



Registered charity 212808

**The Royal College of Surgeons of England
Poster competition
GUIDANCE and REGULATIONS**

1. Eligibility

- 1.1 The competition is open to all professional groups; trainee and consultant surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses, ODPs, AHP's, QI staff and other interested hospital clinicians and staff
- 1.2 Abstracts are invited on the theme of the '**Safety in emergency surgical practice**'.

2. Abstract Submission

- 2.1. Candidates must nominate themselves for entry by submitting a 250 word abstract on the specified topic to the judging panel within the prescribed deadline (4pm Friday 4 August 2017).
- 2.2. Abstracts will then be shortlisted and successful candidates contacted by Friday 18 August to be invited to present a poster based on their abstract at the meeting on Friday 29 September 2017
- 2.3. Submissions must be made to the following email address: rcsevents@rcseng.ac.uk
 - 2.3.1. The deadline for submission is 4pm on the published closing date, submissions made after 4pm will not be accepted
 - 2.3.2. If your submission is rejected for any reason prior to the deadline you may re-submit an amended entry; this must arrive before the 4pm deadline.

3. Posters

- 3.1. Successful candidates will be invited to present Posters at the meeting on the 29 September.
- 3.2. Candidates must attend the event in order to be considered for the prize. Non-attendance will be considered as a withdrawal from the event.
- 3.3. Posters will be marked against the published criteria and the poster with the highest average mark will be awarded the prize.
- 3.4. Posters should be presented in portrait orientation and not exceed A1 in size

4. Judges and judging criteria

- 4.1. Abstracts will be judged by Andrew Miles, RCS Regional Director (South Central) and James Kirkby-Bott, Consultant General Surgeon at UHS and will be made anonymous prior to judging. Judges will be looking for both clinical and general knowledge of surgical safety as well as relevance to the stated poster topic at both stages of the competition.
- 4.2. At all stages candidates should ensure that they consider the principles of equality and diversity in both their writing and presentation.
- 4.3. At the short-listing stage the judges will be looking for abstracts that demonstrate the following attributes:
 - Evidence of a thorough understanding of the subject area
 - A clear, concise and well-presented answer to the theme posed by the abstract topic
- 4.4. Judges are looking for posters that demonstrate the following attributes:
 - A thorough understanding of the subject area
 - A clear, concise and well-presented poster, relevant to the competition topic

4.4.1. Specifically, judges will mark abstracts against the following criteria:

- Clarity of explanation
- Content / understanding
- Originality
- Presentation

4.5. It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that the submission has been received by the Events team. The team will email to confirm receipt of applications within two working days of the submission.

5. The Prize

5.1. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be acknowledged. The winners will be announced by and presented with a prize and certificates on Friday 29 September 2017. Details of the winners will also be published on the RCS event webpage.