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- Results (what did you find?);
- Discussion (what does it mean?);
- Conclusion, including study limitations and recommendations for further research;
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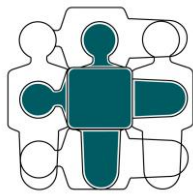
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- Title;
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  - History, achievements, patient stories, innovations, milestones.
- Future directions;
- Conclusion;
- References and photos (if applicable).



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### Title Page

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### Abstract

- 100 – 250 words

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