THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR CLINICAL NEUROPHYSIOLOGY



(FORMERLY THE EEG SOCIETY)

## **Guidelines on Structure of the Medical Student Essay**

- The essay must be submitted as a single PDF or doc file (max 3000 words. Count does not include abstract, references, legends, figures or tables)
- The essay should have the following sections:
- First page: Title. Authors, affiliations and email address for correspondence
- Second page: Abstract (max 250 words)
  - $\circ$   $\;$  May be organised into introduction, methods, results, conclusions.
  - Emphasize the important aspects of the case.
- From third page:
  - Introduction: Clearly state the objectives and provide an adequate background (max 500 words)
  - Methods (max 750 words) provide details of the patient and neurophysiological data. All data must be anonymised to protect the identity of the patient.
  - Results: should be clear and concise (max 750 words)
  - Discussion and Conclusion: The discussion should integrate and explore the significance and not be repeated narrative of the results. This should be followed by an interpretation and end with a conclusion of the case report in 2-3 sentences. (max 1000 words)
  - References (not included in wordcount): use of reference management software is highly recommended. The in-text citations and the list of reference must follow the style Clinical Neurophysiology. https://www.elsevier.com/journals/clinicalneurophysiology/1388-2457/guide-for-authors
- Essay will be tested for plagiarism
- The case should not have been published previously or submitted for another prize.