

## General Rules & Quality Standards

### Case Study or Product Evaluation Poster Category

We are keen to ensure that your work is presented in the best possible light and in order to ensure that you have the greatest chance of success please take note of the following general rules and quality standards to maximise your chances of success. *N.B. Case Study or Product evaluations will not be accepted for oral presentation*

**The deadline for all submissions is SUNDAY 5 MARCH 2023.**

#### GENERAL RULES

1. Your abstract should be a Maximum of 350 words.
2. The presenting or lead author must register as an active participant for the full conference at the latest 14 days after acceptance of an abstract. Failure to do so may result in withdrawal of the abstract. Educational Grants are available for FREE attendance.
3. Submission can be based on any aspect of Tissue Viability including single case, multiple case studies or product evaluations. Submissions will be blinded and peer reviewed for their suitability.
4. Blinded peer review will include an appraisal of the educational value of the content.
5. Content Headings for Case Study or Product Evaluation abstracts are:
  - Background of clinical issue
  - Management approach
  - Outcomes
  - Conclusions
6. In this category posters containing brand names or company names in the abstract text (i.e. not in a reference at the end) will not be accepted.
7. Abstracts which have been supported by companies or authored by qualified company personnel will be considered for posters as long as:
  - The abstract meets the quality standards of the Society of Tissue Viability which are set in the section below.
  - The abstract is of genuine educational value for healthcare professionals and must not contain any promotional claims or branding.
8. The Society reserves the right to reject submissions or to request changes prior to their acceptance. In all such cases the reviewers' decision will be final.
9. While it is permissible to expand the content of an approved abstract in preparation of a poster, the structure should remain the same. Posters which break any of the rules or quality standards mentioned here will be taken down. Posters which contain product advertising rather than educational content will not be uploaded to the virtual poster platform.
10. If your abstract is accepted as a poster, the poster boards will be portrait orientation - 2m high by 1m wide.

## QUALITY STANDARDS FOR POSTERS

1. Single case histories – as a general rule, must focus on a case that is unusual, unique, complex or interesting in and of itself.
2. Outcome measurements – these should be objective and we recommend that you use accepted instruments and tools. Comments such as “the patient felt better/more comfortable” would not be acceptable without more objective results to support your conclusion.
3. Drawing conclusions – Be careful about over stating or drawing conclusions which do not necessarily follow from your data. In such cases it is better to be tentative and make the case for further study.
4. Content headings – make sure that headings are not just included but that you give a clear description relevant to each heading.