneys; dietary and nutritional needs, including clinical presentations and management strategies
- Respiratory system in SMA: pathophysiology and anatomical considerations; tools and methods to prevent and manage respiratory complications
- Bulbar system in SMA: anatomy and physiology of swallowing; clinical presentations such as choking episodes and aspiration-related illnesses
- Country experiences: approaches to preventing and managing clinical emergencies in SMA, addressing both caregivers and healthcare professionals, particularly in emergency settings; highlighting existing gaps and unmet needs in the management of critical episodes.

Abstracts are encouraged not only on the above areas but also on any emergency-related aspect of SMA - including fundamental research across different domains, clinical presentations of acute episodes, and practical approaches to prevention or management.

Examples of additional relevant areas may include, but are not limited to, cardiovascular, skeletal, gastrointestinal and urological systems, as well as anaesthetic precautions.

Abstract instructions:

- Please note that abstract submission is available only after registration. The Registration Reference Number (sent in the registration confirmation email) will be required for the abstract submission.
- The abstract must be submitted by the presenting author.
- Abstracts must be written in English.
- Title: up to 200 characters.
- Body text (including spaces but excluding title and author's information): up to 3000 characters.
Please include the co-author names in the uploaded abstract file, but copy only the body text in the box on the portal.
- Listed co-authors for each abstract: maximum 20. Additional co-authors should be referred to as a Study Group and can be displayed on the poster or acknowledged during an oral presentation.
- References and credits should not be included in the abstract, nor subheadings or keywords. Subheadings will automatically be removed.

It is the author's responsibility to obtain approval from all co-authors before submitting the abstract. If accepted, any spelling, grammatical or scientific errors will be reproduced as typed by the author.

An acknowledgement of receipt of the abstract submission will be sent to the e-mail address of the presenting author specified in the submission form. The presenting author will receive all correspondence concerning the abstract and is responsible for informing co-authors of the status of the abstract.

The presenting author will be notified of the acceptance or rejection of the abstract in late June 2025. In case an abstract is NOT accepted, the participant will be contacted promptly and the registration fee will be fully reimbursed.

If a selected presenting author cannot attend, they should assign a substitute and inform the SMA Europe's Research and Medical Manager (federica.fontana@sma-europe.eu) of this replacement in due time.

Submitted abstracts are reviewed by the Medical Panel. Authors' requests on the presentation format will be considered but the final decision rests with the evaluation committee.

Posters will be displayed throughout the Symposium. The presenting author should be present at the poster during the entire duration of the poster session. Further information on the poster size requirements will follow shortly.

Contact

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