

Theme

You are invited to submit a poster for presentation at Winter Symposium 2025, on **20 – 21 November**. Winning entries will be selected to showcase their work to the audience in a quick-fire 5-minute session. This year's theme is "**QI Projects on Intra and interhospital transfer of sick patients**".

Submissions should focus on:

- Projects designed to improve patient-centred care
- QI initiatives informed by patient feedback or experience
- Demonstrable, verified results and outcome data supporting the project's impact

Whether your project has enhanced communication, safety, satisfaction, or clinical outcomes, we want to see how your work has made a real difference to patients. This is your opportunity to showcase Quality Improvement (QI) projects that place the patient experience and outcomes at the heart of care.

If you have worked on a project which falls into this category, please submit a poster for a chance to showcase your work and to win a **£100 Gift voucher**.

Eligibility

The competition is open to foundation medical students, trainees, non-trainees, SAS Doctors and consultant anaesthetists.

Prize

1st prize: £100 Gift voucher

Three winning entries will be chosen to give a 10-minute quick-fire presentation on their poster to an audience of over 250 attending both online and in-person. The top entry will be announced at the end of this quick-fire session. The top 3 entries will have free entry to the conference on the day of the presentation.

How to enter

- Submit a digital copy of your poster as an attachment to events@rcoa.ac.uk along with a signed copy of the form below.
- Please follow the poster preparation guidelines on page 2; failure to follow the guidelines could result in disqualification from the competition.

What happens next?

- The closing date for entries will be **23.59 Monday 20 October 2025**. A panel of RCoA judges will assess all submissions shortly after the closing date. Authors will be notified **as soon as possible** if they have been invited to display their poster at Winter Symposium 2025.
- All accepted posters will be invited to showcase their poster on the virtual platform.
- The three selected winners will be given a slot to present their poster during the live programme.
- Authors selected to present their poster will need to book a place at the event in order to display their poster. Please visit <https://www.rcoa.ac.uk/events/winter-symposium-2025> to book your place (this can be for day one only).

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN WITH YOUR POSTER

I _____ (print full name)
certify that the research submitted has not been previously presented at a major meeting or published.
I confirm that all the authors listed support the submission of this poster to the RCoA.

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Note: signatures/electronic signatures are preferred; however typed names in the signature field will be accepted as certification of this statement.

Poster Preparation Guidelines

Key information

- Please note that only one author will be invited to present, though it is understood that other individuals may have contributed towards the poster content.
- Previously published work or work that has already been presented at a national meeting will not be considered for presentation. Work that has been presented at hospital, school, or regional meetings will be considered.
- Candidates will be required to pay to attend **Winter Symposium** to present their work.

Poster format:

- digital PowerPoint
- landscape (horizontal) orientation
- 16:9 aspect ratio
- there is no word limit, but posters should contain between one and five images, tables or graphs.
- we suggest using a presentation format (e.g., PowerPoint or Keynote) or an infographic maker.

Posters must include:

- references; listed and cited as specified by the British Journal of Anaesthesia
- a caption if a figure or picture or table is used.
- acknowledgement of sources of funding
- the following statement (if applicable and true): "This study received ethics committee approval or was conducted under the Animal (Scientific Procedures) Act (1986) (include licence numbers) or equivalent".
- a content structure that progresses through title, authors, institution(s), introduction, methods, results, conclusion, acknowledgements and references.

Other information:

- the presenting author will receive a certificate of presentation for producing and presenting a poster and may be entitled to claim CPD credits internally. You are advised to liaise with your appraiser. For enquiries regarding RCoA CPD accreditation please contact the CPD Coordinator at CPD@rcoa.ac.uk.

Judging criteria:

Poster will be judged on the following:

- Overall content (work must show verified results and outcomes with data to support the project)
- Relevance
- Impact of study
- Original, innovative work
- Clarity of Presentation
- Visual Appeal/Design