

General rules & quality standards for abstract submission

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. **The deadline for all submissions is 31 January 2025.**

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, but not limited to, Education projects, Clinical Management, Clinical Governance, Quality Improvement, Service Development project, research
4. Submissions will be blinded and peer reviewed for their suitability. Blinded peer review will include an appraisal of the following: educational value of the content; quality of methods used and interpretation of the outcomes.
5. Generic names must be used for all references to products. Papers containing brand names or company names in the abstract text (i.e. not in a reference at the end) will be rejected
6. 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
 - The abstract is of genuine educational value for healthcare professionals
7. Abstracts which have been supported by companies or authored by company personnel will not be considered for oral presentation
8. Oral presentations will be given during the Programme **30 April - 1 May 2025**. The exact day and time will be given to the successful presenter in due course

9. 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
10. 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.
11. 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. **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
2. **Assessment of new dressings or devices** – where possible there should be at least one comparator so the differences in performance can be assessed. Small cohort studies and product evaluations suggesting enhanced product performance without a comparison group will not be accepted for this category
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

Quality standards for oral presentations

1. All the above points apply, and in addition oral presentations should be on topics of substantial interest to our delegates. Accepted oral abstracts usually provide new perspectives on tissue viability presented in an innovative way and contain new information and ideas

If you apply for an oral presentation, but it does not meet the quality standards listed above, the reviewers might recommend your work for a poster presentation as an alternative.

Below are the recommended headings for your abstracts

Content headings for the education category abstracts are as follows:

- Background
- Educational approach
- Outcomes
- Conclusions

Content headings for the Care home/ Home Care category abstracts are as follows:

- Background
- Methods
- Outcomes
- Conclusions

Content Headings for the Research and Clinical Governance and Quality Improvement categories abstracts are as follows:

- Background
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusions

Content Headings for Clinical Management or Project category abstracts are as follows:

- Background of clinical issue
- Management approach
- Outcomes
- Conclusions