



**BTS SUMMER MEETING 2025**  
**Thursday 19 & Friday 20 June 2025**  
**Manchester Central Convention Complex**

**ABSTRACT PRIZES AND CLINICAL GRAND ROUND**  
**SUBMISSION INFORMATION**

Please read these instructions carefully before you submit your abstract and if you have any queries, please contact [abstracts@brit-thoracic.org.uk](mailto:abstracts@brit-thoracic.org.uk) at any point in the process.

By submitting your work, you are agreeing that, if selected, it will be published on the BTS website(s) and you may be asked to provide more information for publicity purposes. Please note also, if your project wins an award, it is not being endorsed by BTS and must not be represented as such.

**KEY DATES**

- Abstract system open: January
- **Abstract system closed to submissions:** **23:59 Monday 10 March**
- Abstracts to referees: Thursday 13 March
- Scores back from referees: 23:59 Thursday 27 March
- All applicants informed of outcome: w/c 28 April

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**ABSTRACT PRIZES SUBMISSION**

Abstract Prizes provide a forum for respiratory teams to present, share and discuss the implementation of quality improvement projects and innovations in respiratory education and training. High quality applications from the **whole respiratory multi-disciplinary team** are welcomed with an emphasis on sharing best practice. By promoting these Abstract Prizes, the Society hopes to learn more about the many innovative schemes that are being developed by our members and others to improve patient care throughout the UK, and to showcase those which are shortlisted by presentations during the Summer Meeting programme.

This year, there is only one category to submit to titled "BTS Abstract Prizes". We welcome abstracts that are providing measured improvements to patient care and that highlight multi-professional projects (big and small). We ask that your abstract demonstrates one or more of the following:

- Use of QI methodology to support an evidence-based change in patient care.
- Models of education that have delivered training in your service to encourage best practice.
- Innovative integrated care solutions where you are working collaboratively across traditional NHS boundaries.
- Innovative use of digital technology.

The top 12 abstracts will be selected to compete for a BTS Prize. These 12 abstracts will be delivered as oral presentations during 2 specific sessions on either Thursday 19 June or Friday 20 June at the Summer Meeting. Those selected to compete for a prize will be informed of the session and day their abstract will be presented and will be required to produce a digital poster that will be displayed



on the BTS App and at the Conference centre. Those selected to compete for a prize will receive two days free registration to the Summer Meeting. These two days may be used by the presenting author, or by the presenting author for one day and by another team member on the other day. The winner of each category, as judged on the day, will also receive a cash prize and all shortlisted will receive a certificate of merit

A number of abstracts not selected to compete for a prize, will be invited to submit a digital poster only. The digital poster will be displayed on the BTS App and the lead author will receive one day free registration to the Summer Meeting.

Judging will be carried out by multi-professional members of the BTS Education and Training Committee and the BTS Quality Improvement Committee.

This is a fantastic opportunity for all members of the respiratory MDT to present the amazing work that is going on at local level, and importantly, it provides a national platform to share good practice.

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### CLINICAL GRAND ROUND SUBMISSION

The Clinical Grand Round competition has been one of the highlights of the Society's Summer Meeting programme for many years, and it remains a very closely contested event, which enhances the CV of any Specialist Trainee, nurse, AHP and physiologist/ healthcare scientist who is shortlisted and/or wins. The competition is not open to post CCT doctors, but **we welcome applications from all other members of the respiratory team.**

The best three submissions, as judged by members of the BTS Education and Training Committee, will be shortlisted and the authors invited to present their cases during the Clinical Grand Round Symposium at the BTS Summer Meeting. Presenters will be expected to interact with the audience by including questions within their presentations so that delegates may make use of the voting system. The finalists will battle it out on the day before the judges who will decide the winner. The winner will receive a cash prize and all three finalists will receive a certificate of merit and free entry to both days of the Summer Meeting. The Clinical Grand Round symposium will be held on Thursday 19 June 2025.

Whilst historically it is often respiratory trainees who submit to the Clinical Grand Round, we would encourage **all members of the MDT**, including nurses and AHPs, to consider applying, which will ensure that the entire respiratory workforce remains represented in all aspects of the Summer Meeting.

#### **Guidelines for what makes a good case for consideration of shortlisting for the Clinical Grand Round:**

- Ideal submissions will highlight a case demonstrating aspects of commonly encountered diseases that provide the audience with key learning points, whilst providing a diagnostic or management challenge. The judging panel are not looking for cases that focus on esoteric or rare diseases.
- Submit an abstract of your case presentation of 350 words maximum with one diagram or figure. The abstract should include an introduction, description of the case and conclusion with learning points.
- Do not use pictures/CTs etc in the initial submission. These should be added later if shortlisted for the symposium. If selected, the final presentation at the Meeting will be for 20 minutes and we will expect to see a PowerPoint presentation and some interaction with the audience using a voting system, if the case is suited to this format.
- Submissions will be judged on interest level/learning points and content/style/well written.



- The shortlisted authors will be asked to present on Thursday 19 June 2025. Final judging will take place after the session has ended and prizes will be awarded at a reception that evening.

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### ABSTRACT SUBMISSION PROCESS (ABSTRACT PRIZES & CLINICAL GRAND ROUND)

To submit your abstract, you will need to log in or register to use the BTS website if you have not done so before. You will then need to follow the Abstract submission button on the Summer Meeting 2025 page.

**The closing date for acceptance of submissions and any subsequent amendments is 23:59 on Monday 10 March.**

1. Your abstract text should be a maximum of 350 words, and you will be allowed to include one table or one figure only. Please note that this is an ABSTRACT, not a full paper.
2. A 'blind' selection process will be used so please do not include identifying features such as names of authors, hospital trusts, universities and other institutions, or towns and cities, within the text of your abstract. This detail is recorded in the appropriate fields during the submission process.
3. Abstract Prizes – what you submit should give sufficient information for the referees to be able to determine whether the project as described is sustainable and has an evidence base. You may provide a link to a website if this will help to describe what you have done in more detail.
4. When you have completed all fields and submitted your abstract you will receive an email confirming that your abstract has been received. Please note that your abstract is saved to the system when you click the Submit Abstract button on the form. If you return to edit your abstract and then click Submit Abstract, the amended version of your abstract will be saved to the system. You will be able to return to your abstract at any time up to the closing date in order to check or edit your abstract. **You will not be able to edit your abstract when the closing date has passed so please check your submission carefully to ensure that the content is correct and that there are no errors in author names or institutions.**
5. If accepted to compete for the Abstract Prizes, your abstract will be printed in the BTS Summer Meeting Programme. Your abstract will not be copy-edited, so please ensure that any unusual abbreviations are defined and that you have checked the text of your submission carefully.
6. If your abstract is selected as a Digital poster, your abstract will be printed in the BTS Summer Meeting Programme. Your abstract will not be copy-edited, so please ensure that any unusual abbreviations are defined and that you have checked the text of your submission carefully.
7. Click on the link below to submit your abstract, or to view abstracts that you have already submitted.

<https://www.brit-thoracic.org.uk/education-and-events/summer-meeting/>

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Thank you for submitting your work for consideration for one of the BTS Abstract Prizes or Clinical Grand Round Prizes this year.

**The submission deadline is 23:59 on Monday 10 March 2025.**