

Abstract Submission Guidance on Diversity, Inclusion, and Representation

The European Society of Gynaecological Oncology (ESGO) encourages all authors submitting abstracts to carefully consider issues of **diversity, equity, and inclusion** in their research.

Depending on the study question, authors are asked to reflect on and report relevant aspects of **patient diversity**, such as educational background, frailty, ethnicity, ancestry, age, socioeconomic factors, geographic origin, and other characteristics that may influence outcomes or the generalisability of results.

Authors should use accurate, respectful, and scientifically appropriate **terminology** when describing study populations. Population characteristics should be clearly defined and reported using transparent and reproducible methods. Terminology that may be imprecise, outdated, stigmatising, or not relevant to the research context should be avoided. For example, broad racial descriptors such as “Caucasian” should only be used when scientifically justified and accurately defined; where possible, more precise descriptors relating to ethnicity, ancestry, geographic origin, or self-identified population groups are preferred.

Authors should also consider how their findings may apply to **underrepresented and diverse patient populations**, and whether results can be meaningfully transferred beyond the studied cohort. Where applicable, subgroup analyses or descriptive information on study populations are encouraged to improve transparency and interpretability.

ESGO further emphasises the importance of **inclusive and respectful scientific language**. All submissions should ensure appropriate wording that reflects diversity, avoids bias and stereotyping, and aligns with principles of equitable healthcare communication.

Through these principles, ESGO aims to promote research that not only advances scientific excellence but also strengthens equity in women’s cancer care across all populations.