

**WEST MIDLANDS DIVISION
REGULATIONS FOR
RESEARCH PRESENTATION & CLINICAL AUDIT / QUALITY
IMPROVEMENT PRIZES**

THE WEST MIDLANDS DIVISION RESEARCH PRESENTATION PRIZE

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 foundation doctor, trainee psychiatrist or consultant psychiatrist in their first year of employment working within the West Midlands region.

Prize: £100 and certificate. All short-listed entrants will receive complimentary admission to the West Midlands Division Spring/Summer Academic Meeting.

Frequency: Annually

Eligible: Foundation doctors, 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/Summer Academic Meeting

Regulations:

- I. The research should be original and entrants should have made a major contribution to it.
- II. Three short-listed entrants will be expected to present their presentations at the spring academic meeting where a prize will be awarded to the best presentation as decided by a panel of three judges constituted by the West Midlands Executive Committee.
- III. When judging the entries consideration will be given regarding the trainee's direct contribution to the project. It is expected that the trainee has taken lead in designing and conducting the research. This includes leading the study from conceiving the idea, designing the study and playing a substantial role in collecting and analysing the data. The trainees in academic training posts will have dedicated time and training for research, which is not available to other trainees. The judges will be mindful of this when judging the research outputs.
- IV. The decision of the panel of judges will be final.
- V. Abstracts may be published in the West Midlands Academic Meeting Programme Booklet and/or the West Midlands Division e-Newsletter.

Submissions To: Entrants will be asked to submit an abstract of approximately 300 words to the divisional office.

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THE WEST MIDLANDS DIVISION CLINICAL AUDIT/QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PRIZE

The West Midlands Division of the Royal College of Psychiatrists has established a prize for a clinical audit / quality improvement project.

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 quality improvement project will aim to improve quality of health services in making healthcare safer, effective, patient centred and efficient. The quality improvement project must have clear aims and demonstrate what aspect of the health services was targeted and improved in the project.

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: £100 and certificate. The winner will receive complimentary admission to the West Midlands Division Winter Academic Meeting.

Frequency: Annually

Eligible: Foundation doctors, psychiatric trainees and specialty (SAS) doctors working in psychiatry.

Where Presented: West Midlands Division Winter Academic Meeting

Regulations:

- I. Entrants should have made a significant contribution to the audit / quality improvement project at conception and implementation phases, and the study should have begun not more than two years before submitting for the prize. It may be conducted by an individual alone, but 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 / quality improvement project has been used to affect clinical practice.
- IV. The winner will be required to present their clinical audit / quality improvement project at the winter academic meeting.
- V. Abstracts may be published in the West Midlands Academic Meeting Programme Booklet and/or the West Midlands Division e-Newsletter.

Submissions To: Entrants will be asked to submit their description to the divisional office.

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