

GUIDANCE ON SUBMITTING AN ABSTRACT

Conference presentations provide an opportunity for delegates to present a piece of work they have carried out in one or more of the following areas:

- Audit
- Clinical practice
- Case study
- Management/leadership
- Research
- Service development
- Technical

Submitting your abstract

Abstracts must be submitted using the standard format via the “Submit an Abstract” link on the PMG website. If your abstract is accepted for presentation, it may be returned to you for the purposes of clarification, and will also be subject to editing.

General guidance/information

- **Abstract Title** – as concise as possible without compromising clarity
- **Paper/presentation type** – a **Free Paper** can be either a 20-minute plenary presentation or a poster. You should indicate whether you wish to be considered for a platform or poster presentation and, if you have no particular preference, then select the **Both** option. Parallel sessions are presentations/workshops lasting for one hour in total; they run twice on the same day with a long lunch or refreshment break in the intermission. These sessions are attended by two different audiences. If you select **Parallel Session**, then the presentation type should be **Platform**.
NB The judges may offer you a different presentation type from the one you select.
- **Summary** – an overview of the entire abstract, including all sections; please indicate which of the following categories your presentation/workshop/poster falls into (can be more than one):
 - Clinical practice/case study
 - Management/leadership
 - Audit/Research
 - Service Development
 - Technical

- **Aims and objectives** - provide a clear statement of purpose

Background, Technique, Standards, Clinical Detail, Results and Testing

- **Background** – relevant but brief
- **Technique** – an outline of the method used (if applicable)
- **Standards/guidelines** – state whether any were followed
- **Clinical detail** if relevant - provide salient points
- **Results and Testing** – a summary is sufficient although any numerical data should be clearly explained, not quoted without context

- **Discussion** – consequences, implications or recommendations for practice. If there are any **conflicts of interest**, please declare these here.
- **References** – *will be expected in almost all cases*, and should demonstrate that the author has read around the subject. Please note that a list of websites does **not** constitute a reference list; exceptionally long lists of references may need to be shortened for the purposes of publication.

Word counts

We appreciate that some may find these restrictive. However, collecting abstracts in a consistent format saves a great deal of time when processing them and helps make the judging process fair. Word limits are also necessary because accepted abstracts are published in the conference proceedings.

Judging

Abstracts will be judged by the organising committee. The following will be taken into account:

- General clarity of presentation across all sections
- Clarity of any numerical data presented
- Quality of research methodology (if applicable)
- Scientific rigour
- Relevance to the field and to the moment
- Whether the work is original or novel (submissions do not necessarily need to be original work)
- Development of existing knowledge
- Use of correct clinical and technical terminology, avoiding jargon
- That the submission is grammatically correct

Important information about recording presentations

Where possible, conference sessions are video recorded to be posted as webcasts on the PMG website after the event. All video clips are password-protected and made available only to PMG members. Please be aware that by submitting an abstract you are also giving PMG permission for your presentation to be recorded and webcast, unless you notify us to the contrary.

Presenters are therefore responsible for ensuring that the necessary permission is sought for the use of all photographs and other images used in their presentation. If you are unable to obtain permission for images to be used in your presentation, please do not use them.

Attendance at the conference

By submitting your abstract PMG assumes that, should you be offered the opportunity to present your work, you are able to secure funding to attend the conference.