

Clinical Radiology Audit ePoster Competition 2026

Clinical Radiology Quality Improvement ePoster Competition 2026

Competition Rules and Submission Guidance

Introduction

The Clinical Radiology Audit ePoster Competition 2026 (CR Audit) and the Clinical Radiology Quality Improvement ePoster Competition 2026 (CR QI) will be held at a special in-person event, [Measuring What Matters: Audit and QSI in Practice](#) on **Wednesday 30 September 2026**.

CR Audit submissions should describe the audit process: please see Appendix 1 for guidance on writing audit abstracts. Audit abstracts and posters must include the title; background to the audit, audit standards, indicators and targets; methodology; results of 1st audit round, 1st action plan; results of 2nd audit round*, 2nd action plan*; conclusions; references. [*Results of second audit round and second action plan should be included whenever possible: an abstract is much more likely to be accepted with a second round.]

CR QI submissions should describe the QI process: please see Appendix 2 for guidance on writing QI abstracts. QI abstracts and posters must include the title; background; methods; intervention; results; conclusions; references. QI abstracts may include an image (e.g. a chart or table).

We no longer require the first or second named author of a poster to be a member or Fellow of the RCR. Radiographers, physicists and others are encouraged to participate.

Please note that Continuing Professional Development (CPD) credits (three for the lead author, one for each co-author) are awarded for authorship of posters displayed during the webinar.

Submission

1. All abstracts must be submitted through [SciGen](#).
2. Audit abstracts which describe a QI project, and QI abstracts which describe an audit, will be rejected. Authors are strongly advised to read the relevant guidance (Appendices 1 and 2) and ensure they are submitting with the correct form.
3. All correspondence relating to abstracts will be undertaken by email with the first named author. Please ensure that any changes to correspondence email addresses or author details are made via [SciGen](#).
4. The deadline for submission of abstracts is **12 noon on Wednesday 29 July 2026**. Abstracts received after this time will not be accepted for judging. Entrants will be advised no later than **Wednesday 12 August 2026** whether their abstracts have been accepted for display during the webinar.

Content

5. Abstracts are limited to 500 words (from 'background [to the audit]' to 'conclusions' inclusive). Word limits will be enforced electronically when submitting. Authors will see a word count in the top right corner of the 'Abstract Submission' screen. All fields marked with * must be completed.
6. The Trust/Health Board/Organisation named on the poster must be the one named on the submitted abstract, and, ideally, should be where the audit was undertaken. The title on the poster should be the same as the title on the submitted abstract.

7. By submitting an abstract, the authors confirm that the abstract is their own original work, is not defamatory or unlawful and does not infringe anyone else's rights. Submission of material which has previously been submitted and/or presented elsewhere is welcomed providing copyright is not infringed.
8. Amendments or additions to abstracts or authors can be made through [SciGen](#) up to the submission deadline.
9. Please note that no changes will be accepted after the **Wednesday 29 July 2026** submission deadline. Please ensure that all information is correct, and all authors are listed when submitting.
10. All submissions are subject to proofreading and editing.
11. Lead authors must assign copyright on the poster to the RCR. You will be asked to give consent during the submission process. The first named author must ensure that he/she has the approval and a copyright assignment from any other authors and contributors involved in the work in order to ensure that the copyright is capable of being assigned to the RCR.
12. All accepted abstracts will be published by Elsevier in a *Clinical Radiology* supplement. If you do not wish for your abstract to be published, please indicate this in the submission form when submitting your abstract. If you indicate that you do wish for your abstract to be published, it will be passed to Elsevier and automatically included for publication.

Registration at the Audit & Quality Improvement Webinar

13. In order for a poster to be eligible for the competition, one of the named authors must be a registered delegate for the **in-person event**, [Measuring What Matters: Audit and QSI in Practice](#) on **Wednesday 30 September 2026**; failure to register will result in the poster being withdrawn from the competition.
14. Expenses or speakers' fee will not be paid or reimbursed to any author accepted for ePoster display.

ePosters

15. Winning ePosters will be published on a website.
16. The RCR logo or crest must not be displayed on or included on the poster image. Any poster containing the RCR logo will not be displayed or published.
17. A PDF of the accepted ePoster must be submitted to SciGen by **Wednesday 16 September 2026**. Failure to provide a PDF will result in the abstract being withdrawn from the competition.

Decisions

18. Abstracts will be assessed by judges appointed from members of the RCR Clinical Radiology Audit and Quality Improvement Committee (CRAQIC).
19. Posters will be assessed by judges appointed from among members of CRAQIC. The judges will assess the posters in advance of the webinar.
20. To avoid any conflict of interest, judges will not score abstracts or posters submitted by themselves or by colleagues employed by the same organisation.
21. The decision of the judges is final.

Prizes

22. Winners will be announced at the **in-person event**, [Measuring What Matters: Audit and QSI in Practice](#) on **Wednesday 30 September 2026**.
23. The winner of the Audit ePoster Competition will receive a prize of £280. The second prize winner will receive a prize of £140. Payments will be sent to the lead author.
24. Certificates will be issued after the webinar.

Appendix 1: Guidance for Writing Audit Abstracts

- Abstracts must describe an audit, not a QI project, survey or research.
 - There is a limit of 500 words for the text of your submission, from 'background to the audit' to 'conclusions' inclusive.
 - Audit poster abstracts should describe the audit process: please see Appendix 1 for guidance on writing audit abstracts. Audit abstracts and posters must include the title; background to the audit, audit standards, indicators and targets; methodology; results of 1st audit round, 1st action plan; results of 2nd audit round*, 2nd action plan*; conclusions; references. [*Results of second audit round and second action plan should be included whenever possible: an abstract is much more likely to be accepted with a second round.]
 - Remember that this audit is being presented to a wide audience. You must therefore assume that they may know very little about the area which you are auditing, particularly if it relates to a site speciality field. With this in mind, ensure that the standard that is being audited is detailed including target information. Do not just state, for example, NICE guideline.
 - Abstracts are more likely to be accepted if they are original. Some topics have been presented on multiple occasions and although worthwhile carrying out at local level are less likely to be accepted for the poster competition. Accepted abstracts and winning posters from previous years' competitions are available to view [here](#).
 - Audits in which the audit cycle has been completed and results of at least one if not two re-audits are available are more likely to be accepted.
 - Remember an audit is a piece of work in which local performance is assessed against a standard. This standard may be locally or nationally produced: if there is no standard against which performance is being assessed, it is *not* an audit.
 - The content of the abstract, and indeed the subsequent poster if the abstract is accepted, should stick to the standard being assessed. Do not get sidelined into detailing other investigations or observations made whilst carrying out the audit.
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Appendix 2: Guidance for Writing Quality Improvement (QI) Abstracts

- There is a limit of 500 words for the text of your submission, from 'background' to 'conclusions' inclusive.
- QI abstracts and posters must include the title; background; methods; intervention; results; conclusions; references. Abstracts may include an image (e.g. a chart or table).
- Remember that this QI project is being presented to a wide audience. You must therefore assume that they may know very little about the area of your project, particularly if it relates to a sub-speciality field.
- Abstracts are more likely to be accepted if they are original. Some topics have been presented on multiple occasions and although worthwhile carrying out at local level are less likely to be accepted for the poster competition. Accepted abstracts and winning posters from previous years' competitions are available to view [here](#).

What we mean by a QI project

- The project must not be an audit or research. Abstract submissions which describe an audit or research will be rejected.
- The project should describe and evaluate an intervention that aims to improve a process or system of healthcare and should show measurement and improvement.

- The intervention must have been implemented as part of a QI project: the abstract should not describe retrospective data collection to assess the impact of a change that would have occurred had the project not taken place.
 - The project outcomes should be sustainable, and the abstract should outline the extent to which sustainability has been assessed.
 - If the intervention is education, the evaluation should examine changes in knowledge and behaviour or changes in the organisation.
 - The abstract should describe the background, methods and intervention of the QI project and should inform on the results found and conclusions made.
 - Detailed guidance on writing QI abstracts can be found on the [SQUIRE website](#).
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