



ABSTRACT SUBMISSION INFORMATION FOR THE BTS 2019 SUMMER MEETING

BTS ABSTRACT PRIZES AND CLINICAL GRAND ROUND

Please read these instructions carefully before you submit your abstract and if you have any queries please contact abstracts@brit-thoracic.org.uk at any point in the process.

By submitting your work, you are agreeing that, if selected, it will be published on the BTS website(s) and you may be asked to provide more information for publicity purposes. Please note also, if your project wins an award, it is not being endorsed by BTS and must not be represented as such.

KEY DATES

- Abstract system open: w/c 14th January
- Abstract system closed to submissions: **23:59 on Sunday 31st March**
- Abstracts to referees: by Friday 5th April
- Scores back from referees: Wednesday 24th April
- All applicants informed of outcome: w/c 29th April

BTS ABSTRACT PRIZES SUBMISSION

The aim of the Abstract Prizes is to provide a forum for respiratory teams to present, share and discuss the implementation of quality improvement, innovative practice, excellence in patient care and education and training. High quality applications from the whole respiratory MDT are welcomed with an emphasis on sharing best practice. By promoting these Abstract Prizes, the Society hopes to learn more about the many innovative schemes that are being developed by our members and others to improve patient care throughout the UK, and to showcase those which are shortlisted by presentations during the Summer Meeting programme.

Abstracts will be refereed and those shortlisted will be presented at the Summer Meeting in poster form and also a short, two-minute spoken presentation. Successful applications will be showcased on our website(s) and the project team will receive two day's free registration to the Summer Meeting 2019. These two days may be used by the presenting author, or by the presenting author for one day and by another team member on the second day. Prizes will also be awarded for the best abstract in each category.

Judging will be carried out by multi-professional members of the Society's Education and Training Committee and, where appropriate, Chairs of BTS Specialist Advisory Groups, representing various

members of the typical respiratory team, and including the lay member of the BTS Board of Trustees.

Submission of abstracts are invited within two broad themes. Submission from all members of the respiratory MDT are encouraged:

Improving quality and excellence in patient care

This category invites abstracts illustrating quality improvement and excellence in patient care across respiratory medicine. We aim to showcase and share best practice from throughout the UK, implementing change that improves outcomes and meets quality standards. Abstracts with clear patient involvement or improvement in patient centred outcomes are encouraged.

Innovation in service delivery and/or education and training in respiratory

In this category abstracts should highlight innovative developments in the delivery of respiratory care and education. Abstracts can describe service development and improvement integrated across all aspects of respiratory care. We are looking to present and share transformative practice that advances respiratory care or education.

You must indicate clearly which single one of the above categories you are applying for.

You should demonstrate outcomes as well as describe the work you have done. Abstracts will be shortlisted in each category and the posters and spoken presentations will take place during the Summer Meeting in Manchester on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th June 2019.

CLINICAL GRAND ROUND SUBMISSION

The Clinical Grand Round competition has been one of the highlights of the Society's Summer Meeting programme, and a very closely contested event, which enhances the c.v. of any **Specialist Trainee or AHP** who is shortlisted and/or wins. **The competition is not open to post CCT doctors, but we welcome applications from all other members of the respiratory team, wherever they are based.**

The best three submissions, as refereed by senior members of the Society and members of the BTS Education and Training Committee, will be shortlisted and the authors invited to present their cases during the Clinical Grand Round Symposium at the BTS Summer Meeting 2019. Presenters will be expected to interact with the audience by including questions within their presentations so that delegates may make use of the voting system. The finalists will battle it out on the day before a panel of experts who will decide the winner. The winner will receive a cash prize and all three finalists will receive a certificate of merit.

This prize category also includes free entry on the day of the symposium (Thursday 13th June 2019) for the three short-listed applicants.

Guidelines for what makes a good case for consideration for shortlisting the Grand Round cases:

- Ideal submissions will highlight a case demonstrating aspects of commonly encountered diseases that provide the audience with key learning points, whilst providing a diagnostic or management challenge. The judging panel are not looking for cases that focus on esoteric or rare diseases.

- Submit an abstract of your case presentation of 350 words maximum with one diagram or figure. The abstract should include an introduction, description of the case and conclusion with learning points.
- Do not use pictures/CTs etc in the initial submission. These should be added later if short-listed for the symposium. If selected, the final presentation at the Meeting will be for 20 minutes and we will expect to see a PowerPoint presentation and some interaction with the audience using a key-pad system if the case is suited to this format.*
- Submissions will be judged on interest level/learning points and content/style/well written.

*The shortlisted authors will be asked to present on Thursday 13th June 2019. Final judging will take place after the session has ended and prizes will be awarded at a reception that evening.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION PROCESS (ALL 3 CATEGORIES)

To submit your abstract, you will need to log in or register to use the website if you have not done so before. You will then need to follow the Abstract submission button on the Summer Meeting 2019 page.

The closing date for acceptance of submissions and any subsequent amendments is 23:59 on Sunday 31st March 2019.

1. Your abstract text should be a maximum of 350 words, and you will be allowed to include one table or one figure only. Please note that this is an ABSTRACT, not a full paper. What you submit should give sufficient information for the referees to be able to determine whether the project as described is sustainable and has an evidence base. You may provide a link to a web address if this will help to describe what you have done in more detail.
2. When you have completed all fields and submitted your abstract you will receive an email confirming that your abstract has been received. Please note that your abstract is saved to the system when you click the Submit Abstract button. If you return to edit your abstract and then click Submit Abstract, the amended version of your abstract will be saved to the system. You will be able to return to your abstract at any time up to the closing date in order to check or edit your abstract. **You will not be able to edit your abstract when the closing date has passed so please check your submission carefully to ensure that the content is correct and that there are no errors in author names or institutions.**
3. If accepted, your abstract will be printed in the BTS Summer Meeting Programme. Your abstract will not be copy-edited, so please ensure that any unusual abbreviations are defined and that you have checked the text of your submission carefully.
4. Click on the link below to submit your abstract, or to view abstracts that you have already submitted.

Thank you for submitting your work for consideration for one of the Clinical Grand Round or BTS Abstract Prizes this year.