

## WEST MIDLANDS DIVISION

### CLINICAL AUDIT PRIZE, WEST MIDLANDS DIVISION

The West Midlands Division of the Royal College of Psychiatrists has introduced a clinical audit prize. Entrants are invited to submit a description of a completed clinical audit to which they have made a significant contribution. The audit must be a completed cycle rather than a preliminary standing setting investigation or a simple descriptive study.

The West Midlands Division wishes to encourage junior doctors to become actively involved in clinical governance and particularly to encourage co-operation with workers from other disciplines. The Division believes that doctors of all grades should take a lead role in examining practice and that such a prize will enhance the status of such endeavours and emphasise their importance.

**Prize:** Trophy and certificate

**Frequency:** Annually

**Eligible:** All psychiatric trainees below the level of ST4 and specialty grade doctors working in psychiatry

**Where Presented:** West Midlands Division Winter Meeting

#### **Regulations:**

- I. Entrants should have made a significant contribution to the audit at conception and implementation phases, and the audit should have begun not more than two years before submitting for the prize. It may be conducted by an individual alone, but particular consideration will be given to a multi-disciplinary audit.
- II. The description should comprise a 1500 – 2000 word summary setting out the background to the project, the work involved and the outcome, and be accompanied by a letter confirming their participation from either their tutor or consultant supervisor.
- III. A panel of three judges appointed by the West Midlands Division Executive Committee will be asked to assess how the audit has been used to affect clinical practice.
- IV. The winner will be required to present their audit at the West Midlands Winter Divisional Meeting.

**Closing Date:** Notice of the award will be sent out annually in August/September and displayed on the Division's website.

**Submissions To:** Entrants will be asked to submit their description to the Divisional Office.

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## **RESEARCH PRESENTATION PRIZE, WEST MIDLANDS DIVISION**

The West Midlands Division of the Royal College of Psychiatrists has established a prize for the best presentation of a piece of research relevant to any field in psychiatry by a trainee psychiatrist or Consultant psychiatrist in their first year of employment working within the West Midlands Region.

**Prize:** Trophy and certificate

**Frequency:** Annually

**Eligible:** Trainee psychiatrists and Consultant psychiatrists in their first year of employment working within the West Midlands are eligible to enter. The Executive Committee reserves the right to restrict the number of entries and to refuse those considered inappropriate.

**Where Presented:** West Midlands Division Spring Meeting

### **Regulations:**

- I. The research should be original and entrants should have made a major contribution to it.
- II. Short listed candidates will be expected to present their presentations at the Spring Divisional Meeting where a trophy will be awarded to the best presentation as decided by a panel of three judges constituted by the West Midlands Executive Committee.
- III. The decision of the panel of judges will be final.

**Closing Date:** Notice of the award will be sent out annually in January/February and displayed on the Division's website.

**Submissions To:** Entrants will be asked to submit an abstract of approximately 300 words to the Divisional Office.

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## **THE THOMAS BAKEWELL ESSAY PRIZE**

The West Midlands Division has established a new prize for Medical Students who are currently studying at a Medical School in the West Midlands.

**Prize:** £100 and certificate

**Frequency:** Annually

**Eligible:** Medical students who are currently in a Medical School within the West Midlands

**Where Presented:** West Midlands Division Spring Meeting

### **Regulations:**

- I. The Prize will be on the basis of an essay and the essay topic title will be chosen by the examiners.
- II. Prizes will be publicised at the beginning of the academic year, in early September.
- III. The essay will be no longer than 5,000 words.
- IV. A panel of three examiners will be chosen from members of the West Midlands Executive Committee

**Closing Date:** 1st February

**Submissions To:** West Midlands Division  
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