

## BAOS 2026 Annual Competition

### Poster Abstract Submission

### Guidance and Rules Information

BAOS invites delegates who are attending the 2026 Conference in Birmingham to submit posters to the Poster Exhibition and Competition. The final judging of the Competition will take place at the Conference **on Thursday 26 March 2026**, so any poster entries must be displayed at the Conference on this day. The categories and prizes available are shown below:

#### Poster Categories

**Audit/Service/Quality Improvement:**

**Case Presentation:**

**Research:**

**Dental Care Professional\*:**

#### Prizes

**Winner (£150) runner up (£75)**

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There is a **new** process for submitting and displaying posters that will be used at this Conference. Please read the information carefully.

#### **Submission of Abstracts**

Initially delegates are invited to submit their poster abstracts electronically by submitting their abstract online **by Friday 12 December 2025**. The abstract must be typed and fit within the box on the online abstract application form using a maximum of 300 words. Receipt of abstracts will be acknowledged by automatic email. Please ensure your email address is included on the abstract submission form.

All abstracts will be assessed by the Conference Organising Committee and the 60 that are judged to be the best based on the abstract submission, will be put forward to be displayed at the Conference.

#### **Poster PDF Submission**

Around 19 January 2026, BAOS will then contact the authors of the 60 abstracts that are due to be displayed at the Conference and ask them to produce a PDF of their poster which needs to be submitted by email by 9 February 2026. These 60 PDF posters will be assessed by the Conference Organising Committee, and the **best 18** will be put forward for the prize Competition.

#### **Poster Display at Conference**

The delegates who produced the 60 selected posters will need to produce and bring their posters to hang in the Warwick room at the Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel in the normal manner. Posters will be 'Portrait' A0 size 1189 x 841 mm 46.8 x 33.1 inches and will hang on a 2m x 1m Poster Board. Posters can be hung on Wednesday 25 March 2026 but ***all posters must be up prior to the first talk commencing on Thursday 26 March 2026.*** All 60 selected posters that are on display at the Conference will have their abstracts published within the BAOS Oral Surgery Journal the following year.

## Judging at the Conference

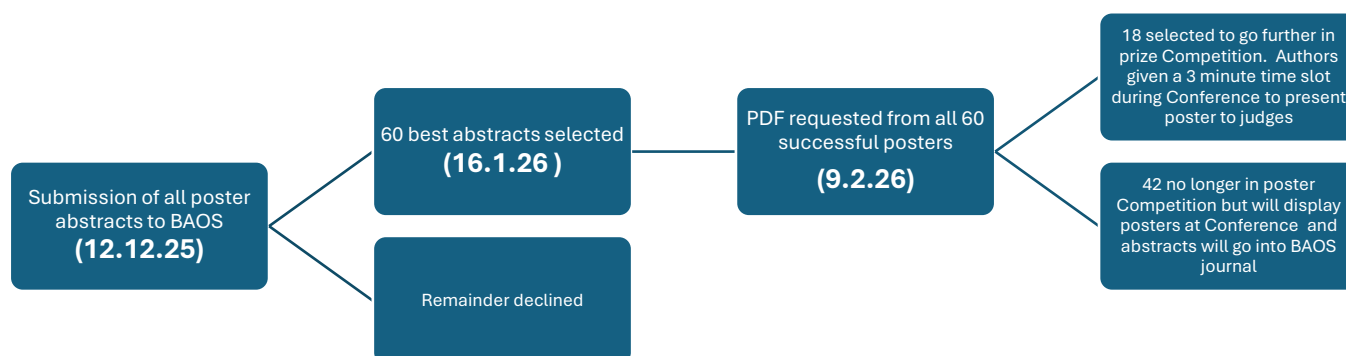
The lead authors of the 18 selected posters will be asked to present their posters for judging on Thursday 26 March 2026. They will be given a 3-minute time slot with 2 minutes to answer questions and will have to stand by their poster and present their work and answer any questions the judges have for them. Following this, the judges will make a final decision as to which posters will be awarded prizes.

**Please Note:** Only entrants who are **Members of BAOS** and book to attend the Annual Conference in March 2026 in Birmingham will be able to submit posters. **All posters must be hung up in the Warwick room *no later than 10am on Thursday 26 March 2026*.** Therefore, entrants must ensure they are booked on to include attendance on Thursday 26 March 2026.

All submitted work should not have been previously published or presented elsewhere.

This work should only be entered once; either for the Open Paper Competition or for the Poster Competition.

## Flow Chart of New Process for Poster Submission



The extra step in the process of submitting a PDF of the posters has meant that the deadline for submissions of abstracts has had to be brought forward:

Date	Deadline
12 Dec 2025	Abstracts submitted online
16 Jan 2026	Abstracts assessing complete by Conference Organising Committee
9 Feb 2026	PDF version of Posters submitted for online judging
2 Mar 2026	Selection of 18 Competition Posters
26 Mar 2026	Presentation of Posters at Conference for judging

## Submission of Abstracts

### **Closing Date:**

**Abstracts must be received [no later than Friday 12 December 2025](#).**

Electronic submissions only. **Receipt of abstracts** will be acknowledged by automatic email. Please ensure your correct and current email address is included on the abstract submission form.

The abstract must be typed and fit within the box on the online abstract application form using a maximum of 300 words. The abstracts must therefore be submitted in a standard format for publication.

\* Dental Care Professional (DCP) posters can be in any of the Poster categories and should follow the format for that specific category.

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## “Audit / Service / Quality Improvement” Poster Abstract Submission

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**\*\* Please read this information before submitting your abstract \*\***

#### Content of the Abstract

The abstract must contain:

- The title of the presentation; maximum 10 words or less
- The name of the presenter and co-author(s)
- The institution of the authors.

The abstract must also contain a brief statement of:

- The aims of the project
- The methods used
- Essential outcomes, including data and, where appropriate, statistics
- Conclusion.

To achieve a more consistent style, the words: **"Objectives:"**, **"Methods:"**, **"Outcomes:"**, and **"Conclusion:"** each immediately followed by a colon as shown, **must** appear in the body of your abstract.

#### DOs and DON'Ts:

- DON'T include illustrations or photos, although tables, charts and columns may be used.
- DON'T submit abstracts reporting studies with unidentified drugs or materials. They will not be accepted.
- DO mention the name of a commercial product if used in the research but only once.
- DO disclose external funding (required) by listing the name of supporting agency and grant number in the body of the text.
- DO make sure the abstract is typed within the abstract box otherwise it will not be accepted
- DO limit the number of words in the abstract to 300 or less. Larger abstracts will not be accepted. Titles are limited to 10 words or less.

# BAOS 2026 Annual Competition

## “Case” Presentation Poster Abstract Submission

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#### Content of the Abstract

The abstract must contain:

- The title of the presentation; maximum 10 words or less
- The name of the presenter and co-author(s)
- The institution of the authors.

The abstract must also contain a brief statement of:

- The background to the report
- Patient information
- Management and outcome
- Key learning points.

To achieve a more consistent style, the words: **"Background:", "Patient Information:", "Management and Outcome:", and "Key learning points:"** each immediately followed by a colon as shown, **must** appear in the body of your abstract.

#### DOs and DON'Ts:

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- DO mention the name of a commercial product if used in the research but only once.
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## “Research” Poster Abstract Submission

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#### Content of the Abstract

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- The title of the presentation; maximum 10 words or less
- The name of the presenter and co-author(s)
- The institution of the authors.

The abstract must also contain a brief statement of:

- The objectives of the investigation
- Experimental methods used
- Essential results, including data and, where appropriate, statistics
- Conclusion.

To achieve a more consistent style, the words: **"Objectives:", "Methods:", "Results:", and "Conclusion:"** each immediately followed by a colon as shown, **must** appear in the body of your abstract.

#### DOs and DON'Ts:

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### Poster Abstract Submission

#### “SAMPLE” Abstract

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Presenter's Name(s): Danyal Awal and Ambareen Naqvi  
Authors: Danyal Awal, Ambareen Naqvi and Sonita Koshal  
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Hospital: Department of Oral Surgery, Eastman Dental Hospital, UK  
Title: The Internet resources available regarding the Coronectomy procedure

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**Background:** The Coronectomy procedure is an increasingly common technique for treating wisdom teeth that have an intimate relationship with the inferior dental nerve. The Internet is a widely used source for seeking out healthcare information, yet it remains largely unregulated and the quality and accessibility of information varies widely.

**Objectives:** The objective was to systematically review the quality of information available on the Internet for patients regarding the Coronectomy procedure.

**Method:** Using the search terms 'Coronectomy' and 'Intentional Partial Odontectomy', 2 clinicians independently assessed the top 100 websites using the UK version of the search engine 'Google'. The DISCERN instrument for assessing the quality of healthcare information was used to objectively score the sites and an average calculated for each.

**Results:** 97% (97/100) of the websites were readily accessible and 7% (7/100) excluded in accordance with our exclusion criteria bringing the total number of websites to 93. 87% (81/93) of the sites presented information in English only, 61% (57/93) had a health related seal of approval and 5% (5/93) had some form of interactive media. 56% (52/93) were associated with journals or books and aimed at healthcare professionals while 44% (41/93) of the sites were targeted towards consumers. With a maximum score of 80, the average DISCERN score was 48.8 with no discernible pattern evident between a websites score and its rank of search.

**Conclusion:** The quality of information on the Coronectomy procedure available on the Internet is generally moderate, with a majority being aimed at healthcare professionals. Due to this, patients may find it difficult to find accessible and reliable information and thus may stray towards biased, less regulated sources. Patients should be guided to use reliable sources of information and can be achieved by providing leaflets on consultation indicating the best websites to use.