

Anaesthetic updates
7-8 June 2022
Innovation poster competition

Theme

You are invited to submit an abstract for e-presentation at the virtual Anaesthetic Updates event taking place on **7-8 June 2022**.

The judges would like to receive abstracts on **'Innovation in Anaesthesia – my recipe for you'**

Trainees are key innovators in the hospital; sometimes stumbling upon or thoroughly researching and improving a technique/discussion/problem that has not had a solution thus far. We would like to invite you to share this at the RCOA Anaesthetic updates conference.

Shortlisted abstracts will be invited to submit a poster which will be displayed at the event, and the top four abstracts will be selected by a panel to present their abstracts orally, with one abstract winning a prize at the end of the event.

Eligibility

The competition is open to non-consultant doctors

Prize

The top four entries will be chosen to give a five-minute presentation to showcase their work to an online national audience followed by 3 min Q&A.

Free entry to the conference on the day of the presentation.

1st prize: £50 voucher

How to enter

- Submit a digital copy of your abstract as an attachment to events@rcoa.ac.uk along with a signed copy of the form below.
- Please follow the abstract 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 **Sunday 1 May 2022**.
- A panel of RCoA judges will assess all submissions shortly after the closing date. Authors will be notified week commencing 16 May 2022 if they have been invited to display their poster at the event.
- The four highest scoring authors will be invited to display their poster as well as give a five-minute presentation of their work on 7 or 8 June at the Anaesthetic updates event. They will be asked to give a 'Pecha Kucha' style presentation 10 slides, 20 seconds per slide or 5 slides and 40 seconds per slide
- Please follow the poster preparation guidelines on page 3, failure to follow the guidelines could result in disqualification from the competition.

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 of this statement.

Abstract Preparation Guidelines

All abstracts submitted must follow these guidelines

Abstract format:

- Single A4 sheet
- Plain text, rich text or Microsoft Word
- 12 point font
- Times New Roman font
- 2.5cm margins
- Single line spacing
- A blank line separating paragraphs
- One table or figure is permitted, these should be incorporated into the document and the text should be reduced accordingly to accommodate these within the A4 page allowance

Note: Images/figures may be embedded within MS Word documents or may be sent separately as .jpg or .gif files

Abstracts must include:

- Abstract title
- All authors' initials, last names and place where work was carried out
- The text of the abstract should not contain headings, but should follow a general progression through background, methods, results and conclusion. Include why it is important and any challenges or learning points you personally gained.
- If a figure or picture or table is used; caption (same font guidelines as above apply)
- A maximum of 5 References; listed and cited as specified by the British Journal of Anaesthesia
- 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."

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.
- Posters that are not selected for oral presentation will be displayed during the Conference, however authors will be required to pay for attendance at the event.

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 orally the presenter will be asked to create Pecha Kucha style presentation 10 slides, 20 seconds per slide or 5 slides and 40 seconds per slide
- 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.