**Department of Family & Community Medicine**

**CMED 305 course**

**Submission of the ‘Complete Manuscript’**

The deadline for submission is **25th April, 2016** – NO Late submissions will be accepted.

The guidelines for submission of the **complete manuscript** are as follows:

1. Title page – must include the title of the study and name of the investigators
2. Full manuscript – **maximum of 20 pages** which contains:
   * Abstract – maximum of 250 words
   * Introduction – maximum of 800 words
   * Methods—maximum of 800 to 1000 words ( 3-4 pages)
   * Results
   * Discussion—maximum of 800 words
   * Conclusion
   * Appendices (References + Tables / Graphs on separate pages at the end)

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1. The file must be in MS Word document
2. A4 paper size
3. 1.5 line spacing
4. 1-inch (2.5 cm) margin all sides
5. Times New Roman, Font size 14
6. Pages must be numbered appropriately

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Link the conclusions with the goals of the study but avoid unqualified statements and conclusions not completely supported by your data. Avoid claiming priority and alluding to work that has not been completed.

Recommendations, when appropriate, may be included.

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