

CALL FOR POSTER ABSTRACTS

Abstract Submission Deadline: 1 March 2026

Abstract Results: 19 March 2026

Please read the Abstract submission guidelines carefully as these have been updated and differ by category. You **MUST** follow the guidelines for each category or your abstract will not be reviewed

The Society for Acute Medicine invites abstract submissions for its Spring 2026 Conference, SAMCardiff. This dynamic, multi-professional event is designed for all working in an acute medical setting — clinicians, managers, and allied healthcare professionals alike. The conference will provide a vibrant platform for sharing best practice, exploring new ideas, engaging in meaningful discussion & debate. We welcome abstracts that showcase innovation, quality improvement, education, research, service development & interesting cases in Acute Medicine.

Call for Abstracts

We invite authors to submit abstracts for display at SAMCardiff as part of our dual-format poster presentation: an online ePoster showcase plus full-sized printed posters for those attending in-person. Outstanding abstracts may be selected for oral presentation in a main conference session.

To maximise the visibility and impact of your work, the ePoster showcase will remain live for 1 year following the conference, providing extended access for delegates and the wider acute medicine community.

**Submit your abstract at
samcardiff2026.org
by 2359hrs on 1 March 2026**

Poster categories

EDUCATION

SERVICE ORGANISATION & DESIGN

AUDIT & QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

RESEARCH

CASE REPORTS

Who can submit a poster?

We welcome submissions from all health professionals involved in Acute Medicine, including members of the multi-professional team, at every stage of their careers. Students & early-career professionals are encouraged to submit but should seek input from a senior colleague before submission, as all abstracts are assessed using the same criteria.

Please ensure your submission aligns with one of the listed categories and follows required format.

Word count and format

Please submit your abstract using the outline provided in the category overview section.

- The main abstract **must be** 300 words or less, (excl. title & references). If your submission exceeds 300 words, your abstract will **not** be scored. Please note an additional 30 words are allowed for titles.
- **Your references should be uploaded as an attachment so they are not included in the 300 word submission**
- All mandatory sections must be completed. Submissions missing mandatory elements will be rejected.
- Up to two images or tables can be included. Please ensure you have the appropriate permissions to use any included images. Failure to do so may result in copyright infringement and associated charges.

Images can be in any format and up to 10MB in size. **Any patient identifiable images must have the patient's written permission for display.** [Forms are on the website](#). Abstracts which exceed the maximum length will not be judged.

All submissions

Abstract submissions vary by category so read the requirements & follow the required format for each category. Submissions that do not follow the required format, with mandatory boxes left blank, or without the necessary patient consent, will be rejected at the shortlisting stage.

Only a small number of case reports will be displayed. Therefore, only cases of exceptional interest to an Acute Medicine audience will be accepted. **All case reports require a patient consent form to be included.**

Tips for submitting your abstract

- **Abstracts should be well written** – i.e. correct sentence structure, grammar, and spelling. Plain English should be used. If you are not confident in your written English, consider having your abstract reviewed by an experienced writer.
- **Abstracts should have all mandatory boxes completed.**
- **Abstracts should be very clearly relevant to the field of acute medicine.**
- **Your abstract should address the "so what?" question.** Remember that every hospital is different, and SAM conferences attract delegates from around the UK and the world. What does what you have to say relate to people working in other, very different, hospitals?

Please follow the guidelines, which differ by category:

EDUCATION CATEGORY: Abstracts submitted should demonstrate a clear understanding of relevant educational theory and literature. Submissions must be structured using the following **mandatory** sections:

- **Introduction:** Clearly outline why the project was undertaken, including its background, context, and educational relevance. State the primary objective or research question guiding the work.
- **Methods:** Describe the approach used to achieve the project's aims. This should include educational methods, design, delivery format, participant details, and any evaluation or assessment strategy.
- **Results:** Summarise what was achieved. Present any key findings, outcomes, or data, including how impact was measured or evaluated (qualitative or quantitative).
- **Discussion:** Interpret the results in relation to the wider educational context. Explain what the findings mean for others, including implications for practice, services, and patient care. Conclusions should reflect your aims and results, and acknowledge any limitations of the work.

SERVICE ORGANISATION & DESIGN CATEGORY: Abstracts in this category should provide objective evidence of improvement in service delivery, efficiency, or patient outcomes. Submissions must follow the structure below, using all mandatory sections:

- **Introduction:** Explain the rationale for the project, including the problem or gap it aimed to address. Clearly state the goal or objective of the work, and provide any relevant background or context.
- **Methods:** Describe the methods or interventions used to bring about change. This may include service redesign, process improvement strategies, staffing models, or digital innovations.
- **Results:** Present measurable outcomes or key achievements. Explain how impact was assessed, and provide supporting data where possible (qualitative and/or quantitative).
- **Discussion:** Interpret the results in the context of broader clinical practice or healthcare delivery. Discuss implications for other teams or services, impact on patient care, and sustainability of the change. Conclusions should align with your initial aims, and include any limitations encountered.

AUDIT & QI CATEGORY: Abstracts submitted under the **Audit & QI** category must demonstrate a full improvement cycle and include objective, post-intervention data. Submissions **must address all mandatory points** listed below:

1. **Initial Problem Identification** (*mandatory*)
What was the issue identified, and how was it recognised?
2. **Relevance to Acute Medicine** (*mandatory*)
Why is this project important in the context of acute medical care?
3. **Baseline Analysis** (*mandatory*) What did the initial analysis or audit reveal?
4. **Intervention** (*mandatory*) What action or change was implemented in response to the problem?
5. **Post-Intervention Results** (*mandatory*) What was the outcome following the intervention?
Note: Submissions without post-intervention data will not be accepted.
6. **Lessons Learned** (*mandatory*) What insights were gained from the project, and what challenges were encountered?
7. **Further Changes and Results** (*non-mandatory*)
Were any additional improvements made, and what were their outcomes?
8. **Sustainability and Future Impact** (*mandatory*)
What plans are in place to ensure this change is maintained in the long term, and what have the authors learned overall?

RESEARCH CATEGORY: Abstracts submitted under the **Research** category should present original clinical or health services research relevant to Acute Medicine. Where appropriate, submissions must include a statement on **ethics committee approval**. Abstracts must follow the structure below and include all **mandatory sections**:

- **Introduction:** Explain the rationale for the study, including the clinical or scientific background. Clearly state the research question or objective that the study aimed to address.
- **Methods:** Describe the study design, data collection methods, setting, participants, and any statistical analyses used. Include a statement regarding ethics approval where applicable.
- **Results:** Present the key findings of the study, supported by data. Describe how outcomes were measured and summarise the most important results.
- **Discussion:** Interpret the findings in context—what do they mean for clinical practice, service design, or patient care in acute medicine? Your conclusions should align with your initial aims, reflect on the limitations of the study, and identify potential areas for future research.

CASE REPORTS CATEGORY: We welcome case report submissions that provide valuable learning, challenge current thinking, or highlight unusual presentations relevant to Acute Medicine. Please follow the checklist and answer all required questions to ensure your submission is eligible.

Checklist for Submitters

- **Patient consent** is essential. All case reports must be accompanied by a completed patient (or next of kin) consent form.
- **Word count** must not exceed **300 words** (an additional 30 words are allowed for titles). References should be uploaded as an attachment
- All **required questions** below must be clearly addressed failure to do so will result in rejection.
- Any **images must be fully anonymised**, with **no identifiable features** (e.g. patient faces).

Questions that must be answered within your case report:

1. Why is this case important to present as a poster?
2. What is its relevance to Acute Medicine?
3. How did this case influence or change your practice?
4. What are the key lessons learned that you would share nationally or internationally?
5. What evidence or national guidelines informed your management or learning?

Images and Permissions

Any patient images must have written **patient consent for display**. Consent forms are available on the conference website in the Abstract section. If you use **stock or online images**, you must have the appropriate usage rights or licensing. Failure to do so may result in a **copyright breach**, and any penalties incurred will be the responsibility of the abstract submitter.

If your abstract is selected

All abstracts are scored online. Authors will be notified after **19 March 2026** if their abstract has been accepted. You will be able to view your score and read any feedback from the adjudicators by logging into the abstract system using your original login at:

samcardiff2026.org

Individuals and organisations who are shortlisted will be invited to display an ePoster on our virtual event platform and a full-sized poster at the conference.

**Submit your abstract online by
23:59hrs on Sunday 1 March 2026**

Results available: 19 March 2026

By submitting an abstract, you are giving the Society for Acute Medicine permission to publish the content on its website and in other ways considered appropriate. The decision of the adjudicators is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

Conference Attendance

One author for each poster will be required to register to attend the meeting (either as an in-person delegate or virtual attendee) and pay the appropriate delegate fee. SAM are offering the Presenting Author (1 per poster) a **25% discount** on attending the SAMCardiff conference. This applies to 2-day fees only, either in-person or virtual.

Please **only** submit an abstract if you can attend the meeting.

1. Go to the Abstract Submission Page

samcardiff2026.org

- If you have previously submitted an abstract to a SAM Conference, log in with your email address and password.
- If this is your first submission, click 'Create Your Account Here.'

Abstract Submission Login

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If you require a Patient Consent Form for a Case Report submission, please [click here to download the form](#)
Make sure you have permission to use any images that you display in your abstract submission. Otherwise you may be liable for copyright infringement and any associated charges.

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Email address:

Password:

2. Input Your Submitter Details

- Enter the submitter details. If this is your first SAM submission, create a new password that you will use to access the system.
- If you have submitted previously check your details are up to date.
- Complete the checkboxes confirming you are following the application guidelines

Abstract Submitter Details

I AGREE

Email *

Password *

First name *

Last name *

Organisation *

Address line 1

Address line 2

3. Select Your Category

Select the category you are submitting your abstract to and click 'Add'

Category		Closing Date
Audit & Quality Improvement	<input type="button" value="Add"/>	01/03/2026
Education	<input type="button" value="Add"/>	01/03/2026
Service Organisation & Design	<input type="button" value="Add"/>	01/03/2026
Research	<input type="button" value="Add"/>	01/03/2026
Case Reports	<input type="button" value="Add"/>	01/03/2026

4. Submission Details

- Ensure you follow the **specific requirements for each category** (more detail above)
- Insert your abstract title and author details.
- Please note co-authors are not mandatory fields. Leave these blank if not applicable.

Abstract Submission Details

Category: Audit & Quality Improvement

Abstract Title *

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Use the submitter as the main author?

Main author

First name * Eloise
Last name * Street
Company * Eventage
Job Title Event Manager
Email * eloise.street@eventage.co.uk

Co-author 1

First name *
Last name *
Company/Organisation *

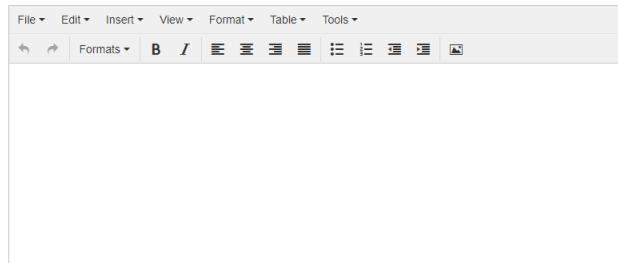
5. Enter your Abstract Text

- Enter your abstract text. There is a maximum limit of **300 words** (A further 30 words are allowed for titles)
- Enter the content in sections following the headings on each text box
- If you are entering a Case Report, go to the text box headed 'Case Report'
- Please note that text pasted in from other applications (e.g., Word) may lose some formatting.
- Upload any supporting files using the "Insert Image" button (JPEG/PNG files only) or add files of a different format to the "supporting files" option at the base of the page. **You must have permission to add an image!**

PLEASE NOTE: you should not upload your abstract text here; this is for supporting files only.

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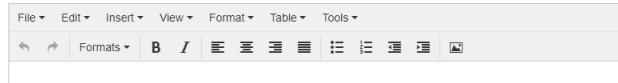
Briefly highlight why the project was undertaken and what the goals of the work included



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Methods

What methods were used to achieve the aims?



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6. Preview Your Abstract

- This page will show a preview of your abstract. To make any changes click the 'Back' button
- At this stage your abstract is now saved in the system. Click 'Submit' to complete your submission. You can still log in to the system and make amendments **up until 2359hrs, 1 March**
- If you do not click submit at this time your abstract will still be saved as incomplete and you can log back in to complete your submission.

7. Confirmation of Abstract Submission

You will receive a confirmation email when you have successfully submitted. If you do not receive this email, please contact:

conferences@acutemedicine.org.uk

SCORING

Abstracts will be scored by two referees with an overall arbitrator assigned to each of the categories. **Incomplete abstracts (i.e., failing to complete mandatory boxes) will lead to the abstract being rejected at the shortlisting phase.**

Those marked after shortlisting will be marked according to the following scoring system.

Relevance:

- Is the abstract clearly written to target people working within the field of Acute Medicine?

Scientific Rigor:

- Is there a clear question/purpose to the abstract?
- Are the subjects clearly defined, e.g., patient types, and are the methods & presentation thorough and systematic?
- Do the results and/or conclusion accurately reflect the evidence and draw appropriate conclusions?

Clear Learning Points:

- Is there a clear **Learning Point** for Acute medicine delegates?
- Is the abstract content especially relevant and interesting and may bring new thoughts and ideas to Acute Medicine?

Content:

- Is the abstract **well written?**

For Case Reports:

- A good Case Report should contain a learning point that will either change or challenge clinical practice
- Should be clearly related to acute medicine with learning points outlined for the acute physician
- Being rare is not a qualifying criterion in itself