**Area of Scholarly Concentration (AOSC) Thesis Template**

**Overview:** The purpose of this document is to provide an overview and template of the AOSC thesis. Evidence of submission of a first author manuscript from research the student pursued during medical school can also equally satisfy the thesis requirement. Given variability in article formats – e.g. for basic science vs. epidemiological vs. qualitative research – this format is flexible. If students do not follow the below format, they should list on the title page the target journal and article format they are following instead. The purpose of this is twofold: (1) to ensure the thesis is appropriately organized for its specific type of research, and (2) to potentially enable students to subsequently submit the work for publication in the target journal!

**Title Page:**

Date

Project Title

Student Name and Contact Information

Project Mentor Name, Department and Contact Information

Awards/Publications/Presentations/Abstracts related to the project (if any)

Target Journal and Article Type (thesis should follow format of stated target journal and specific article type (e.g., original research article in JAMA)):

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**Abstract (structured or unstructured):**

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**Manuscript:**

Background and Significance:

Hypothesis and/or Research Question:

Methods:

Study Design

Study population

Data collection and/or recruitment methods

Statistical methods

Results:

Discussion, Limitations, and Conclusions/ Future Directions:

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Role of the student in the Project (2-5 sentences describing role in the project related to conceiving the question, performing analyses, leading writing):

Student Attestation: I attest that I have reviewed this proposal with my research mentor, who approves of the submission.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

References