**International Improvement Science and Research Symposium**

**Wednesday 26th April 2017**

**SPEAKER PROPOSAL Abstract Template**

Abstract submissions are now being accepted for presentations at the International Improvement Science and Research Symposium 2017 in London.

Peer-reviewers of the speaker proposal are looking for exemplary research of an international standard which represents the cutting edge of improvement science research. Speaker proposals should have a wide ranging appeal to all audience members of the International Improvement Science and Research Symposium. The selection process is highly rigorous and only a very limited number of high quality abstracts will be accepted for speakers.

Speaker proposals should demonstrate one or a combination of the following:

* Significant methodological or theoretical advancement,
* Research with significant impact for patients, populations or care services,
* Advancements in collaborative working between researchers, practitioners and patients,
* Demonstration of novel or significant contributions from new perspectives including academic disciplines, industry or patient or community perspectives
* Has significant implications for policy, practice or research.

**NOTE:** Proposals not selected for the Improvement Science and Research Symposium will also be considered for a poster presentation at the two main conference days of the International Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare, 27th – 28th April 2017.

The 2017 International Improvement Science and Research Symposium will explore the frontiers and grand challenges of improvement science. Abstracts are invited in line with this theme under the following topic headings.

* **Achieving, spreading and sustaining improvements**
* **Understanding, measuring and evaluating improvement**
* **Addressing wicked problems**
* **Building the field**

Please follow [this link](http://aws-cdn.internationalforum.bmj.com/pdfs/Improvement_Science_and_Research_speaker_abstracts_topics.pdf) for further guidance on these themes.

Your abstract must be submitted in the following format to be considered for the International Improvement Science and Research Symposium:

1. Maximum of 1500 words (not including template headings)
2. Maximum of two figures or tables if required
3. Provide the following elements in order
   1. Title
   2. Authors
   3. Institution
   4. Conference Theme Topic
   5. Introduction
   6. Methods
   7. Results
   8. Discussion
   9. References
   10. Declaration of competing interests
4. Ensure that you address the following in your abstract submission:
   1. Describe the background to the improvement science research conducted. What is already known on this subject and what gaps in knowledge exist?
   2. State clearly the research question the study was designed to answer and what is novel about the research conducted.
   3. Describe the methods used to answer your research question, reflecting where appropriate on the relevant academic disciplines that informed your study design and the extent to which collaboration took place between different academic disciplines and with healthcare practitioners, policy makers and patients or community members.
   4. Describe the results of your study and reflect on the contribution they make to advancing knowledge and practice of improvement science.
   5. Describe the wider implications and potential of this research to influence how we improve heath and health care and its applicability to other areas and settings.

**SPEAKER PROPOSAL FOR THE INTERNATIONAL IMPROVEMENT SCIENCE AND RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM**

**Please complete your submission below (maximum 1500 words):**

**1) Title:**

**2) Authors:**

**3) Institution:**

**4) State/highlight which of the conference theme topics the abstract aligns with –**

**A: Achieving, spreading and sustaining improvements**

**B: Understanding, measuring and evaluating improvement**

**C: Addressing Wicked Problems**

**D: Building the field**

**E: Other**

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**7) Results:**

**8) Discussion:**

**9) References (up to 10)**

**10) Declaration of competing interests**

Please include for yourself, and any institution (such as firm, department, laboratory) you are responsible for:

* If anyone will pay you to give this presentation
* Who has previously paid for your advice
* Who has funded your research
* Who has paid for you to attend conferences
* If you have any other interest that could be connected with your work (for example, share holdings in pharmaceutical or other companies)

If no competing interests, state ‘none’.