

Irish Heart Foundation 22nd Annual Stroke Conference

Friday 5th April 2019

Call for Abstracts: Submission Guidelines

The Irish Heart Foundation's 22nd Annual Stroke Conference will be held on Friday 5th April 2019 in Croke Park, Dublin. This exciting event brings together world renowned experts from the fields of stroke prevention, treatment and rehabilitation. Topics covered on the day will include atrial fibrillation, early supported discharge and spasticity.

The Irish Heart Foundation's Stroke Council was established in 1997 and is dedicated to furthering excellence in stroke care in Ireland. Abstract submissions are now invited for poster and oral presentations at the annual conference on Friday 5th April 2019. Submissions on all aspects of stroke care are welcomed.

Please note the earlier submission deadline of Friday 25th January 2019.

Abstracts should be submitted online at the following link:
<https://strokeconference2019.exordo.com/>

Please note the following guidelines when preparing your submission:

- A 300-word limit applies
- All sections of the online application must be completed
- Please do not use tables or figures
- Research reports with qualitative or quantitative methodologies are invited. Practice or service development reports will also be welcomed.
- Ethical approval must be detailed in the 'Additional Info' section
- The 'Additional Info' section does not contribute towards word count
- If submitting a case study, please ensure confidentiality is maintained and confirm patient consent in the 'Additional Info' section
- Prizes will be awarded for best poster and oral presentations. Presenters must register and be in attendance at the conference to be eligible for awards. Consultants may submit and present work, but are excluded from eligibility for prizes.

The text of the abstract should be arranged as follows:

- **Introduction:** A brief background to the research study or service development should be provided, including an aim statement.
- **Methods:** Methods and data collection should be concisely described. Include methods of evaluation if relating to a service development. Details of statistical methods should be included where appropriate.
- **Results:** Results or outcomes of the study or service development must be presented.
- **Conclusion:** A brief discussion relating to the study findings or service development outcomes should be included. Any recommendations or implications for further practice/research should be presented where appropriate.
- **References:** A maximum of two references, using Vancouver Style, can be included in the 'Additional Info' section.

- **Ethics:** Please indicate in your submission if you have sought ethical approval and, if so, please state what body has approved your project, e.g. Yes – SJH/AMNCH Ethics Committee. If you have not sought ethical approval, please outline the reasons for this.

Abstracts which do not adhere to these guidelines will not be considered. Presenters will be notified of the outcome by the end of February 2019.

NOTE: All individuals submitting abstracts will receive a reply by email confirming receipt of the abstract. If you do not receive a reply email, please contact communications@irishheart.ie.