



The Royal College of Radiologists

# REAL Conference 2026

## Abstract Rules

We invite **resident doctors** from the UK and internationally to submit abstracts for poster presentations and gain valuable recognition as part of the 7<sup>th</sup> National Radiology Events and Learning Conference.

Given the nature of the topic, resident doctors are welcome to submit the abstract with a consultant colleague/s or local REAL leads as a co- author/s but only the lead resident doctor or co-authors at resident doctor level can present on the day.

### Abstract categories

We are looking for a range of abstract submissions from across the UK and globally, for projects under the following themes:

1. REAL: Learning from cases and themes
2. Good spots and insights
3. Safety and quality improvement
4. Resident-led radiology events and learning in practice
5. Special focus category - Embracing fallibility

**Abstract submission deadline: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2026 – 11:59pm BST.**

**Notification on acceptance/rejection:** August 2026. Please note that only electronic submissions through the abstract submission website are accepted.

### Submissions

- Submissions are open globally for members and non-members to participate.
- Abstracts will be entered for a poster display.
- Abstracts must be submitted by Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2026 – 11:59pm BST.
- Abstracts received after this time will not be accepted for judging.
- Abstracts must be submitted in English.
- Withdrawal of abstracts can only be accepted if notified in writing. It is possible to withdraw an abstract 14 days after notification on acceptance.
- If selected, it is the responsibility of the presenter to bear travel and accommodation expenses.
- All correspondence relating to scientific abstracts will be undertaken by email with the lead/first named author.
- Entrants will be advised no later than the 31<sup>st</sup> August whether their abstracts have been accepted.

### Presenting author and registration

- At least one of the named authors must be registered to attend conference in person. Registrations must be received by Monday 14 September 2026.
- The person presenting must be a resident doctor.
- Please ensure that your email address (submitter and presenting author) is correct at the time of submission as it will be used for contacting you after the review process.
- Abstract submitter and presenters are required to disclose any conflict of interest.
- Please ensure that all co-authors approve the abstract submission, publication, and potential presentation.
- Abstract submitters must consent to the terms and conditions.
- Failure to register by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2026 will result in your abstract being withdrawn.

### Contents of your abstract

- Abstracts should come under the 5 key themes.
- Abstracts are limited to 375 words from the 'Purpose' to the 'Conclusion' fields inclusive. Please do not include the title and the author's information in the text body (names and affiliations), this information will only be required in the web form.
- The title should be as brief as possible but long enough to clearly indicate the nature of the study.
- A maximum of three abstracts per author may be submitted and limited to resident doctors only.
- The submitting author and/or co-authors are expected to stand by the poster during breaks, lunch and networking drinks, if applicable, so you are available to explain your work and answer any questions from fellow delegates.
- Please provide details of the abstract in the online form (max 375 words).
- All abbreviations must be defined in first use.
- No identifying features such as names of authors, hospitals, medical schools, clinics, or cities may be listed in the title or abstract text, as a "blind" review process will be used.
- Statements such as "results will be discussed" or "data will be presented" cannot be accepted.
- 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.
- No amendments or additions to abstracts or authors can be made once your abstract has been submitted. Please ensure that all information is correct, and all authors are listed when submitting.

### Copyright

- On submission of the abstract, the first named author must ensure that they have the approval and a copyright assignment from any other authors and contributors involved in the work to ensure that the copyright can be assigned to the RCR.
- All abstracts accepted will be published by Elsevier open access journal post conference. 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.
- All accepted digital poster version of abstracts will be published on the SciGen (abstract management system supplier) website.

- All abstract authors must assign copyright for the abstract to the RCR before publication or display can take place. Please indicate that you are happy to assign copyright to the RCR in the terms and conditions section of the abstract submission form.

## Posters

- The poster layout (physical and pdf version) must be portrait orientation: 841mm in width by 1189mm in height.
- All digital posters (a PDF version) will be displayed on the SciGen website.
- 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.
- A PDF of the accepted poster must be submitted to the SciGen poster submission website by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2026, instructions and a link to do this will be sent to you following a successful abstract notification.
- Failure to provide a PDF file will result in the abstract not being displayed and therefore withdrawn from the competition.
- Please note that if invited to submit a poster, your name and email address will be shared with our external provider SciGen.
- To display your poster in-person at the conference the named author or co-author must be registered to attend conference in person. Registrations must be received by Monday 14 September 2026.

## Competition outcomes

- Judges appointed by the REAL Conference leads will assess and judge scientific abstracts.
- To avoid any conflict of interest, a “blind” review process will be used.
- The decision of the judges is final.
- The top 6 abstracts will be invited to deliver a 10-minute oral presentation of their abstract during the event programme
- Posters will be eligible for the People’s Choice award and will be voted for by in-person attendees.
- The winning oral presentation will be selected by the judges, and the winner of the People’s Choice poster award will be announced on Day 2 of the conference.
- This will be followed by updates on the RCR website and RCR social media channels the following day.

## Prizes

- We will be awarding cash prizes to the winning oral presentation and the People’s Choice poster award on Day 2 of the conference.