



RCP regional poster competition 2023

FAQs for authors

If you do not see the answer to your question below, please email UKRegions@rcp.ac.uk.

Who should be listed on the application form as authors / co-authors?

The lead author will be the person who is going to present the poster, should your abstract be shortlisted.

Co-authors listed will all be trainees or physician associates.

Consultants should not be listed as a co-author at this stage.

How many co-authors can I include?

You can include up to a maximum of six co-authors and must be limited to those who worked closely on the project.

I forgot to include one of my co-authors. Can I add them now?

You can make changes to your abstract and add in additional co-authors up until the closing date.

After that date, no further changes or additions can be made.

Where do I add my consultant's name on the application?

You should not include your consultant's name at this stage. You should, however, list them on your poster should you be shortlisted to present.

I am an MTI trainee, what are the eligibility criteria for this programme?

MTI trainees are eligible to enter this competition if they are still in training in the UK by the 31st December 2023, and are therefore able to attend the competition, if shortlisted.

I am a public health trainee. Am I eligible to apply?

Yes, Applications from public health trainees will be accepted if they are subscribing members of the Royal College of Physicians (RCP).

I am currently an out-of-programme trainee. Can I still apply?

Please select your equivalent training grade from the drop-down list.

I am a surgical trainee. Am I eligible to apply?

No, this is a scheme for medical trainees (or equivalent) working within a [RCP specialty](#).

I am a previous RCP regional poster competition winner. Can I submit a new abstract in 2023?

Yes, you are welcome to submit a new abstract.

What are the RCP recognised specialties?

Acute internal medicine
 Allergy
 Audio vestibular medicine
 Aviation and space medicine
 Cardiology
 Clinical genetics
 Clinical neurophysiology
 Clinical pharmacology and therapeutics
 Dermatology
 Endocrinology and diabetes mellitus
 Gastroenterology
 General (internal) medicine
 Genitourinary medicine
 Geriatric medicine
 Haematology
 Immunology
 Infectious diseases
 Medical oncology
 Medical ophthalmology
 Neurology
 Nuclear medicine
 Paediatric cardiology
 Palliative medicine
 Pharmaceutical medicine
 Rehabilitation medicine
 Renal medicine
 Respiratory medicine
 Rheumatology
 Sport and exercise medicine
 Tropical medicine

My place of work is not England, Wales or Northern Ireland, am I eligible to apply?

We are only able to accept abstracts from trainees working within one of the [RCP regions](#).

Who receives a certificate?

A certificate will include the lead author and co-authors and the abstract title for each shortlisted poster. This will be emailed within 28 days of each regional competition.

Will my consultant be listed on the certificate if my abstract is shortlisted?

Only trainee / physician associate co-authors will be listed on your certificate.

How do I find my RCP membership number?

If you cannot remember your RCP membership number, please email your [RCP regional manager](#) or UKRegions@rcp.ac.uk who will be able to assist you.

I cannot remember which email address I use to access MyRCP.

Please email your [RCP regional manager](#) or UKRegions@rcp.ac.uk.

My membership has lapsed. How do I renew?

Please email membershipqueries@rcp.ac.uk who will be able to assist you.

I am not a subscribing member. How do I join?

You can join online via <https://www.rcp.ac.uk/membership> or email membershipqueries@rcp.ac.uk for assistance.

I am a member of RCPE, is that okay?

You must be a subscribing member of Royal College of Physicians London (RCP) to submit an abstract for this competition.

Do my co-authors need to be subscribing members?

Only the lead author and presenting author must be an RCP subscribing member.

Is it possible to have joint lead authors?

No, there can only be one lead author.

I have previously submitted this abstract for another competition. Can I also submit to this?

If your abstract has previously been shortlisted for presentation or is shortlisted for presentation before the date of your RCP regional competition, you should contact your RCP regional manager or email UKRegions@rcp.ac.uk and ask that your abstract be withdrawn.

I have been asked to present my project locally at my trust/health board. Can I still submit it to this competition?

Yes, provided prizes were not awarded at the local event.

Can I change the title of my abstract after submission?

You can only change the title of your abstract up until the close of applications, so we advise that you carefully consider the abstract title.

The title on your application will be listed on your certificate.

What happens if I am unwell on the day or unable to attend? Who else can present on my behalf? Will I still get a certificate listing me as the lead author?

If you are unwell on the day one of your co-authors can present on your behalf. You will still be listed as the lead-author on the certificate and if your poster is the winner, or is awarded highly commended, you will be the recipient of the free virtual place at Medicine 2024, not your co-author.

You will also be listed as the lead author in the RCP regional poster competition digest 2023.

What will the judges be scoring on?

During shortlisting, anonymised abstracts will be scored out of five against the following criteria:

- Impact
- Quality of evidence
- Originality of research
- Relevance to clinical practice

During the virtual competition, judges will be scoring against poster design, quality of presentation and your responses during the Q&A session.

Do you have any top tips for creating a good abstract/poster?

Check out this video by Dr Clifford Lisk, consultant physician in acute and geriatric medicine, Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust on '[Preparing a poster presentation](#)'.

This presentation formed part of our recent [RCP medicine careers showcase](#). The full programme is available on demand until 5 May 2023.

What are the abstract requirements?

The lead author must be the one to submit this application and all communication regarding the abstract submission will be with the listed lead author. Co-author information is requested but must be limited to those who worked closely on the project and/or poster submission.

Before submitting this form, please note your abstract must meet the following requirements to be accepted:

- Maximum of to 250 words, excluding references
- Include up to two tables or graphs.
- You must crop the title out of the table/graph and include below in the body of the text. Ensure images are high resolution and any labels are readable
- To ensure anonymity for the review process, please do not list author names in the title or body text of the abstract submission - this will cause immediate rejection of the abstract
- Both hospital site and trust/health board name must be included for all abstract authors
- We do not publish studies or research carried out on animals
- The abstract must not have been published elsewhere, either as an abstract or as a full paper in a journal, website, or other competition outside of your Trust/Health Board. (This does not preclude presentation at another meeting within your Trust/Health Board, so long as the abstract has not been published. If the abstract is submitted to or presented at another competition before the date of the region/nation's event, this abstract must be withdrawn from the RCP competition. To withdraw your abstract please email UKRegions@rcp.ac.uk