### Competition Requirements | Explanation & Hints
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**Abstract**<br>➢ 300 word limit<br>➢ Structure to include…<br>• Background/introduction & Objectives<br>• Case (client, health history, diagnosis, therapist’s assessments, treatment(s), therapist description, outcomes)<br>• Discussion  | Abstract:<br>➢ 1-2 unified, coherent, concise paragraphs following the chronology of the case report (i.e., intro-body-conclusion structure).<br>➢ Offers no new information to case report – just summarizes!<br>➢ Intelligible to a wide audience.<br>Some steps for writing an abstract:<br>1. Reread case report with eye to summarizing, focusing on main sections per the competition instructions.<br>2. Put case report aside and write a rough draft (i.e., no copying exact sentences).<br>3. Revise your rough draft to tighten up…<br>   a. Organization/coherence (i.e., key points in logical order)<br>   b. Language (i.e., unnecessary words, incorrect grammar & mechanics, etc.)<br>4. Reread abstract and tweak as needed.<br>
**Keywords**<br>➢ 3-5 Keywords with reliance on the National Library of Medicine’s Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) | Case report keywords:<br>➢ Specific terms, from the NLM’s standardized/controlled list of subject terms, best describing the content of your case report.<br>➢ Help people to find relevant research when database searching.<br> Selecting MeSH keywords (<em>Online Tutorial: </em><a href="http://turl.ca/mesh_tutorial">http://turl.ca/mesh_tutorial</a>):<br>1. **MeSH on Demand**<br>   • Identifies MeSH terms from your abstract. Try out suggestions in the…<br>2. **MeSH Browser**<br>   • Search directly for MeSH terms, starting with specific words or short phrases.<br>3. **MedLine (MacEwan Library Database)**<br>   • Use ‘Suggest terms’ option to match potential keyword(s) to a MeSH term.<br>Confused? Contact your librarian, Lindsey Whitson, at WhitsonL2@macewan.ca