

Template for summaries

This template is aimed for brief, easy-to-understand contributions on important topics related to fungal infections and their treatment aimed for **patients and caregivers**. To keep the contributions clear and structured, we offer the following template for your guidance. We highly encourage to involve young fellows or scientists in co-writing of these summaries.

Depending on the topic, you may adapt or omit sections as appropriate, but we recommend to limit the **summary to 2 to 3 pages** and to explain the topic in simple and understandable language. **All summaries will undergo expert review and be translated into multiple languages to facilitate broader accessibility**. We would be delighted if you are interested in contributing. Please feel free to contact us for any questions or further details (ilana.reinhold@uk-koeln.de or Janina.leckler@uk-koeln.de) . Thank you very much.

Title

Please provide a concise title for your contribution.

Author

Name, role, institute

Background

A brief introduction of yourself and your motivation for contributing.

Suggested Sections (please select and adapt according to your topic):

Key messages (3 to 7) for patients and caregivers or visual summary (graphical abstract)

1. Scientific Background

(Explain the topic in simple terms)

- What is [Fungal Species]?
- What types/variants exist?
- How dangerous can this infection be?

2. Diagnostic Approaches

- What diagnostic methods are used (microbiology, radiology, etc.)?
- How is the infection diagnosed?

3. Treatment

- How is the infection treated?
- What medications or other treatment approaches are available?
- What are the challenges in treatment?
- Possible side effects and how to manage them

4. Current Research and Clinical Trials

- Brief overview of relevant ongoing scientific projects or clinical studies
- Insert links or webpages

5. Patient Story / Experience Report

- Personal experiences from patients /caregivers including diagnosis, treatment, side effects

7. Pictures

- Relevant **images, figures, diagrams, or other illustrations** to support the content

8. References and Useful Links

- Important resources, literature, videos, patient organizations, websites aimed for patients / caregivers

Other sources for educational material (can be linked within the summary, where appropriate)

- Aspergillosis Patient & Carer Support: <https://aspergillosis.org/>
- Mycology Advocacy, Research & Education (MYCARE) Foundation: <https://fightfungus.org/>
- Gaffi Education: <https://gaffi.org/where/education/>
- Patient and Caregiver Education, Patient Videos – Fungus Education Hub: <https://funguseducationhub.org/patient-and-caregiver-education/>