

Theme

You are invited to submit a poster for presentation at Anaesthesia 2020, on **18-20 May**. If you have worked on a quality improvement or research project using PQIP data and/or that addresses one of PQIP's top five priorities, as outlined in [PQIP's 2018-19 Annual Report](#), submit a poster for a chance to showcase your work to an international audience of over 500 RCoA fellows and members.

Posters can cover any of the Perioperative Quality Improvement Programme's (PQIP) top five improvement opportunities detailed below:

- Preoperative assessment
- Diabetes management
- Communication and multidisciplinary working
- Individualised pain management
- Enhanced recovery

Eligibility

The competition is open to all healthcare professionals or student healthcare professionals.

Prize

1st prize: £250

How to enter

- Submit a digital copy of your poster as an attachment to events@rcoa.ac.uk along with a signed copy of the form below.
- Please follow the poster preparation guidelines on page 2; failure to follow the guidelines could result in disqualification from the competition.

What happens next?

- The closing date for entries will be midnight on **Monday 30 March 2020**.
- A panel of RCoA judges will assess all submissions shortly after the closing date. Authors will be notified by **Monday 13 April** if they have been invited to display their poster at Anaesthesia 2020.
- The three highest scoring authors will be invited to display their poster as well as give a five minute presentation of their work on Wednesday 20 May at the Anaesthesia 2020 conference.
- Authors selected to present their work will need to book a place at the event in order to display their poster. Please visit www.rcoa.ac.uk/events/anaesthesia-2020 to book your place (this can be for day one only).

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN WITH YOUR ABSTRACT

I _____ (print full name)
certify that the research submitted has not been previously presented at a major meeting or published.

I confirm that all the authors listed support the submission of this abstract to the RCoA.

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Note: signatures/electronic signatures are preferred; however typed names in the signature field will be accepted as certification

Poster Preparation Guidelines

Key information

- Please note that only one author will be invited to present, though it is understood that other individuals may have contributed towards the poster content.
- Previously published work is not eligible. Work that has been presented at hospital, school, or regional meetings will be considered.
- Candidates will be required to pay to attend Anaesthesia 2020 to present their work.

Poster format:

- digital pptx / jpeg / png format
- landscape (horizontal) orientation
- 16:9 aspect ratio
- there is no word limit but posters should contain between one and five images, tables or graphs.

Posters must include:

- references; listed and cited as specified by the British Journal of Anaesthesia
- a caption if a figure or picture or table is used
- acknowledgement of sources of funding
- the following statement (if applicable and true): "This study received ethics committee approval or was conducted under the Animal (Scientific Procedures) Act (1986) (include licence numbers) or equivalent"
- a content structure that progresses through: title, authors, institution(s), introduction, methods, results, conclusion, acknowledgements and references.

Other information:

- if shortlisted to present a poster, it is advisable that authors bring a short PowerPoint slide deck to help them to present their work to the Anaesthesia 2020 audience
- the presenting author will receive a certificate of presentation for producing and presenting a poster and may be entitled to claim CPD credits internally. You are advised to liaise with your appraiser. For enquiries regarding RCoA CPD accreditation please contact the CPD Coordinator at CPD@rcoa.ac.uk.