

DiABETES UK PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE

20 to 22 April 2027
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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Deadline for Submission: Monday 7 September 2026, 23:59 (BST)

Do you have a project, study, or piece of work you'd like to share?

Submitting an abstract for the Diabetes UK Professional Conference 2027 is a fantastic opportunity to share your work with fellow healthcare professionals involved in diabetes care. It's also a great way to build your CV, demonstrate your expertise, and support your ongoing professional development.

Deadline

The deadline to submit your abstract is **Monday 7 September 2026, 23:59 (BST)**. We cannot accept late submissions or amendments after this date, so please ensure that you have double checked your submission with plenty of time.

Things to consider before you submit an abstract

- You do not need to be a member of Diabetes UK to submit an abstract.
- You do not need to be a diabetologist or endocrinologist to submit an abstract. We encourage relevant submissions across all disciplines - from nursing to medical students.
- All accepted abstracts (*except those submitted to the Encore category*) will be published in a digital conference abstract supplement of the Diabetic Medicine journal.

Encore abstracts

- Encore abstracts are submissions that have already been presented or published at **any conference** between 7 September 2025, and 7 September 2026. This includes presentations at the Diabetes UK Professional Conference 2026. If your abstract meets this criteria, it must be submitted under the Encore category. **Submissions to any other category will not be considered.**
- Corporate submissions are permitted in this category.
- Encore abstracts must cite the original presentation and/or publication.
- Abstracts submitted in this category will be peer reviewed and a limited number will be selected for poster presentation.

- Encore abstracts that are accepted for presentation will not be published in the abstract book.

ePoster Presentation

For the 2027 Conference, we will be introducing some ePoster presentations in addition to the traditional printed poster display.

Key deadlines

Submission deadline	Monday 7 September 2026, 23:59 (BST)
Notification of outcome of submission	Early December 2026
Deadline to confirm acceptance and presenting authors	Monday 4 January 2027
Deadline for presenting authors to register to attend	Thursday 4 February 2027

Other information

You will receive an email confirmation that your submission has been received, indicating the abstract submission ID which it has been allocated. Please refer to this abstract number in all correspondence regarding the submission. As all official correspondence regarding abstract submissions will be sent to the submitter, please verify that their provided email address is monitored frequently. If you change email addresses during this time, please let us know so we can update the system.

Please check your junk/spam folders and contact diabetesuk.abstracts@wonderly.agency if you submit an abstract and do not receive confirmation that it has been received.

Queries and withdrawing a submission

If you have any queries about the submission process or you want to withdraw your submission please contact us at diabetesuk.abstracts@wonderly.agency referencing your submission ID number.

Please read the instructions below carefully before submitting your abstract

- Aim to capture the Diabetes UK Professional Conference Organising Committee's (PCOC) interest.
- Be clear and concise.
- Check the abstract carefully for spelling, grammar, readability and clarity as it will not be edited or corrected.
- **Please ensure that you have informed and gained consent from all listed authors before submitting the abstract.**

- Case Reports have a separate submission link as the content questions differ from the other categories. If you are submitting a Case Report please use the submission link [here](#).

Submission portal - Oxford Abstracts

Abstracts must be submitted through the submission portal [Oxford Abstracts](#). Submissions via email will not be accepted.

Sign in with your existing account or create a new one using your email address, which will also be your username. If you've forgotten your password, use the 'Forgot password' option.

Your submission is saved automatically, so you can return to it at any time before the deadline. You can also track your submissions via the Oxford Abstracts dashboard.

Q1 Category and Poster Heading

Category: You will be required to submit your abstract to the most relevant Category.

- **Basic science:** Biomedical laboratory science including animal studies, molecular genetics, immunology, beta cell biology and fundamental studies of insulin action.
- **Clinical science:** Human studies involving physiological and metabolic measurement, human vascular biology, mechanistic epidemiology and clinical pharmacology.
- **Patient education and self-management:** The science, practice and process of patient educational care and other initiatives that support self-management, such as care planning. Development, production and evaluation of patient educational material and programmes of education or self-management for all people (children, adolescents, adults and carers) with diabetes. To include all methodologies: quantitative, qualitative, narrative and experimental.
- **Professional education:** The art, science, practice and process of professional education. To include the development, delivery and/or evaluation of creative, innovative and unique educational material(s) and programmes aimed at all healthcare professionals (not patients) involved in the treatment, care and/or management of diabetes. To include all methodologies: quantitative, qualitative, narrative and experimental.
- **Psychological care:** Epidemiology of psychiatric disorders and psychological problems in people with diabetes; evaluation of psychological treatments and other complex interventions; role of psychotropic medication; measuring psychological processes and innovations in health service delivery.

- **Clinical care:** Studies relating to the epidemiology, diagnosis and treatment of diabetes and its complications. The evaluation of healthcare delivery, i.e. clinical goals and organisational structures. Clinical Care abstracts should be entered in one of the following sub-categories:
 1. **Management**
 2. **Complications**
 3. **Healthcare delivery & improvement**
- **Encore:** Abstracts that have been presented and/or published elsewhere between 7 September 2025, and 7 September 2026, including at the Diabetes UK Professional Conference 2026.
- **Case reports:** Abstracts detailing case reports and case studies. If you are submitting a Case Report please ensure you use the submission link [here](#).

Poster Heading: Once you have selected a category, you will be given a list of poster headings to choose from. Please select the most relevant poster heading. The Organising Committee reserves the right to amend poster headings if necessary.

Q2 Preferred Presentation Method

Authors will be required to indicate their preferred presentation format when submitting an abstract. The options are:

- ePoster Display
- Printed Poster Display
- Oral or Facilitated Poster Presentation + ePoster
- Oral or Facilitated Poster Presentation + Printed Poster
- Any

We have detailed what the various presentation types entail below. Please note that the final allocation will be made by the Organising Committee.

Poster display:

Both ePosters and printed posters are a visual display of your abstract. Both types of posters will be displayed in the Poster Hub within the exhibition hall for the duration of the conference. The key difference is the format: an ePoster is a purely digital file displayed on electronic screens, while a printed poster is displayed on a traditional physical board. ePosters will also be available to view on the digital platform prior to the conference, as well as on demand. Full details and poster templates will be sent following acceptance.

Oral presentations

You will be invited to give an oral presentation of your abstract during a scheduled session. You will be required to produce a slide deck and deliver a 15 minute presentation (10 mins presenting, 5 mins Q&A) during the allocated session. There is no limitation to the number of slides permitted.

Facilitated poster presentation

You will be invited to give a short talk about your poster during a scheduled session. You will be required to produce a slide deck and deliver a 5 minute presentation (3 mins presenting and 2 mins Q&A) during the allocated session. The slide deck should consist of ONE cover slide plus ONE content slide.

Q3 Title

- Your suggested title should be succinct yet clearly describe the abstract.
- Use sentence case, i.e. the first letter of the sentence is capitalised, with the rest being lowercase.
- Acronyms are not permitted in the title and should be written in full.
- The titles of accepted abstracts will be published in the final programme on the conference app as well as the conference abstract supplement of the Diabetic Medicine journal.
- Maximum 160 characters including spaces.
- Please refer to the editorial guidelines for more detailed information.

Q4 Abstract submission content

Word count

There is a limit of 250 words for your abstract content, with an additional 100 words permitted for references. The combined word count for the entire abstract, including references, must not exceed 350 words.

General style guidelines

- Abstracts should adhere and follow formatting and rules highlighted in the editorial guidelines.
- Use standard abbreviations only and place any unusual abbreviation in parentheses after the full word the first time it appears.
- Use generic names of drugs.
- If reference is made to proprietary products or equipment, the manufacturer's name and location should be included in parentheses.
- Please check your abstract carefully as it will not be edited or corrected.
- Graphs, tables, and images are not permitted for insertion.

The structure of your abstract

Each section of your abstract should provide essential information about your study, allowing readers to quickly understand its scope and significance. Abstracts should be structured under the following headings:

- **Background:** Clearly state the purpose of the abstract and why the topic is important
- **Methods:** Describe your selection of observations or experimental subjects clearly
- **Results:** Summarise your study's main findings, concisely presenting key data and statistical results while highlighting the most important or impactful discoveries.
- **Conclusion:** Clearly state the conclusion of your abstract

However, if you are submitting to the **Case report category**, your abstract should be structured under the following headings:

- **Background:** Clearly state the purpose of the abstract and why the topic is important
- **Case Presentation:** Describe the patient in detail, including history and presenting symptoms, examination findings, investigations, diagnosis, treatment or intervention, and outcome
- **Discussion:** Analyse the case in relation to existing literature, highlighting the significance of the findings, what makes it unique or relevant, and the key clinical considerations
- **Conclusion:** Clearly state the conclusion of your abstract

References

References are optional and should not exceed 100 words. You can use the format below to list references:

[1] Name of Source, Name of author, date

[2] Name of Source, Name of author, date

When quoting your references in the abstract text itself, please use either square [1] or curved brackets (2). For example:

Screening results in a clinically milder phenotype and achieves a fivefold reduction in diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) at diagnosis [1].

Q5 Authors

Please ensure that you have informed and gained consent from all listed authors before submitting the abstract.

Please enter the names of ALL authors associated with this abstract. Co-authors are not mandatory, but please ensure you add all authors at the time of submission as it will not be possible to add authors at a later stage. Please note you can list a maximum of 20 co-authors on your submission. A group name given as the submitting or presenting author will not be accepted.

Abstracts submitted on behalf of a pharmaceutical company must have a clinician or scientist as the first and presenting author.

Presenting author: You must select a presenting author for the abstract who will register in full to attend and present the abstract.

Q6 Publication

- A digital conference abstract supplement of the Diabetic Medicine journal will include all accepted abstracts, with the exception of Encore abstracts.

- However, on the submission form you will be asked to agree to the publication of your abstract in the DMJ and you have the option to opt out of publication.
- Please note that all submitted information, including the abstract, its title, and author details (including the order that authors are listed), will be published exactly as received by the submission deadline. Amendments will not be possible after submission.
- Abstracts can only be published if Ethical Committee approval, where applicable, has been granted.
- The Diabetes UK Research Communications team may contact you if this abstract is considered suitable for wider publicity. Any subsequent press release would be produced with your full knowledge and authority.
- Abstracts selected for oral sessions are embargoed until 00:01 on the day of the presentation, unless otherwise specified by the Diabetes UK Research Communications team.
- Abstracts selected for poster presentation are embargoed until 00:01 on the day of the relevant poster session.
- Embargoed text of abstracts will be made available at the start of the conference on Tuesday 20 April 2027. The abstract embargo still applies; abstracts are made available to assist attendees in planning their itineraries. Diabetes UK reserves the right to adjust embargo times as needed.

Q7 Conflict of Interest

- Please give details of any potential conflicts of interest that you could have as part of your abstract submission, financial or otherwise, which could influence or be perceived to influence the content of the abstract.
- Abstract authors must declare any funding received or conflict of interest as part of their abstract submission and any subsequent presentation.
- Failure to do so may lead to a one-year ban from presenting abstracts at the Diabetes UK Professional Conference and any other Diabetes UK meetings.

Q8 Funding

- Indicate on the submission form whether or not the abstract has been funded or part-funded by a grant from Diabetes UK.
- Abstract authors must declare any funding received as part of their abstract submission and any subsequent presentation.
- Failure to do so may lead to a one-year ban from presenting abstracts at the Diabetes UK Professional Conference and any other Diabetes UK meetings.

Q9 Abstract Awards

There are 10 abstract awards available at the Diabetes UK Professional Conference 2027. Being selected for an award is an excellent opportunity to gain recognition for your work and increase its visibility within the diabetes community.

Authors may submit their abstract for consideration for **up to two awards**; however, an abstract may receive only one award.

Before selecting an award category, please ensure that both the presenting author and the abstract meet the relevant **eligibility criteria**.

All eligible abstracts will be anonymously reviewed and shortlisted by independent judging panels appointed by the Diabetes UK Professional Conference Organising Committee. Each award category will feature a dedicated conference session where shortlisted abstracts will be presented and assessed. Depending on the award, presentations may be delivered as 15 minute oral award presentations or 5 minute poster award presentations.

Award winners will be announced during the Awards Ceremony on Thursday 22 April 2027.

Scroll to the end of this document to see the full list of abstract awards and the eligibility criteria.

Q10 Submission declaration

You will be asked to confirm your agreement to the following statement, in order for your abstract to be considered for presentation:

"I have read and agree to follow the relevant abstract submission guidelines and accept responsibility for the organisation of my submission, including acknowledgment of the review outcome, registration of the presenting author, and the submission and preparation of the presentation or poster. I understand that if my abstract is accepted, the presenting author must register and pay the appropriate ticket category. I understand that presenting author must attend three days of the conference in-person."

Submission agreement and attendance requirements

- You can submit multiple abstracts, but please do not submit multiple copies of the same abstract to different topics.
- If you do submit multiple abstracts, we have a strict policy of one abstract per presenter. Therefore, if you have multiple accepted abstracts, you will need to assign a co-author to present on your behalf.
- Failure to register by Thursday 4 February 2027 will result in your abstract being withdrawn from the conference programme.
- Registration, travel, subsistence and accommodation charges are the responsibility of the presenter. Please note that only refreshments and lunch will be provided each day as part of your conference ticket.
- All correspondence will be sent to the submitting author. It is the responsibility of this person to pass on any relevant information regarding the submitted abstract and the conference to the presenting and co-authors. Please note that after the registration deadline (Thursday 4 February 2027), all correspondence will be sent directly to the presenting author.
- The conference organisers reserve the right to withdraw submissions at any stage, if they feel the content and/or organisation is no longer suitable.

- If your submission is accepted, the presenting author must register and pay to attend the conference. The fee will be based on their professional status as of 20 April 2027.

Review criteria

Abstracts will be reviewed by the Diabetes UK Professional Conference Organising Committee (PCOC) and submitting authors will receive confirmation of the outcome of their abstract by early December 2026. The Diabetes UK PCOC reserves the right to decide on how abstracts are allocated. Abstracts may be selected for oral presentation, facilitated poster presentation or poster display.

All abstracts will be reviewed 'blind'. No identifying features such as names of authors, names of hospitals, medical schools, clinics or cities should be listed in the title or text of the abstract. The names of the authors and their affiliations (institutions) will be requested separately when you submit the abstract online.

Reviewers are asked to score the abstracts out of five, on the basis of the judging criteria listed below. A score of five is the highest that can be awarded. It is the responsibility of the person submitting the abstract to ensure that the abstract addresses the following criteria:

- **Topic:** Is the topic clearly described and relevant to diabetes care, prevention, management, or policy?
- **The Approach:** Is the approach or method clear and appropriate for the issue? Are decisions explained and justified?
- **Findings and Reflections:** Are findings and reflections credible, relevant, and clearly presented?
- **Significance:** Does the work have potential to influence practice, education, policy, or service delivery in diabetes care?
- **Interest and Value:** Is the abstract well written and likely to prompt discussion or benefit the diabetes community?

If you have any questions or queries please contact diabetesuk.abstracts@wonderly.agency.

Abstract Awards

Diabetes UK Education and Self-management Award

The aim of this award is to recognise the importance of the evaluation of education and self-management in diabetes care. The award is made for the best abstract presentation at the Diabetes UK Professional Conference.

Eligibility: Open to health education professionals. Abstracts with regard to team working are particularly welcomed.

- Award value: £300
- Presentation type: Oral award session (15 minutes including Q&A)

Young Diabetologist & Endocrinologist Travel Award

The Young Diabetologist & Endocrinologist Forum (Specialist Registrar Forum with Diabetes UK) has set up a travel award for junior doctors who are involved in diabetes care or research. The award is designed to recognise the research and development work of young diabetologists who demonstrate real enthusiasm and innovation in diabetes care.

This session is an oral award session where shortlisted presenters will have 15 minutes each to present a slide deck about their abstract and take audience questions.

Eligibility: Abstract authors should be full paid up members of Diabetes UK and the Young Diabetologists & Endocrinologist Forum (YDEF).

Members of the YDEF will normally be medically qualified, have completed general professional training and be involved in any aspect of diabetes care or research. Associate membership may be offered to others (e.g. medical students) at the discretion of the committee. Members of the YDEF will not have held a consultant or senior lecturer post for more than two years.

- Award value: £750 for the winning abstract. £350 for the runner-up.
- Presentation type: Oral award session (15 minutes including Q&A)

Diabetes UK Early Career Investigator Award

This award is awarded for the best basic or clinical science oral abstract presentation at the Diabetes UK Professional Conference. The award will recognise the highest quality science to improve the understanding, prevention and treatment of Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes by early career researchers.

Eligibility: Open to clinicians who have yet to attain their Certificate of Completion of Training and scientists no more than 6 years post-PhD or equivalent qualification or experience. Allowance will be made for applicants whose career has been subject to an interruption for family or personal reasons.

- Award value: £1000
- Presentation type: Oral award session (15 minutes including Q&A)

Diabetes UK Basic Science Poster Award

Recognises outstanding basic science research.

Eligibility: Open to researchers 35 years of age and under on the first day of the conference. Abstracts must be submitted to the Basic Science category.

- Award value: £1000
- Presentation type: Poster award session (5 minutes including Q&A)

Diabetes UK Clinical Science Poster Award

Recognises outstanding clinical science research.

Eligibility: Open to researchers 35 years of age and under on the first day of the conference. Abstracts must be submitted to the Clinical Science category.

- Award value: £1000

- Presentation type: Poster award session (5 minutes including Q&A)

Diabetes UK Primary Care Poster Award

The aim of this award is to encourage nurses, GPs, podiatrists, dieticians and professionals working in diabetes and primary care to communicate new initiatives, and evidence-based practice and project working through the abstract/poster process. Abstracts on improvements in primary healthcare will be particularly welcomed.

The award will be for the best poster abstract submitted at the Diabetes UK Professional Conference.

Eligibility: All health professionals working in primary care (e.g. GP practices, pharmacies, outreach clinics if ran by primary care)

- Award value: £500
- Presentation type: Poster award session (5 minutes including Q&A)

Diabetes UK Psychological Care Poster Award

This award will be presented to the abstract that demonstrates excellent potential to have made/to make a significant contribution to improving the lives of people living with diabetes from a psychosocial perspective.

Eligibility: Abstracts, which can be individual or multi-disciplinary, should be submitted under the Psychological care category. The abstract must demonstrate a piece of research or developed a psychological intervention to improve the psychological wellbeing outcomes of people living with type 1 or type 2 diabetes.

- Award value: £500
- Presentation type: Poster award session (5 minutes including Q&A)

Diabetes UK Nursing and Allied Healthcare Professional Diabetes Research Award

This prestigious award is presented to the author of the winning poster abstract that, in the judges' opinion, has contributed significantly to the management and care of people with diabetes. The award winner will receive a prize of £500.

The award aims to encourage and recognise the contribution of Nurses and Allied Healthcare Professionals in the field of diabetes research. This award was introduced in 2015 to recognise the multidisciplinary nature of diabetes research.

Research from all aspects of care are welcome, however precedence will be given to research which has a direct impact on the care of people living with diabetes.

Eligibility: Invited to enter are UK-based Nurses and Allied Healthcare Professionals working within the area of diabetes care whose research has been conducted within the last 2 years. **Abstracts must be submitted to one of the 'Clinical Care' categories (Management, Complications or Healthcare delivery and improvement).**

- Award value: £500
- Presentation type: Poster award session (5 minutes including Q&A)

Diabetes UK Paediatric Diabetes Award

The award, kindly donated by Jo Dalton, aims to encourage abstracts in the areas of healthcare delivery/improvement or highlights a new initiative with evidence-based practice in the field of paediatric and adolescent diabetes from birth to 18 years of age.

Eligibility: Paediatric and Adolescent (0-18yrs) multi-disciplinary teams or an individual working in paediatric and adolescent diabetes may apply. Contributions with a nursing focus are particularly welcomed.

- Award value: £500
- Presentation type: Poster award session (5 minutes including Q&A)

Diabetes UK Young People's Diabetes Service Award

The award, kindly donated by Jo Dalton, aims to encourage abstracts in the areas of primary and secondary diabetes care or interface initiatives between these providers for young people with type 1 or type 2 diabetes around the ages of 19-25 years.

The award offers an opportunity to share new ideas to promote and demonstrate positive self-care/wellbeing and engagement with diabetes care service teams.

Eligibility: Primary or secondary diabetes care provider services or an individual healthcare professional caring for young people with diabetes. Abstracts from nurses within this field are particularly welcomed. The abstract should focus on services to young people between the ages of 19-25.

- Award value: £500
- Presentation type: Poster award session (5 minutes including Q&A)