**Speaker Proposal Template - International Forum Oslo 2026**

**Deadline for proposal submission is Wednesday 9 July 2025**

**Please note:**

**Please note, this word document is only for the purpose of preparing your submission.**

**You will need to cut and paste the responses from here into the online form to submit the proposal.**

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**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 projects, 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.](https://internationalforum.bmj.com/about/)

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
* Results in meaningful real-world impact for patients and communities

**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.

**Please see the end of this document for terms and conditions.**

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| **Part One: Your Work** | |
| **Title of session**  *20 words max*  Make it eye-catching as well as descriptive - if your session is selected this will be included on our website |  |
| **Session description**  *150 words max*  Give a clear, concise and engaging description of what you will be covering and why delegates should attend |  |
| **Learning objectives** | After this session, participants will be able to:  1.  2.  3 |
| **Is your presentation a description of a new method, or a case study or results from an improvement initiative?**  Methods abstracts are presentations which build knowledge of or introduce a new framework, tool, or practice related to improvement science. Case study abstracts present the outcomes and learnings from the practical application of an improvement initiative in a particular setting | Method  Case study |
| **Results and evidence to support the information you are presenting**  *500 words max*  **For methods presentations:**  Include a short paragraph with the results from your project, including the following:   * Background (what is the need): * Objectives: * Methods used: * Results (if applicable): * Conclusion & Implications:   **For case study presentations:**  Include a short paragraph with the results from your project, including the following:   * The setting the work takes place in (e.g. hospital, community care facility): * Problem or Challenge faced: * Your intervention: * Results (including data to back up your evidence) * Conclusion and learning for others:   If you wish, you may also include up to 5 references (not included in word count) | . |
| **How were those with lived experience (patients, carers or service users) involved in the conception, design, or implementation of your project?** |  |
| **How will those with lived experience (patients, carers or service users) be included in the design and delivery of the presentation?** |  |
| **Was ethics approval for any research work obtained (where relevant)?** | Checkbox for yes  Checkbox for not relevant |
| **Have you previously presented this work at the International Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare?**  If yes, please state year and location |  |
| **Conference stream**  Please highlight one of the main conference streams in which your presentation would best fit  (Stream descriptions are available [here](https://internationalforum.bmj.com/oslo/call-for-speakers-topics/)) | Change  Safety  Populations  People  Leading  Science |
| **Part Two: Format and audience** | |
| **Format and duration**  Please highlight all formats and durations your work can be delivered in.  Please note, not all workshops will be guaranteed a roundtable layout | 1. Lecture style presentation (15 or 30 min duration) 2. Workshop / interactive session (60- 75 min duration)   Select as many as you wish |
| **Workshop / interactive sessions only**  How do you plan to introduce interactivity into your session (e.g. through group work, audience engagement technology, practical activities)?  Please also note any restrictions (e.g. number of participants) that we should be aware of. |  |
| **Aimed at which level**  Please highlight one level | **Beginner** (people with little or no background in Quality Improvement)  **Intermediate** (people who have worked on and developed QI projects)  **Advanced** (people involved in the spread of QI in their organisation) |
| **Part Three: Your details** | |
| **Presenter One** Eligible for complimentary place | |
| Name |  |
| Job title and Organisation |  |
| Country |  |
| Biography (max 150 words) |  |
| Email |  |
| **Presenter Two (if required)** Only eligible for complimentary place if session is 60 mins or more | |
| Name |  |
| Job title and Organisation |  |
| Country |  |
| Biography (max 150 words) |  |
| Email |  |
| **Patient co-presenter (if required)** Eligible for complimentary place (subject to meeting criteria in T&Cs below) | |
| Name |  |
| Job title and Organisation |  |
| Country |  |
| Biography (max 150 words) |  |
| Email |  |
| **Additional presenters (if required)**  Not eligible for complimentary places | |
| Name |  |
| Job title and Organisation |  |
| Country |  |
| Email |  |
| **Part Four: Presentation experience and conflicts of interest** | |
| **Are any of your presenters speaking on behalf of a company or organisation (other than the one listed in your presenter details)? If so, please state** |  |
| **Declaration of competing interests**  For all presenters, please declare any competing interests. Include individual interests, and any institution (such as firm, department, laboratory) you are responsible for:   * If anyone will pay you to give this presentation * Who has previously paid for your advice * Who has funded your research * Who has paid for you to attend conferences * If you have any other interest that could be connected with your work (for example, share holdings in pharmaceutical or other companies)   If no competing interests state ‘none’ |  |
| **Document upload** | |
| Please upload a photo of each of your presenters for use on our website (this can also be added at a later date if required) | |

**What happens next?**

Successful presenters will be notified by end of October 2024. Any changes to speakers after acceptance of a presentation for the International Forum must be agreed in writing with the International Forum content team.

**Terms and conditions**

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 used on the International Forum website and printed in the International Forum brochure/event guide.**