

## What are we looking for?

The mission of the International Forum is to bring together the global quality improvement community to create a revolution in patient outcomes.

We do this by sharing innovative performances, ideas and experiences from different countries, professions and healthcare systems, spreading what works (and what doesn't), and connecting healthcare leaders, practitioners, communities and patients worldwide. You can read more about the aims for the conference [here](#).

We have a strong preference for content that:

- Is co-designed with or lead by patients or service users
- Illustrates ways to facilitate interdependent approaches for achieving improvement within and across settings and systems
- Contains new, innovative and fresh ideas that challenge established practices
- Has a robust evidence base that demonstrates reliable results and increased value

## Who should apply?

We welcome applications from across the healthcare sector and beyond, including non-clinicians, patients and carers, voluntary / social sector employees and students. We also welcome first time presenters. We're actively seeking to increase the diversity of our attendees, speakers, and sponsors through our calls for proposals, other open submission processes, and through dialogue with the larger communities we serve.

## Terms and conditions of submission

The submission of a completed proposal form does not in any way guarantee the submitter or presenters a speaking slot on the programme. Furthermore, it is not intended to create a legally binding relationship between the presenters and either the BMJ Publishing Group Ltd 'BMJ' or the Institute for Healthcare Improvement 'IHI'. Please be advised that any offer to speak at the event will be subject to terms and conditions to be agreed at a later date.

Please note that all sessions are peer reviewed by the International Forum Programme Planning Committee. Sessions are selected to fit with the annual theme of the conference and the content streams that will be presented each year.

Some presentations may be filmed and broadcast during the event and published online by either BMJ or IHI afterwards - by submitting a proposal you agree for your presentation to be filmed and published in this way.

Competing interests must be declared on this proposal application otherwise the proposal will not be considered. If your presentation is selected, competing interests must be declared both verbally and on a slide at the beginning of the presentation at the International Forum.

The number of free registration places per session will be strictly limited to:

1. Sessions lasting 30 minutes or less - one free presenter place
2. Sessions lasting 60 minutes or more - maximum of two free presenter places
3. Each session is eligible for one additional free place for a patient co-presenter (patients are also welcome to apply as lead presenters)

A patient is defined as someone who has lived experience of using health services as a patient, or as the main carer of a patient. They should have a leading role in the project/initiative and have made a significant contribution to its design, conduct, assessment of outcome and /or subsequent development based on this experience. There will be funding available to cover travel and

accommodation for patient presenters, subject to a separate application process.

Funding for travel or accommodation is not provided to general programme speakers presenting at the International Forum.

**If your session is selected, the session and biography information in this proposal will be printed in the International Forum Brochure as well as all existing forum public domains.**

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