

UK Stroke Forum 2026: Abstract Submission Guide

Your Roadmap to Successful Abstract Submission

Welcome to the UK Stroke Forum 2026! We're excited to offer more presentation opportunities than ever before. This guide will help you craft a winning abstract that showcases your work in the best light.

New for 2026: More Ways to Present Your Work!

- Traditional Poster Presentations
- ePoster Displays
- Oral Presentations (Main Programme)
- Mini Oral Presentations (Dedicated Abstract Sessions)
- **NEW:** Mini Presentations (Abstract Zone in Exhibition Hall)

Key Deadlines – Mark Your Calendar!

Standard Abstracts

Deadline: Tuesday, **19 May 2026**, 11:59 PM BST

Late-Breaking Abstracts

-Only the **top 3** highest-scoring late-breaking studies will be accepted

-**Initial Submission:** Tuesday, **19 May 2026**, 11:59 PM BST

-**Final Results Due:** Wednesday, **12 August 2026**, 11:59 PM BST

Abstract Categories & How to Prepare Them

Below is an overview of all eligible submission types, along with clear guidance on how to prepare each one.

1. Research: Completed Studies (Clinical Trials or Other Studies)

Submit under this category if:

- Your study is **complete** at the time of submission
- You have **results and conclusions** available
- Your work answers a defined research question

Examples include clinical trials, observational studies, qualitative research, or any completed project with analysed data.

Abstract Structure: The Winning Formula

All abstracts must be **no more than 250 words**, divided into four clearly labelled sections:

1. Introduction (50–60 words)

- Set the stage
- State the problem or gap
- Include your study aim or objective
- Make it compelling

2. Methods (70–80 words)

- Clearly describe the design
- Include participants
- Outline interventions or measures
- Mention statistical approaches (if relevant)

3. Results (80–90 words)

- Present your key findings
- Use specific data
- Be explicit and clear

4. Conclusion (40–50 words)

- Summarise meaning and relevance
- Keep it accurate and concise
- End with clinical or practical impact

Accepted abstracts may be programmed as:

- Posters/ePosters
- Mini-Orals
- Oral Presentations

2. Service Development, Quality Improvement, Education & Training

Submit under this category if your work:

- Involves **local or regional improvement projects**, implementation initiatives, pathway changes, or training interventions
- Has been **designed and tested in real practice**
- Produces **measurable results or key learning**, whether positive or negative

How to Structure a Service Development / QI Abstract

Use the **standard 4-section format** — simply tailor the content:

1. Introduction (50–60 words)

Describe the service problem, why it mattered, and your improvement aim.

Example: “Our team identified delays in swallow screening, leading to avoidable aspiration risk. We aimed to redesign the pathway to improve timeliness, staff confidence, and documentation quality.”

2. Methods (70–80 words)

Outline:

- Your improvement approach (PDSA, Lean, audit-feedback, co-design)
- The setting and stakeholders
- What changes were implemented
- What data was collected

3. Results (80–90 words)

Present clear outcomes using numbers wherever possible.

Both successes and challenges can be included.

4. Conclusion (40–50 words)

Summarise the impact, lessons learned, and next steps (sustainability, scaling, further improvement cycles).

Accepted abstracts may be programmed as:

- Posters/ePosters
 - Mini-Orals
 - Oral Presentations
-

3. Case Reports (Including Small Case Series)

Submit here if you are reporting:

- A single clinical case
- A small series of related cases
- An unusual presentation, diagnostic dilemma, rare complication, or instructive clinical scenario

This category values **learning, clinical insight, and real-world relevance.**

How to Structure a Case Report Abstract

Use the same four mandatory sections, adapted as follows:

1. Introduction (50–60 words)

Explain what makes the case important, unusual, or educational.

2. Methods (70–80 words)

Replace “Methods” with a **concise description of the case**, covering:

- Clinical presentation
- Key investigations
- Interventions or decisions
- Notable turning points

3. Results (80–90 words)

Describe the clinical course, response to treatment, complications, outcomes, and notable findings.

4. Conclusion (40–50 words)

Highlight learning points, implications for practice, and what the case teaches the wider stroke community.

4. Late-Breaking Large Clinical Trials or Studies with Immediate Clinical Impact

Submit here only if your project:

- Is large-scale, high-impact, and likely to influence practice
- Will have **final results available by August 2026**
- Can meet BOTH late-breaking deadlines

Only three abstracts will be selected.

5. Ongoing Clinical Trials or Multi-centre Studies

Submit here if:

- Your trial or study is underway
 - You cannot provide results by November 2026
 - You can still outline study aims, design, participating sites, and projected impact
-

Top Tips for Success

Do's

- ✓ Proofread thoroughly
- ✓ Use active voice
- ✓ Be specific (numbers win!)
- ✓ Follow the required structure
- ✓ Submit early

Don'ts

- ✗ No images, tables, or graphs
 - ✗ Don't use undefined abbreviations
 - ✗ Avoid "data pending" (except late-breaking)
 - ✗ Don't use jargon if a simpler term works
 - ✗ Never exceed 250 words (system auto-rejects 251+)
-

What Makes Abstracts Stand Out?

Reviewers look for:

1. Clinical relevance – Does this help stroke patients?
 2. Methodological rigour – Is the approach sound?
 3. Clarity – Is it easy to understand?
 4. Innovation – What's new?
 5. Completeness – Are all four sections well developed?
-

Final Checklist Before Submission

- No more than **250 words**
 - Four section headings present
 - No images or graphics
 - Spell-checked
 - Reviewed by a colleague
 - Submitted on or before **19 May 2026**
-

Need Help?

Visit our website for:

- Full deadlines and key dates
- Technical support

Every accepted abstract gets a slot in 2026 — we want to showcase YOUR work!

Good luck with your submission!

We can't wait to see your groundbreaking contributions at the UK Stroke Forum 2026.