

## **BGS Clinical Quality abstract submission guide**

**Please note: Any abstract submitted under the category of Clinical Quality will be subject to an adjudication process –anything scoring less than 2 out of 5 will be rejected. You will have the opportunity to receive feedback at the Conference.**

**Clinical quality** abstracts may be submitted under the following 5 sub-categories:

Clinical Effectiveness

Efficiency and Value for Money

Patient Centredness

Patient Safety

Improved Access to Service

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The submitted clinical quality abstracts should be:

- **Quality improvement projects with at least one completed PDSA cycle.**
- **Completed audit cycle where a change has been made.**

Single loop audits and surveys will ***occasionally*** be accepted if they are on an issue which may generate some interesting discussion.

The abstracts should be written up using the Revised Standards for Quality Improvement Reporting Excellence Guidelines (SQUIRE 2.0) which are described below:

- **Title**

Indicate that the manuscript concerns an initiative to improve healthcare (broadly defined to include clinical effectiveness, efficiency and value for money, patient centredness, patient safety, improved access to service).

- **Abstract**
  - a. Provide adequate information to aid in searching and indexing
  - b. Summarise all key information from various sections of the text using the abstract format of the intended publication or a structured summary such as: background, local problem, methods, interventions, results, conclusions

## **Background**

- Describe the care sector, the community or department where your improvement work was done.
- Describe the team involved in your work and the patient group or client group that is the focus of your improvement work.

## **Introduction (Why did you start)**

- Clearly describe the local problem or system issue which you aim to improve.
- Clearly describe how that problem was affecting the care received by patients and families and how it impacted on those delivering the care.
- Describe the scale of the problem.
- Describe your specific improvement goal(s)

## **Methods (What did you do)**

- Who did you engage in your improvement work
- How are you going to determine the impact of your improvement work, what are your measures and how are they being recorded
- What approach are you taking, what are your implementation plans

## **Interventions**

- Describe the changes to practice needed to address the identified problem
- Clearly describe what you did to make those changes and how you went about it, in sufficient detail so that others could do the same.

## **Results (What did you find)**

- Describe the impact of your intervention(s).
- Describe how far this went to solve your problem.
- Describe the benefits to patient or client group.
- If this improvement work is still in progress describe what you plan to do next.

## **Conclusions (What does it mean)**

- Describe your implementation lessons, what worked and what you would do differently next time.
- Describe the possible impact of these changes if your learning was transferred to others.
- How are you going to make sure that your local improvement "sticks".
- Could you offer support to others wanting to do the same thing.

## **Other information**

- If your project required Ethics approval, please state if this has been obtained.