

'Excellence in Adversity: Abortion Care in the Coronavirus Pandemic'

Call for Abstracts for Free Communications - BSACP/RSM Conference on 12 October 2020

The British Society of Abortion Care Providers (BSACP) and the RSM's Sexuality & Sexual Health Section are jointly organising a virtual online conference. View the conference programme and register at:

<https://www.rsm.ac.uk/events/sexuality-and-sexual-health/2020-21/sep50/>

BSACP encourages conference participants to consider submitting an abstract, from which a selection will be chosen to give 10-minute oral presentations (in either the morning or afternoon session), with a prize awarded for the best presentation in each session.

All submissions on topics related to abortion care will be considered. The Conference Committee encourages submissions related to real-life, quality improvement initiatives (clinical research, service development or audit that aim to improve care in the following areas: patient experience and outcomes, staff wellbeing, patient engagement in service design). Projects should have been carried out in the last three years.

****This is an excellent opportunity for professionals working in abortion care provision to showcase their work and achievements (especially during the pandemic) to colleagues working within the discipline.****

Application guidelines

Abstracts should not exceed 300 words (excluding the title, author details, headings).

They should be structured as follows:

- Abstract title
- Authors' names and work affiliations
- Headings: Introduction and/or Objectives, Methods, Results, Conclusion(s)
- References (if any).

All submissions will be considered for oral presentation unless otherwise instructed by the authors.

Abstracts will be scored by a panel of judges. The decision of the judges on the acceptance of submissions is final. The panel of judges will include representatives from the BSACP and the RSM Sexuality & Sexual Health Council.

All abstracts will be acknowledged by an automatic e-mail.

Authors will be informed whether their abstract has been accepted by e-mail by **Tuesday 29 September**, and those accepted will be provided with instructions for preparing to showcase their work at the virtual online conference.

Those selected to give an oral presentation in one of the two Free Communications sessions will be advised regarding the format and duration (likely to be 10 minutes) of their presentation, and whether it is being scheduled for the morning or afternoon Free Communications session.

Those authors not selected to give an oral presentation may be invited to showcase their work via a virtual Dropbox facility that can be viewed by webinar participants both during and after the event. They will be given instructions as to the required format of their work (e.g. the original abstract, an expanded poster or set of slides) on or shortly after 29 September.

All author details are required.

Titles and author name(s) for all contributing authors named will appear in the conference programme.

NB. At least one author must register to attend the conference per abstract submitted.

Submission of an abstract serves as confirmation of a presenter's availability to attend. Please note that failure to register may result in a presentation being withdrawn from the conference.

The presenting author should be available during the relevant Free Communications session (morning or afternoon) so that judges and conference participants can ask them questions about their work.

Any queries regarding abstract submission should be directed to the BSACP Administrator at admin@bsacp.org.uk

*****The deadline for online submission of abstracts via Shocklogic link on the RSM website at**

<https://www.rsm.ac.uk/events/sexuality-and-sexual-health/2020-21/sep50/> **is 11.59pm on**

Thursday 24 September 2020.***