**Foundation Trainees Surgical Societies National Conference 2025 –**

**Abstract Submission Guidelines**

***Please read the following guidelines carefully before submitting your abstract. Only abstracts which adhere to the guidelines below will be considered.***

We invite submissions from medical students, foundation doctors, core trainees or registrars for surgery-based original research, reviews, audits & quality improvement projects under one of the below topics. Abstracts will be reviewed by an abstract selection committee, and those accepted will be offered either an oral or poster presentation.

Deadline for Abstract Submission: **Midnight, Friday 30th May 2025.**

**Abstract Topics**

Please choose between the following abstract topics:

1. Improving patient outcome / patient safety

2. Medical education

3. Surgical innovation

**Title**

* Title should be on a single line (no paragraphs) Length is 50-270 characters (including spaces)
* Do not use all capital letters
* Do not use any abbreviation in the title
* Do not put a period at the end of the title
* Title should not have each word capitalised

**Authors**

* Mandatory fields: Complete first name (not only the initials), Last name
* E-mail and country
* Indicate corresponding and presenting authors (if different from submitter)
* When copy/pasting names, make sure there is no space after the name

**Affiliations**

* Department (optional), institution/company, city, country
* Do not use all capital letters and do not capitalise the first letter of each word

**Keywords** - Please list 3-5 keywords for your research topic

**Abstract Body**

Background/Aims:

Methods:

Results:

Conclusion:

**IMPORTANT**

* Figures, tables or images are NOT allowed in the abstract.
* Word count: 300 Max for Abstract Body (i.e excluding Topic, Title, Authors, Affiliations, and Keywords)
* The corresponding author must be in the author list of the abstract

**Main Formatting Rules**

* Text formatting (Font type: Arial, Font size: 12)
* Define all abbreviations at first use
* Decimal point should be a period (2.5)
* Put spaces between signs and number (2.5 = a)
* Significance value should be small ‘p’, not bolded nor italic (p > 2.5)
* Avoid using symbols (use “alpha”, not α). Never use the “symbol” font

**Notification of Outcome**

An abstract selection committee will review submissions. Successful candidates will be notified via email whether they are invited for an oral or poster presentation, or if they have been unsuccessful. For all presentations (oral/ poster), you must be registered for the conference.

**Poster presentations**

Abstracts selected for poster presentation will be required to design a poster to be presented in person at the conference. The details for the poster will be released to relevant candidates after the selection process.

**Oral presentation**

Abstracts selected for oral presentation will be required to present their work to conference attendees and a judging panel with allocated time for demonstration and questions. The details for oral presentation will be released to relevant candidates after the selection process.