



TEHRAN UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES
International College

English for Medical Purposes Center (EMPC)

Course Title: English for Medical Conference Presentations



A. An international medical conference presentation: A flashback

*It was about ten o'clock. The countdown for my presentation at the international conference of Neurology had just started. I had been cramming for the presentation for the last three days even while I was on the airplane. Last night, at the hotel, my laptop was on as I was double checking my slides. I did what it took to have the best presentation. I even attended some other sessions. However, my presentation was not the one I expected it to be. I wonder what prevented my presentation from being ranked as a top one. Do I need to deepen my content knowledge? Do I need to develop my language proficiency? Is there something wrong with both? How could I build on my linguistic and communicative competence to confidently interact with international English-speaking specialists, scientists, and professors at medical conferences? How could I get the most out of these international medical events? **What is your point of view?***

B. Introduction: A safe and sound journey to medical conferences

This course aims to prepare the medical scientists and researchers for international conference presentations. More specifically, we attempt to equip the medical specialists with the linguistics (both macro-level generic structures and micro-level lexicogrammatical features) and communicative resources for delivering effective medical talks and establishing their positions as eminent researchers in the international medical circles.

C. Course objectives:

- ❖ To get prepared for effective medical conference presentations through a set of step-by-step procedures
- ❖ To become linguistically and communicatively competent for opening, proceeding, and closing conference presentations
- ❖ To learn the moves and steps of medical conference presentation genre
- ❖ To master the key lexicogrammatical features of conference presentation introduction, method, results, and conclusion
- ❖ To avoid common language mistakes in conference presentations
- ❖ To gain the confidence for communicating effectively at international medical conferences
- ❖ To experience different conference presentation stages by doing practice-oriented tasks



D. Weekly Schedule:

Week	Content	Language clinic	Communication check-up
1	How to prepare an international medical conference presentation? How to deliver an international medical conference talk?		
2	Key principles of an effective international presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Let's make up the common language prescriptions you need for your next international medical presentation. ➤ There are some infected language symptoms to avoid in your presentation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two-way communication strategies: A stitch in time • Early diagnosis of chronic communicative deficiencies is possible. How?
3	Introduction: Opening the presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Why not doing something for the pain of introduction? Try some common terminologies and phrases! ➤ Keep yourself linguistically immune by following the introductory discourse of medical presentations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What steps to take for captivating your audiences? • Follow a few practical tips for giving the audiences the treatment they need.

4	Talking about research methods and data analysis approaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ What is the structure of your research method section? Genre clinic is at your disposal. ➤ Which grammar and vocabulary alternatives lead to a better treatment? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to organize your method section to involve the audience? • Cardiologists know that communicating your research method is the heart of your presentation. Try these communication techniques!
5	Presenting the results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ What is the strong medicine for the clear generic presentation of the research findings? ➤ How many useful phrases and sentences could you use to vividly present the results of your study? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do presenters use medical pictures, tables, and graphs to eloquently convey their results? • Neurologists know that complicating the research findings could have a reverse effect on the audience. How could you prevent it?
6	Concluding, providing clinical implications and future research directions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ How could you present the conclusion of your research? ➤ As a specialist doctor, what linguistic items do you use to give helpful clinical implications to your colleagues? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is your last opportunity to revive your audience after the surgery! • Some presenters keep their audiences suffering from high fever without giving them what they need. Do you know how to make the audiences interested in reading your paper?
7	Handling question and answer sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The question-and-answer session is no longer fatal. Taking these practical language medicines, you can at least survive! ➤ Why not trying these persuasive discursal strategies to save yourself? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you need to be a medical encyclopedia to answer all questions? Scan these communication strategies. • What are the side effects of a weak question-and-answer session? Try these alternatives to avoid them.

E. Course requirements:

- Reviewing international conference presentations
- Delivering real conference presentations