



POSTER & ORAL ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Deadline for submissions: Friday 13 February 2026, 23:59 (GMT)

Have you completed a project or a piece of work that's ready to be shared with the wider general practice community? This is your opportunity to highlight your achievements and spark new ideas!

Submitting an abstract for the RCGP Annual Conference and Exhibition 2026 is more than just a presentation - it's a chance to elevate your professional profile. Presenting your work allows you to:

- **Communicate your findings** with a diverse audience of fellow practitioners.
- **Enhance your personal development** and grow your presentation skills.
- **Boost your CV** and showcase your expertise in the field.

Join hundreds of your peers who present their work each year. With over 250 posters and 60 oral paper presentations covering a wide range of topics, your contribution will be part of a vibrant and engaging showcase of innovation in general practice.

Don't miss this chance to share your passion and make an impact.

Logging in to the Oxford Abstracts platform

Before being able to submit your abstract you will need to login to the submission system. The RCGP uses Oxford Abstracts to manage all submissions.

If you already have an Oxford Abstracts account you can login as normal using your existing credentials. If you have previously used Oxford Abstracts but have forgotten your password, you can recover this by entering your email address into the 'sign in or create account with email' field and then selecting 'forgot password'.

If you don't have an Oxford Abstracts account already you will need to create one. Enter your email and follow the onscreen instructions. Please note that the email you enter at this stage will be your username for Oxford Abstracts, so you must continue to use the same email each time you wish to log in. All correspondence regarding your submission will be sent to the submitter/account holder.

When you have logged in or created your account you will arrive at the submission information page.

Your work will save as you proceed through the pages, and you can save your submission and come back to it at any time before the submission deadline.

You will be able to keep track of your submissions using the Oxford Abstracts dashboard, click here to open: [Oxford Abstracts](#).

Amending a submission

If you wish to change your submission you can do this at any time up to the deadline of **Friday 13 February 2026, 23.59 (GMT)**.

You may pause in the completion of your submission at any time but **MUST** press the submit button to save and be able to return to it before the deadline. Pressing submit will generate an email about the status of your abstract submission, including a link to access it for revisions.

NOTE: Incomplete submissions will not be considered for review, you must ensure you have completed your submission by the deadline, Friday 13 February 2026, 23:59 (GMT).

Multiple submissions

You are welcome to submit multiple proposal submissions, however, please do not submit the same submission for more than one topic.

Submission agreement

- We have a strict policy that one **two-day in-person ticket** must be purchased for each individual poster presented, at the appropriate rate for that presenter according to their professional status on the first day of the event.
- **One poster per presenter.** If you have multiple accepted posters, a co-author must be assigned to present any additional posters on your behalf.
- Each selected poster must be presented by an author throughout both days of the conference. Therefore you are required to attend the full duration. There is no option to present your poster virtually.
- Failure to register by Thursday 4 June 2026 will result in your abstract being withdrawn from the conference programme.
- Registration, travel and accommodation charges are the responsibility of the presenter.
- All correspondence will be sent to the submitter. It is the responsibility of this person to pass on any relevant information regarding the submitted abstract and the conference to the presenting and co-authors. Please note that after the registration deadline, all correspondence will be sent to the presenting author.
- Please note the conference organisers reserve the right to withdraw submissions at any stage, if they feel the content and/or organisation is no longer suitable.

Queries

If you have any queries about the submission process or you want to withdraw your submission please contact us at rcgp.submissions@wonderly.agency referencing your submission ID number.

Poster abstract questions

Please read the instructions below carefully before preparing your abstract.

- Aim to capture the Programme Committee's interest.
- Be clear and concise.
- Check the abstract carefully for spelling, grammar, readability and clarity.

Q1 Topic

Select the most appropriate topic for your abstract.

- Adolescent health
- Clinical
- Digital health and AI
- Education
- Equality, diversity, inclusion and accessibility
- Future GP careers
- Health inequalities
- Innovation
- Integrated care and the MDT
- International
- Patient and community engagement
- Practice development
- Quality improvement
- Research
- Sustainability in general practice
- Urgent and unscheduled care

Q2 Preferred presentation type

Authors will be required to indicate their preferred presentation format (ePoster display and or Oral presentation) when submitting an abstract.

ePoster display

ePoster presentations are a visual display of your abstract. All posters will be displayed on large portrait digital screens in the exhibition hall. ePosters will be displayed at the conference on Thursday 29 and Friday 30 October 2026. They will also be available to view on the digital platform prior to the conference, as well as on demand. Full details and poster templates will be sent following acceptance.

In addition, ePoster display presenting authors will be given the opportunity to join a poster discussion session. ePoster discussions will take place in the Exhibition Hall, during break and lunch times. Presenters will have the opportunity to give a 6-minute informal presentation (4 minute for the presentation plus 2 minutes for Q&A) about their research next to their assigned ePoster screen.

It is important to note that this presentation format does not require slides, as it is intended to be an informal drop-in presentation, providing delegates with the opportunity to interact with poster presenters and ask questions.

Oral presentation

Presenters will present their work as an ePoster (details above, excluding the poster discussion) and will also give a 10-minute oral presentation (8 minute presentation plus 2 minutes for Q&A) on either Thursday 29 or Friday 30 October. Presentations will take place in the mini theatres located in the exhibition hall.

Please note there are no oral-only presentation options.

Q3 Title (Maximum 30 words)

Your suggested title should be succinct yet clearly describe the abstract. Use sentence case (i.e. the first letter of the sentence is capitalised, with the rest being lowercase except for proper nouns and acronyms). Do not use any abbreviations in the title. The titles of accepted abstracts will be published in the final conference programme and on the conference app.

Q4 Abstract (maximum 250 words).

General style guidelines

- Use standard abbreviations only and place any unusual abbreviation in parentheses after the full word the first time it appears.
- Use generic names of drugs.
- If reference is made to proprietary products or equipment, the manufacturer's name and location should be included in parentheses.
- Please check your abstract carefully as it will not be edited.
- Graphs, tables and images can be inserted. All images, symbols, tables, graphs and lines should be clear and distinct. Maximum file size 10MB.
- You may add up to one table and one graph to your submission. Graphs and tables are not included in the word count.

Abstracts should be structured under the headings:

Aims/objectives/background

Explain clearly:

- The purpose of your study
- Why the topic is important
- What is new about your study

Methods/approach

- Describe the approach you have taken
- Explain the methods used or proposed

Relevance/impact

- State how the results influence or impact on clinical practice/education/policy/methodology etc

Outcomes/discussion

- How are they important?
- State significant positive AND negative findings
- What will this study/idea change?

Q5 References

References are optional. You can use the format below to list references:

[1] Name of Source, Name of author, date

[2] Name of Source, Name of author, date

When quoting your references in the abstract text itself, please use either square [1] or curved brackets (2). For example:

Screening results in a clinically milder phenotype and achieves a fivefold reduction in diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) at diagnosis [1].

Q6 Authors and affiliations

Please enter the main author and any co-authors associated with this abstract. Co-authors are not mandatory, but please ensure you add all authors at the time of submission as it will not be possible to add authors at a later stage. Please note you can list a maximum of 20 co-authors on your submission.

Q7 Conflicts of interest

Please give details of any potential conflicts of interest that you could have as part of your abstract submission, financial or otherwise, which could influence or be perceived to influence the content of the poster. All oral presenters at the 2026 conference will need to include a slide at the start of their presentation detailing any such conflicts of interest.

Q8 Poster awards

Best Poster Award

The best posters submitted within each topic at the RCGP Annual Conference and Exhibition 2026 will be awarded with a Best Poster Award. The poster committee evaluates all posters on their design, clarity of the presentation and content.

All posters will automatically be considered for the poster award.

The winning posters in each category will be notified on Thursday 29 October and will be asked to give a short oral presentation of their poster on the afternoon of Friday 30 October.

Adolescent Health Care award

To encourage GPs to provide higher standards of care for their teenage patients, a discretionary prize of £250 will be awarded to the best poster presented on the theme of Adolescent Health Care at the RCGP Annual Conference and Exhibition 2026. This award is made in memory of Dr Kathy Phipps, an active and enthusiastic member of the RCGP Adolescent Health Group.

Discover GP: Rising Researchers Award

All students (undergraduate) and foundation doctors (FY1 and FY2 – postgraduate) are invited to enter the Discover GP: Rising Researchers Award by ticking a box when completing the submission form.

The 2026 Discover GP: Rising Researchers Award will celebrate exemplary research undertaken by medical students and foundation doctors on any topic related to general

practice. First prize will be awarded a £150 Amazon voucher and four highly commended winners will each receive a £50 Amazon voucher.

Poster authors must be students (undergraduate) or foundation doctors (FY1 and FY2 – postgraduate) at the time of submission. Judging will take place during the Annual Conference and winners will be announced on Thursday 29 October 2026.

Q9 Submission declaration

Please confirm your agreement to the following statement, in order for your abstract to be considered for presentation:

I confirm that I agree to be responsible for the organisation of my poster, including acknowledgement of the review outcome and registration of the presenting author by the deadline. I understand that to accept the invitation to display this poster at the event we must register one author for a two-day in-person ticket at the appropriate ticket category (at the time of the event) to present the poster. I accept that it is my responsibility to ensure that the presenting author is not presenting another poster at this event. I also agree that the conference organisers reserve the right to withdraw my submission at any stage, if they feel the content and/or organisation is no longer suitable

Review criteria

All abstracts will be reviewed 'blind'. No identifying features such as names of authors, names of hospitals, medical schools, clinics or cities should be listed in the title or text of the abstract. The names of the authors and their affiliations (institutions) will be requested separately when you submit the abstract online.

Reviewers are asked to mark the abstracts out of five, on the basis of the judging criteria listed below. A score of five is the highest that can be awarded. A score of zero is given when the submission cannot be judged due to the lack of information provided. It is the responsibility of the person submitting the abstract to ensure that the abstract addresses the following criteria.

1. The Problem/topic (Importance): Is this problem/topic important for GPs? Is the problem/topic clearly described/defined? Will this presentation add new knowledge/innovation for the audience?

2. The approach (Clarity): Is the approach proposed or taken both clear and well described? Are the methods used or proposed appropriate for the identified idea/problem/question? Were the methods innovative?

3. Findings (Trustworthiness): Do you believe the findings? Do the findings relate to the topic under question? Do these matter? Are they important? Will these results be of interest to the RCGP delegates?

4. Consequences (Significance): What are the implications of this study or would be the implications of this idea? Do these matter? Are they important? What does this all mean? Will these results influence or impact on clinical practice/education/policy/methodology?

5. Overall Impressions (Likely interest value): Was this a well-written abstract? Will it promote discussion and debate? Will this study/idea change anything? Will this work support the effective/productive work of GPs and the primary care team?

Important deadlines

Submission deadline	Friday 13 February 2026, 23:59 (GMT)
Notification of outcome of submission	Middle of April 2026
Deadline to confirm acceptance and presenting authors	Monday 27 April 2026
Deadline for presenting authors to register to attend	Thursday 4 June 2026
Deadline to upload ePoster	Friday 4 September 2026