

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.

Acceptance criteria:

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

To be accepted abstracts must:

- Describe a change in care, with a clear aim designed to make improvement to the quality of care.
- Demonstrate use of quality improvement methodologies with at least one completed PDSA cycle.
- Describe a fully completed audit cycle where a change has been made and evaluated.
 - Describe the results of your change, whether successful or not.
 - Single loop audits and surveys may very occasionally be accepted if they are on an issue which may generate some interesting learning and discussion.

To be accepted all abstracts must be written up using the Revised Standards for Quality Improvement Reporting Excellence Guidelines (SQUIRE 2.0) which are described below.

Any abstract which does not meet the above criteria will not meet minimum scoring and will be rejected.

Revised Standards for Quality Improvement Reporting Excellence Guidelines (SQUIRE 2.0)

• Title

Indicate that the abstract concerns a change initiative designed 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

- **Category 1**

Define the relevant area of your work

- Clinical Effectiveness
- Efficiency and value for money
- Patient centredness
- Patient safety
- Improved access to service

- **Category 2**

Define the relevant stage of your work

- a. Innovation – test of a completely new idea
- b. Adaptation – modifying existing good practice from one sector to another
- c. Adoption - spread of known/ existing good practice

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.