ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

Parallel programme abstract submission guidelines

Deadline for submission: Friday 27 November 2026, 23:59 (GMT)
Event dates: Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 October 2027

Do you have an idea, innovation or insight that could benefit the general practice community?

The RCGP Annual Conference and Exhibition is the UK's flagship event for general practice, bringing together thousands of GPs and primary care professionals to learn, connect and shape the future of healthcare.

We're looking for dynamic, thought-provoking sessions that inspire action, challenge perspectives and support better patient care.

This is your opportunity to:

- Share your expertise with more than 2,000 delegates
- Raise the profile of your work and ideas
- Influence professional thinking and practice
- Help shape the conference programme
- Contribute to the future of general practice

Whether you're presenting innovative research, practical clinical learning, leadership experiences or new approaches to care, we'd love to hear from you.

When preparing your proposal consider:

- **Scope:** A focused session often has the greatest impact. Think carefully about what your
- audience can realistically take away in 45 minutes.
- **Engagement:** Consider how you'll capture attention and encourage participation from both in-
- person and virtual delegates.
- **Interactivity:** The strongest sessions involve the audience through discussion, polling, reflection
- or practical activities.
- **Impact:** What will delegates do differently as a result of attending? Clearly define the knowledge, skills or practical actions they will gain.

Help us create a programme that informs, inspires and drives meaningful change in general practice.

Submit your proposal by 27 November 2026 and be part of the conversations shaping the future of our Profession.

Key dates

Contact	rcgp.submissions@wonderly.agency
Submission deadline	Friday 27 November 2026, 23:59 (GMT)
Notification of outcome of submission	Monday 22 February 2027
Deadline to confirm acceptance and speakers	Monday 8 March 2027
Deadline for speakers to register to attend	Friday 14 May 2027

Account set up and login

- **Platform:** Oxford Abstracts
- **Existing users:** Log in with your credentials. Use the 'forgot password' link under *'sign in or create account with email'* if needed.
- **New users:** Register using the email address you intend to use as your username. All correspondence and submission updates will be sent to this address.

Submission process and amending your submission

- **Saving progress:** Work auto-saves as you proceed, but you **must press the submit button** to generate the email link required to access and edit your work prior to the deadline.
- **Incomplete submissions:** Unsubmitted or incomplete abstracts will not be considered for review.
- **Multiple submissions:** These are permitted, however the exact same proposal cannot be submitted under more than one topic.

Submission agreement

- **Submitter responsibilities:** You are responsible for ensuring all speakers meet requirements, declare any conflicts of interest, and complete registration on time.
- **Organiser rights:** The RCGP reserves the right to withdraw any submission at any stage if the content or organisation is no longer deemed suitable.

Review criteria

Each session proposal will be reviewed anonymously by members of the Programme Committee. It is the responsibility of the person submitting the proposal to ensure that the proposal addresses the following criteria.

- Addresses the focus and intent of the topic;
- Integrates current research and best practices (including technology)
- Addresses the educational needs of different healthcare professionals;
- Involves audience participation;
- Is designed for the membership of the RCGP

Session proposal submission questions

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

Q1 Session stream

Please select the most appropriate topic for your session.

- **AI and digital in general practice**
  Artificial intelligence and digital technologies are rapidly reshaping how general practice is delivered. This stream will explore their practical application across clinical care, practice management and patient communication, alongside the associated ethical, legal and safety considerations. Sessions could examine emerging technologies, real-world implementation and the skills needed to use digital tools confidently and responsibly. Delegates should gain practical insights into harnessing innovation while maintaining safe, equitable and person-centred care.

- **Art and creativity in medicine**
  Art and creativity have a unique role in reflecting, supporting and enriching the practice of medicine. This stream will showcase the ways creative expression can enhance communication, connection, reflection and resilience in general practice. Sessions could include explorations of the medical humanities, creative writing, visual or performance arts, and storytelling in care. Delegates will gain fresh perspectives on how creativity can sustain both clinicians and patients alike.

- **Clinical CPD**
  Breadth of clinical knowledge remains essential to high-quality general practice. This stream will cover a wide range of clinical topics reflecting the needs of patients across all life stages. Sessions will be rooted in practical skills and evidence, ensuring immediate relevance to everyday patient care. Attendees will leave with strengthened expertise and refreshed confidence for clinical decision-making.

- **Equality, diversity, inclusion and accessibility**
  General practice must champion environments that are inclusive, fair, and accessible to everyone. This stream will delve into how we can promote equitable treatment and opportunities for both patients and staff, regardless of background or circumstance. Sessions may explore strategies for removing systemic barriers, confronting discrimination, and enhancing accessibility in healthcare delivery.

- **Leadership and training**
  Effective leadership and strong training are critical to sustaining the primary care workforce and shaping the future of general practice. This stream will focus on developing leadership skills at all career stages, from trainees through to senior partners. Sessions could highlight mentorship, coaching, organisational development, and approaches to fostering thriving, resilient teams. Attendees will leave with tools and insights to become confident leaders and trainers in their own settings.

- **Neighbourhood health and new models of care**
  The shift towards neighbourhood-based care offers new opportunities for services to work together around the needs of local populations. This stream will explore emerging models of integrated care and the evolving role of general practice within multidisciplinary neighbourhood teams. Sessions could showcase effective collaboration across primary care, community services, social care and the voluntary sector, as well as approaches to prevention and tackling health inequalities. Delegates should gain practical insights into developing coordinated, locally responsive care.

- **Research and innovation**
  Primary care research continues to underpin evidence-based practice and shape the future of healthcare delivery. This stream will highlight cutting-edge research and showcase innovations that improve quality, safety and outcomes in general practice. Sessions could explore new models of care, digital transformation and ways of embedding research into everyday practice.

- **Workforce wellbeing and sustainability**
  A supported and sustainable workforce is essential to the future of general practice. This stream will explore how individuals, teams and organisations can foster healthier working environments while responding to workload pressures and changing workforce needs. Sessions could cover recruitment and retention, flexible working, professional fulfilment, team wellbeing and practical approaches to preventing burnout. Delegates should gain ideas and strategies to support themselves, their colleagues and the long-term resilience of general practice.

Q2 Preferred presentation type

Select your preferred presentation format. The Programme Committee reserves the right to make the final decision on presentation format; this means that you might be offered an alternative session format. All sessions are 45 minutes long.

Presentation: Lecture-based presentation(s) including time for questions.

Interactive session: Sessions should aim to be interactive. We suggest half of the session consists of a presentation with the remaining time offered to group work/discussion. These sessions will have a smaller audience than a presentation, but please note this could be up to 100 attendees.

Q3 Session title

Maximum 30 words

Your suggested title should be succinct yet clearly describe the session. 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 sessions will be published in the final conference programme and on the conference app. You should adhere to the original title and content of the submission when presenting your session.

Q4 Session proposal

Maximum 250 words

Please outline what you plan to deliver in this session and how you will make it interactive and engaging for the delegates. Your session should build upon the delegate's own knowledge and experiences. They should be able to clearly connect with your material and apply it to their own situations. Conference sessions should be designed so that participants are actively engaged rather than passively receiving information.

Q5 Speakers

Please list the intended speakers and their relevance for the session. Please ensure your speaker choices take into account the principles of equality, diversity and inclusivity. The recommended maximum number of speakers is **two** for a 45-minute session to allow plenty of time for audience interaction.

It is recommended that session submitters have initial contact with the intended speakers before they submit a session to determine their availability to attend the conference, should the session be accepted. If a proposed speaker declines, it is the responsibility of the session submitter to provide the name and contact information of an alternative speaker. Please consider replacement speakers in case the ones initially invited decline the invitation.

Please note: Each accepted speaker will receive a complimentary two-day conference pass. Speakers will need to cover their own travel, accommodation and subsistence costs. Please note that a maximum of two speakers per session can be proposed.

If your proposal is accepted you will need to submit a final selection of speakers for approval. All agreed speakers must then individually register online by the deadline.

Please be aware that the conference organisers reserve the right to withdraw submissions at any stage, if they feel the content and/or organisation is no longer suitable.

Q6 Target audience

Please select which types of GPs will find this session most useful

- GP registrars
- Newly qualified GPs
- Established GPs
- Later career/retired GPs
- International medical graduates
- GP trainers

Q7 Learning outcomes

Maximum 50 words

What learning outcomes will delegates take away from this session? Please describe the practical skills, knowledge or perspectives they can expect to gain.

Q8 Patient perspective

Maximum 50 words

How has the patient perspective informed the development of this session? Please describe any patient involvement and how their experiences, insights or priorities have shaped the content or approach.

Q9 Sustainability

Maximum 50 words

Sustainability is an important consideration in general practice. How will your session address sustainability? Please briefly outline any relevant environmental, social or economic considerations.

Q10 Declaration of interest

All speakers at the conference are required to declare any relevant interests before participating in an RCGP event, conference or educational session. This is to promote transparency and ensure that any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest are appropriately considered and managed. Please provide details of any interests you hold that might reasonably be perceived as influencing what you say or do in this session. This may include financial, professional, personal, indirect or loyalty interests. When in doubt, please declare the interest.

Please ensure you have read the RCGP Declarations of Interests Policy before completing this field.

Q11 Session summary

Maximum 100 words

Provide a brief summary of your proposed session. This information will be used in the conference programme, website and app, and in promotional materials. The summary should be clear and concise to help delegates decide if the session is relevant to their interests.

Your description may be edited by the Programme Committee for clarity.

Q12 Filming permission

Please confirm that you give permission for the filming of the material being presented in your session to be used in educational resources and/or promotional activity produced by the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP).

Q13 Session Chair

A chair for the session will be allocated by the RCGP and the contact details of the session lead will be shared with the chair. Please confirm that you agree to have your contact details shared with the chair.

Q14 Session lead agreement

Please confirm your agreement to the following statement, in order for your session proposal to go forward for consideration.

‘I agree to be responsible for the session and ensure that my speakers will adhere to all stipulated requirements, including the declaration of any conflicts of interest and registration deadline’

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Q15 Consent for future abstract use

If your abstract is not selected for presentation at this event, please confirm whether you consent to RCGP retaining your submission details and abstract content and contacting you about opportunities to share your work in alternative formats or at future RCGP events.