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MPharm Submission of Background Paper

ATTENTION MPHARM STUDENTS

PHR 5123 - DISSERTATION

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A background paper of up to **three** double spaced pages excluding references and tables is to be submitted.

Guidelines:

1. The background paper should be submitted as a hard copy.
2. Paper should be typed on one side, in double spacing and with 2.5cm margin in Times New Roman size 12.
Number the pages consecutively.
3. Submission has to be signed by project supervisor.

Recommended Text

Stuart MC ed. The complete guide to medical writing. London: Pharmaceutical Press, 2007.

Background Paper Guidelines

Introduction	Purpose of the project and summary of the rationale for the study. Include only relevant references.
Methods	Describe selected observational or experimental sample clearly identifying age, sex and other important characteristics of the subjects. Explain clearly how and why the study was carried in a particular way. Identify the method followed in sufficient detail to allow reproduction of the study. Give references to established methods and give details about randomization. Describe statistical methods.
Results	Present results in text, tables and illustrations. Do not repeat in the text all the data in tables or illustrations. Use graphs as an alternative to tables; do not duplicate data in graphs and tables. Summarise important observations.
Discussion	Review the new/important aspects of the study and the conclusions that follow from them. Do not repeat in detail data given in other sections. State the implications of the findings, the limitations, and further study. Relate observations to other relevant studies.
References	Number consecutively in the order in which they are first mentioned in the text. Please refer to: http://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/uniform_requirements.html
Tables, Figures, Illustrations	Presented on separate sheets. Each figure and table should be mentioned in the text and should be numbered consecutively using Arabic numerals in order of appearance in the text. Supply a brief caption for each. Limit the number of tables and figures to a total of four. Use same font type for tables and figures as in text.