

**BDA CDS Group Annual Presidential and Scientific Meeting 2025  
Assembly Buildings, Belfast, BT1 6DW  
Thursday 2 October – Friday 3 October 2025**

**POSTER COMPETITION**

**Classes**

There are 2 classes which will be judged separately

**1. Clinical Case Poster**

All members of the dental team working within a salaried primary care dental service (SPCDS) including trainees\* are invited to present a poster of a clinical case they have managed within the last three years in the SPCDS

**2. Service Poster**

All members of the dental team working within a SPCDS including trainees\*, are invited to submit a poster (as an individual or as a group) to demonstrate a service initiative, clinical audit or implementation of good practice that has resulted in a service improvement.

\* All postgraduate trainees who are currently working in salaried primary care dental services (SPCDS) or those who have completed a training post within the SPCDS within the last three years are eligible to apply.

**Criteria for entry and judging**

**1. Format**

- i. The poster should be printed in A0 and portrait view.
- ii. The poster should present the information in a clear concise and eye-catching way.
- iii. The content should be easily visible from a distance.
- iv. The poster should be well laid out, visually attractive and have impact.
- v. The title should catch the reader's attention and be accurate.
- vi. Graphics should be simple and inform the viewer. They should relate to the text.
- vii. The poster should present the information in a structured way.

**2. Content for clinical case posters**

- i. The case/s detailed in the poster should be a patient treated/managed by the SPCDS
- ii. There should be clear sections on background, history, clinical findings, management and discussion
- iii. Only key references relating to the subject should be given.
- iv. The names of the author/s and contact details should be clearly visible.

**3. Content for service posters**

- i. The subject matter should be original and relevant to SPCDS.
- ii. There should be clear aims and objectives.
- iii. There should be a clear conclusion and recommendation which relates to the aims and objectives.
- iv. Only key references relating to the subject should be given.

- v. The names of the authors and contact details should be clearly visible.

#### **4. Submission of an entry**

- i. An application form and abstract should be submitted before the closing date of **Monday 18 August 2025**.
- ii. Posters should not have been submitted elsewhere to be eligible for judging.
- iii. One of the authors must ensure that they are registered for the annual conference at the same time as submitting their poster application.

#### **5. Presentation**

- i. The poster must be submitted in pdf format or similar via email to [cdspostercompetition@bda.org](mailto:cdspostercompetition@bda.org) by **Friday 5 September 2025**. Confirmation of receipt will be provided and late entries may not be accepted.
- ii. It is the entrant's responsibility to make sure the poster arrives at the Conference in time for viewing on the morning of **Thursday 2 October 2025**.
- iii. It is the entrant's responsibility to hang up their poster on arrival at the conference. Material/equipment will be provided.
- iv. The primary author can only be the first author on one poster although he/she can be the secondary author on another submission. Preferably, the primary author should be available to attend the annual conference with their poster or if not at least one of the authors must be in attendance.
- v. All those displaying posters who are attending the conference as a delegate should be available to stand by their posters during the short breaks between lectures to answer informal questions from other delegates.
- vi. All posters will be displayed throughout the scientific meeting on a standard display board.
- vii. The poster should be collected at the end of the Conference or prior alternative arrangements made. If this is not arranged in advance the poster may not be returned.

#### **6. Judging**

- i. A panel of judges will be appointed by the CDS Group Management Committee.
- ii. The posters will be judged on:
  - a. Innovation and/or originality
  - b. Importance and relevance of the subject matter to salaried dental services
  - c. For clinical cases- the overall content including background, history, clinical findings, management and discussion
  - a. For service posters- Overall content including aims & objectives, methodology, conclusions and recommendations (if appropriate)
  - b. Suitability of the graphics
  - c. Layout and visual impact
  - d. Overall communication of the case
- iii. Prizes will be awarded for the three best posters in each category which fulfil the stated criteria and are of an acceptable standard. Prizes are
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> £250
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> £150
  - c. 3<sup>rd</sup> £100

Please note not all available prizes may be awarded if the threshold of poster quality and content have not been met.

- iv. The panel of judges will announce the winners during the morning on the second day of the conference
- v. The judges' decision is final.
- vi. If an applicant is unable to attend both days and wins a prize, it is the applicant's responsibility to nominate someone to accept the prize on their behalf
- vii. Winners will be asked for their bank details for BDA to transfer the prize money to their account