

Physiotherapy UK 2021 Abstract Submissions

FAQ's – Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How should I decide on a presentation method?

A. The different presentation formats available include the following:

- **Platform**

A platform presentation of 15 minutes, including a question and answer session.

- **Rapid 5**

A short platform presentation of five slides, covering key points.

- **Poster**

Posters are reports summarising information using brief written statements and graphic materials (e.g. graphs, charts, figures and photographs).

Think about what method would work best for the type and amount of information you are presenting. Also think about your likely audience and the best way of engaging with them.

Q. Where do I add ethical approval information? Is it in the main body of the abstract?

A. There is a separate section for ethical approval on the first page of the submission system (under the heading of 1. Abstract Body – Ethical Approval).

Top tip: make sure you answer this question fully; if ethical approval was not required please provide a clear rationale for this decision and explain how you checked this. If you used one of the decision tools above state this within your answer.

Q. Where does the biography go?

A. There is a separate section for this on the author page, example below.

The screenshot shows a web interface for author submissions. At the top, there are navigation links: 'My submissions', 'My account', and 'Logout'. Below this is a dark blue header with four steps: '1. Abstract body', '2. Authors', '3. Affirmation', and '4. Submit'. The main content area is titled 'Presenter data' and includes a 'Copy from login' button. The 'Personal data' section contains the following fields: 'Form of address*' (a dropdown menu), 'First name(s)*', 'Last name(s)*', 'Contact details' (a sub-section header), 'E-mail*', 'Alternative E-mail', 'Phone*' (with a 'Please fill out this field.' tooltip), 'Mobile phone', and 'Short biography*' (with a note: 'This should outline academic qualifications, positions/appointments, most recent publication and presentation track record (last five years), research information (interests, grants), and professional practice background.(max. 150 words)').

Conference themes

Q. Do abstracts need to relate to everything in the theme description? Is it ok to focus on one element only?

A. You are welcome to submit an abstract that focuses on an element within the theme description.

Q. Are you looking for work that only impacts on physiotherapy?

A. Anyone with an interest in physiotherapy or rehabilitation is welcome at Physiotherapy UK. We are looking to showcase work that will have an impact on physiotherapy.

Eligibility

Q. I have already presented my work at a regional event. Can I submit it to Physiotherapy UK?

A. You will need to judge whether the work is likely to have reached the UK Physiotherapy audience through the event you mentioned.

Here is the section on this from the abstract submission guidelines on page 11:

Publication:

Please state whether this material be published/presented at a national or international event prior to Physiotherapy UK 2021

Abstracts for previously published or presented work will be considered only if they are unlikely to have reached the UK physiotherapy audience and if the authors take responsibility for providing any copyright clearance needed for inclusion in the event proceedings or other Physiotherapy UK 2021 publications.

You can find the guidelines here:

<https://www.physiotherapyuk.org.uk/conference/abstracts/>

Q. I am planning to submit my work to other conferences this year. Can I still submit to Physiotherapy UK?

A. Yes. However, all conferences will be expecting new material to be presented. You might want to consider focusing on a different aspect of your work for each submission.

Q. I am planning to submit my work to a journal for publication after Physiotherapy UK can I still submit it?

A. Yes, definitely. Journals will have their own submission criteria so you will need to check these carefully. They are likely to be looking for work that has not been published elsewhere so you will need to consider if you have updates or new results to share. You could use the feedback that you get from presenting at Physiotherapy UK to further develop your paper.

The Council for AHP Research top tips on getting your paper published may help:

<http://cahpr.csp.org.uk/cahpr-top-ten-tips>

Q. I am a student can I submit an abstract?

A. Yes. If this is your first abstract, you may want to ask for help where you are studying. Your local CAHPR hub may also be able to offer support: <https://cahpr.csp.org.uk/content/regional-hubs-and-contacts>.

Also there are lots of resources to help you here:

<https://www.physiotherapyuk.org.uk/conference/abstracts/>

Q. Do I need to have presented before to submit an abstract?

A. No, first time submissions are very welcome. Physiotherapy UK is a great place to share your work. There are lots of resources to help you write your abstract here: <https://www.physiotherapyuk.org.uk/conference/abstracts/>

Feedback

Q. Do you provide feedback for unsuccessful submissions?

A. We do not have capacity to give individual feedback, however we do provide a summary of the common reasons why abstracts have not been accepted.