

Physiotherapy UK 2020

Abstract submission: Frequently asked questions

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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 final page of the submission system.

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.

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 in 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 submission guidelines:

16. Each abstract submission must indicate if the material has been or will be published or presented at another national or international meeting prior to Physiotherapy UK. 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 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.