



# 2014 Poster Competition

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

Present your idea to a group of 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 breath 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 (EHAAT)**; 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\*\***.

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

**3<sup>rd</sup>** place will receive a Littmann stethoscope (engraved with your name).

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

\*\*Subject to peer review.



## 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](mailto: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 **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October**, to allow time for printing. Abstracts, and authors will be listed in the conference programme.

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

**No patient identifiable data is to be included in any poster**



### **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 will be subject to EHAAT terms and conditions. And will be discussed with the individual after the event. EHAAT have responsibility for the participant whilst engaged in activities with the trust.
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 the 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 there 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 there project, and advice is available should this be your intention.