

Call for abstracts

We invite the submission of abstracts of Infection Control papers to be considered for oral and poster presentations at the 2012 *Don't Panic!* meeting.

A bursary prize will be awarded to the lead author/presenter of the best free paper or poster. This will cover full registration (early bird rate) for the three-day Healthcare Infection Society conference in Liverpool in November 2012 plus £200 towards travel and accommodation.

Submissions are invited under the following categories

- original research
- audit
- clinical lessons – clinical lessons should consist of a short clinical or infection control anecdote, preferably with a good visual component, in which an important infection control principle is conveyed
- outbreaks

Oral presentations will be given during a session starting at 2pm on Monday 18 June or Tuesday 19 June 2012.

To contribute a paper to the meeting, submit your abstract as a Word attachment to jan.waddingham@sth.nhs.uk.

Please read the instructions for abstract submission overleaf.

The submission deadline is 30 March 2012.

Instructions for abstract submission

Please take time to read these instructions. The lack of necessary information with your abstract could slow down its review.

Your abstract should give clear objectives for the work, methods used and results, with a succinct conclusion. It should contain sufficient detail so that, when published in the abstract book, it reads as a complete report independent of the meeting.

Abstracts should contain

- a title – please adhere to the following format:

ETHYLENE OXIDE FUMIGATION AS AN INFECTION CONTROL INTERVENTION. S. Smith¹ and F. Bloggs². Departments of Infection Control¹ and Sterile Services², St Elsewhere's Teaching Hospital, Bigtown, UK.

One empty line should be left beneath the authors' addresses. The name of the presenting author should be underlined.

- an initial statement of specific objectives of the study, unless this is given in the title
- a brief statement of methods
- a summary of results obtained
- specific conclusions

Use **Ariel font size 12**. Careful typing and proofreading are essential – spelling mistakes, incorrect hyphenation and deviation from good English usage will be glaringly apparent in the abstract book.

Your abstract should be no longer than **400 words** including the title, author information and references.

Define abbreviations at their first occurrence and avoid using them in the title. Please ensure that appropriate scientific nomenclature is used.

Send your full contact details and specify your presentation preference from

- poster presentation only
- oral or poster presentation

Where to send your abstract

Email your abstract to jan.waddingham@sth.nhs.uk

Faxed copies or photocopies will not be accepted. Abstracts should only be sent electronically.

The submission deadline is 30 March 2012.

Your abstract must be accompanied by a registration form and fee. The presenting author must register for the meeting. Those delegates who have already registered may submit an abstract at any time before the abstract submission deadline.

If you have difficulties in submitting your abstract or if you need any further information, please contact Jan Waddingham on 0114 271 3129.

Confirmation of abstract results

Following expert review, all authors will receive email notification of acceptance or rejection by 26 April 2012.

If an abstract cannot be presented at the meeting, the organisers must be notified in writing ahead of the conference.