



UKSPC 2015 Poster

Competition Guidelines

Kindly supported by Essex and Herts Air Ambulance Trust, and the JPP

Present your idea to a group of over 200 delegates including Student Paramedics, leading speakers and industry experts! We are looking for original posters, which may be a proposal for research or a quality improvement project; you might present an interesting case from clinical practice or an innovative idea for new technology.

Posters will be judged against the following criteria:

- Originality
- Relevance to practice
- Depth and breadth of Information
- Awareness of current literature
- Presentation

Best Poster

The author of the best poster will spend an all-expenses-paid* day with the **Essex and Herts Air Ambulance Team**; you'll take part in simulation training, see clinical governance in action and respond with the team to any missions that they are dispatched to. Subject to peer review, the winning case will also be **published in the Journal of Paramedic Practice****.

2nd place will receive a 12-month subscription to the Journal of Paramedic Practice, plus Littmann stethoscope (engraved with your name).

*Reasonable costs, up to £100 for travel and accommodation.

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3rd place will receive a Littmann stethoscope (engraved with your name).





Instructions

The word count will be no more than 1500 words, and please remember, we are only looking for you to present an idea – not a finished major project! If you have an idea, but are not sure if it's suitable just email posters@ukspc.co.uk and a member of the team will be able to advise you.

An abstract of no more than 100 words, and the finished poster must be submitted by **Monday 26th October 2015**, to allow time for printing. Abstracts, and authors will be listed in the conference programme. Alternatively you can bring your finished poster with you on the day however please could you inform our team by **Monday 26th October 2015** if you choose to do this to allow space for your poster to be reserved.

Posters will be submitted in the following format:

- Size A0
- Word, PowerPoint or PDF
- Any images should be high-resolution

Please see the next page for more detailed advice on submitting a poster for display at the conference, and some information regarding the structure and layout.



Research Proposal

Should include the following sections:

- Background
- Hypothesis
- Aim / Objectives
- Brief Work Plan / Protocol (inc inclusion/exclusion criteria)
- Implications for Knowledge / Practice
- References

Plan for Quality Improvement Project

Should include the following sections:

- Background / Brief Literature Review
- Aim and Objectives
- Method (think about QI tools available)

Link to useful tools

- Practical Issues and Ethical Considerations
- Implications for Knowledge / Practice
- References and Resources

Case Study

Should include the following sections:

- Title and Summary (max 150 words)
- Background – why did you write it up?
- Case presentation (inc Investigations / DDx / Treatment)
- Outcome (and any follow up)
- Discussion (with reference to the literature)
- Learning Points / Implications for Knowledge / Practice
- References



Mark scheme to be used by the assessors

	Excellent (5)	Good (4)	Average (3)	Poor (2)	Very Poor (1)	Total s
Relevance to practice	Strong relevance to current practice. Excellent presentation of implications to practice and knowledge base.	Good relevance to current practice. Good appreciation/ presentation of implications to practice and knowledge base.	Satisfactory relevance to current practice. Satisfactory appreciation/ presentation of implications to practice and knowledge base.	Poor relevance to current practice. Limited appreciation/ presentation of implications to knowledge base and current practice.	No relevance to current practice. No appreciation/ presentation of implication to current practice.	
Demonstration of Knowledge	Excellent level of knowledge and understanding demonstrated. Covers all relevant points and issues of chosen topic.	Good level of knowledge and understanding demonstrated. Covers most relevant points and issues of topic chosen.	Satisfactory content / level of knowledge of the topic. Addresses part of the topic. Some errors / omissions.	Limited content / knowledge. Limited or muddled understanding of the chosen topic.	Lacking in knowledge. Content irrelevant / inaccurate. Does not address the chosen topic.	
Depth and Breadth of literature. Awareness of current literature	Excellent breadth & depth. Excellent integration of literature into poster.	Good use of literature. Depth appropriate to topic but moderate breadth or vice versa. Literature integrated into the poster.	Satisfactory use of literature but limited in breadth or depth. Uncritical and quoted without comment.	Limited in breadth and depth. Literature quoted without comment.	Lacks breadth & depth. Some literature irrelevant to topic area.	



Presentation of references	A recognised referencing system used with minor inaccuracies and/or inconsistencies.	A recognised referencing system used but occasional inaccuracies and/or inconsistencies noted.	An attempt to use a recognised referencing system but some inaccuracies and/or inconsistencies noted.	An attempt to use a recognised referencing system but several inaccuracies and/or inconsistencies noted.	An attempt to use a recognised referencing system but error strewn and inconsistently applied.	
Overall Presentation	Excellent structure. Fluent writing style and presentation of information with minor errors. Layout is logical and easy to follow.	Good structure. Writing is mainly clear but some spelling and/or grammatical errors.	Satisfactory structure. Not always written/presented clearly and has grammatical and / or spelling errors.	Limited or poor structure. Has many spelling and / or grammatical errors, difficult to understand.	Lacking in structure. Poorly written and/or poor spelling and grammar.	
					Total score (out of 25)	

Overall ranking:

(In the event of a tie between two or more posters within the top 3 positions, a final ranking will be decided by the assessor in conjunction with the committee on the day of the conference. This decision will be final and cannot be contested by any competitor.)

Terms and Conditions

1. One poster entry per person, individual entries only.
2. Only 15 posters will be accepted, on a first come first served basis.
3. The observer shift with HEMS will be subject to EHAAT terms and conditions. Essex and Herts Air Ambulance Trust take full responsibility for the participant whilst engaged in activities with the trust. Liability insurance will be provided by EHAAT.
4. UKSPC will cover reasonable travel and accommodation expenses for the 'Best Author', up to a maximum value of £100.00.
5. UKSPC are not liable for the participant whilst travelling to and from this placement, or whilst in any accommodation provided by UKSPC.



6. Marking sheets and feedback will be available to all those who enter the competition.
7. Stethoscope prizes will be posted to winners, once engraving has been carried out.
8. UKSPC will help the 'Best Author' coordinate with the JPP regarding publication of their poster.
9. Contact details will be provided to the person in receipt of the 12-month Journal Subscription at the end of the event (and by email).
10. Posters will be printed and displayed by UKSPC. Authors will be required to spend time with their poster, in order to answer any question from delegates and judging panel. It is appropriate to place your mobile number on the poster, so that you can be contacted – and still enjoy the event yourself.
11. Posters will be given to authors at the end of the conference, and all rights to the content will remain that of the original author. We would encourage authors to display their work at their home university / ambulance station / place of work for the benefit of others.
12. It would be wholly appropriate for authors to go on and carry out their project, and advice is available should this be your intention.