9-11 June 2021
A virtual conference
Reconnect and Rebuild

Attendee User Guide
The ultimate guide in navigating your attendance at the virtual International Forum Europe 2021

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Welcome

Hello and welcome to this year’s International Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare Europe 2021.

After over a year of being at the frontline of a global crisis, it has never been so important to come together, share knowledge and experiences, and consider how we rebuild our global systems.

We look forward to offering you a chance to build a support network and rekindle your passion for quality improvement.

Our theme for 2021: Reconnect and Rebuild

Our aim for 2021 is to reconnect with colleagues, revive momentum and build back better, stronger and fairer systems. As vaccine roll outs begin to show green shoots of hope, we will look to the inspirational examples of innovative systems and approaches that have emerged.

We will also consider what the pandemic has exposed in areas such as equity, staff wellbeing and patient partnership, and how the quality improvement movement will adapt to this new reality.

Given the challenges that health and care professionals all face, there has never been a more important time to share ideas, learning and best practice. We hope you will find this virtual International Forum energising and inspiring.

We look forward to you joining us for our other International Forums this year - Australasia (8-10 September 2021) and Asia (25-27 November 2021), so we can continue to tackle together the key issues facing health and care today.

The International Forum team
Our Partners

Thank you to our Regional and Supporting Partners who have helped us to develop and present the International Forum Europe 2021.

We are grateful for their insight and energy in producing an exciting programme that meets the needs of our delegates.

Our Partners have also been instrumental in building momentum and engaging their expansive networks of healthcare improvers.

We are appreciative and thankful for their generous support.

Regional Partners

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Logging in

All registered attendees will receive a unique login link via email one week prior to the International Forum, on Wednesday 2 June. Any attendees that register between 2-8 June will be emailed this link post-registration.

There will be no login and password requirements - just click the link to access the virtual conference within your internet browser. It really is as simple as that!

It is highly recommended that you log in the platform the week before the ‘live’ International Forum to build your profile page, add sessions to your Schedule and start connecting to other attendees. You will also be able to test your system to ensure you can join the live sessions with full functionality during the virtual conference.

For the best possible experience we recommend accessing the platform on a desktop or laptop computer.

The system is optimised for Google Chrome.

To ensure you have the latest version of Google Chrome:

1. On your computer, open Chrome
2. At the top right, click More
3. Click Update Google Chrome.
   Important: If you can’t find this button, you’re on the latest version
4. Click Relaunch

To get the most out of your experience, please accept cookies when asked after you log into the virtual platform for the first time.
Updating your profile

We recommend that the first thing you do when you log into the platform is make sure your profile is attractive, so you don’t miss out on any opportunities to connect to colleagues!

A detailed profile will help you make connections within the virtual conference.

You will notice that important information has been pulled across from your online registration, however we recommend that you check your details and update where necessary.

To access your profile page, click your name at the top left of the screen.
Once you have entered the platform, you will arrive on the Homepage / Main Activity Feed. This will be the main hub for the conference, where anyone can post comments, thoughts or highlights from the International Forum, and see what’s coming up.

On the Homepage, you can begin to explore the various different elements of the conference, such as the programme, speakers, ePosters and sponsors. Each of these can be accessed via either the menu bar on the top (the top navigation bar) or the full menu bar on the left hand side (the left navigation bar). We refer to each of the headings in the menu bars as tabs, for example, the Programme tab.

If you want to return to the Homepage at any time, simply click on ‘Home’ on the menu bar on the left or at the top.
Don’t forget to post on the Homepage feed about your experience at the International Forum. You can read, like and respond to what others share too.

Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Post photos of where you are joining from
- Your go-to for taking inspiration from
- Are you watching on your own or as a group? Any pets joining you? Tell us and post photos.
- How do you look after your wellbeing and what would you suggest to others?
- What is the key message from a session you’ve just watched or a discussion you were just part of?
- What are you most looking forward to this year, what changes in your practice are you most excited about?
Conference Programme

To access our range of live and on-demand sessions, simply click the Programme tab via the top or left navigation bars. Sessions are listed by day, and can be filtered based on your interests.

Click on a session to find out more information on the content and speakers, take notes, and register, which will add the session to Your Schedule.

Once logged in, the session timings in Programme and My Schedule will update to your local time zone based on the location of the device you are using.

Filter content by selecting one or a number of filter options listed on the right hand side of the Programme page, and click ‘Apply filters’ at the bottom. You can filter sessions by tag, session format, stream and more.
Conference Programme continued…

For live sessions, the live stream will appear on the specific session page. Just enter your name when prompted and you will enter the online session room where you can view the speaker, their slides and ask questions via the chat box.

On-demand sessions will be available to view throughout the conference, and can be accessed by clicking the video on the relevant session page.

All live content will be recorded and available to view until 13 June 2022.

You can also see all speakers at the conference via the Speakers tab in the left navigation bar.

Read more about the speakers delivering the session.
Participating in live discussions

We encourage participation during all live sessions to increase your learning and exchange views on what you hear, plus connect to others who may be able to share further insight or share their experience with what’s been discussed.

During live lectures
Interact with others via the Conversations window. This will be available for delegates to view and ask questions.

During live workshops
These interactive sessions naturally invite discussions. There will be activities in separate breakout rooms for all attendees to get involved in. When prompted to enter a breakout room, make sure you have your microphone and camera enabled so you can join the discussion. You may also have to click ‘allow’ in a pop up in your browser to access these. The Chat box will also be available at any time.

During networking sessions
When you take part in our networking sessions, use your camera and audio to converse just as in a live event.
ePosters

The ePosters give individuals and teams an opportunity to share and discuss improvement strategies and achievements.

View our new ePoster platform sponsored by Improvement Cymru and explore our range of ePoster displays.

To access the range of ePosters, simply click the ePosters tab via the left navigation bar.

We have also created an ‘ePoster user guide’ that can be found on this page for your convenience.

Select ‘Click here to view ePosters’ and you will be taken to our ePoster platform where you can search, view and rate ePosters on the platform, plus message authors.
Connecting and networking with attendees

Just like our live conference, our virtual one will offer just as many opportunities to connect to other attendees, speakers and ePoster authors.

This is your chance to make those important connections, discuss projects or what you’ve heard at the conference, ask questions or check if others have any tips for overcoming common challenges.

Chat to other attendees

You can connect to other attendees, ePoster authors, exhibitors and speakers via the Chats tab.

To initiate a conversation, click the pencil icon at the top right of the Chats page and search for an individual’s name. You can also create group chats by adding additional recipients.

Alternatively, you can search the attendee list within the People tab, and message people directly via their profile.

Finding suitable contacts

Our smart matchmaking tool will help unlock new opportunities by connecting you with like-minded individuals and experts who share the same interests. Look for the Participant Matching tab in the left hand navigation bar. Fill out our participant matching form and the platform will generate a personalised list showing your top matches based on similarities.
Connecting and networking with sponsors

Our virtual conference will also offer opportunities to connect to sponsors who can share resources and discuss services designed to help you drive improvement in your own organisation.

Using the Sponsors tab on the left navigation bar, see the organisations supporting the International Forum. Click on their logo to read about what they do, access resources they have made available, add them to your Bookmarks for quick and easy access, and connect to representatives to arrange a time to talk or to simply ask a question. You will also be able to participate in polls, quizzes or other activities organised by a sponsor.

Chat to a representative live - in the tab ‘Representatives’, click on the photo or name of the representative you’d like to speak to.

Leave your details for a sponsor to contact you during or after the conference by clicking the link under the ‘Leave your details’ section on their page.

Click on ‘Message’ on their profile page. You can ask them to book a call or appointment with you. If you are in an ongoing chat with a sponsor you have the option to start a video call by clicking the video camera button.
Bookmarks and notes

Across the platform, you will be able to bookmark and take notes on sessions, attendees, ePosters, key supporters and sponsors. They will be saved in the Bookmarks and My Notes tabs respectively for your reference at any time.

Notes can be downloaded to your device by clicking the 3 dots at the top left of the page.
Activity challenge

We’ve made improvements on the virtual experience we are offering you this year, so make sure to take advantage of the activities, content, resources and opportunities to connect to others that are available.

And as you do that, you can earn points!

Earn points to win a free ticket to Gothenburg 2022 on 30 March - 1 April 2022 in Gothenburg, Sweden. Collect a minimum of 200 points to be entered into the prize draw!

Here are some of the challenges that can earn you points, see a full list on our Activity Challenge page.

- Activate your profile before the International Forum starts on 9 June (adding a profile picture does not give you points but it helps make your profile more friendly)
- Post a photo on the home feed
- Provide feedback for sessions you attend
- Chat to a colleague

Ensure your points are tracked by accepting cookies once you log in.
Technical support

Our team will be on hand to answer any questions you may have during the live conference on 9-11 June.

Simply navigate to the Helpdesk page on the platform where you will find multiple options for technical support, including contact details for the conference organisers.

If you are contacting us via email please send a screenshot of any error message(s) you have received as this will help us answer your query more quickly.
FAQs

When can I access the virtual event?
You will be granted access to the platform from 2 June 2021. Look out for an email containing your unique access link.

When are the ‘live’ event times?
The virtual event will be running over three days. The timings below are in CEST (Central European Summer Time) which is BST+1 if you are joining from the UK. When you view the programme on the Programme or My Schedule pages, the session timings will automatically adapt to your local time zone based on the location of the device you are using.
Wednesday 9 June: 08:30 - 18:30
Thursday 10 June: 08:30 - 18:30
Friday 11 June: 08:30 - 17:30
You are free to re-join at any point if you need to drop off for any reason.

Do I need to install any software?
No, the conference can be accessed via your internet browser. The system is optimised for Google Chrome. Please ensure you have the latest version of Google Chrome - see a step-to-step guide on how to install the latest version on page 5 of this guide.

Can I access the virtual conference on a mobile device or tablet?
We recommend using a desktop or laptop PC for the best experience, live sessions can be difficult to view on a mobile device.

Do I need to prepare to attend the virtual conference?
We advise that you log in and activate your profile one week prior to the live conference via the device you are planning to use.

Once you have access to the platform, you can customise your personal schedule by booking sessions, browse exhibitors and complete participant matching questions to find recommended contacts.

For the best possible experience we recommend accessing the platform on a desktop or laptop computer.

Will I receive a certificate of attendance?
Yes, all attendees will receive a general certificate of attendance, this will be emailed to you by 25 June 2021.
I missed a live session, when will the recording be made available?
Session recordings will be added the day after the live session took place.

Will I need to turn on my video?
There is no requirement to be on camera, however we recommend you have it on during the live workshop breakout sessions and networking activities, or when you’d like to have a video call with sponsors or other attendees. If you would like to use video chat, please consider in advance which device you will be logging in on and ensure you have a camera available. You do not need to have your camera and audio enabled to join live lectures, watch on-demand content or browse the ePosters.

Will there be any session handouts or slides available?
Where we have permission from speakers to share these, the slides or other handouts will be available for download from the individual session pages.

Will I be able to access the conference and all its content, including ePosters, after it ends?
Yes, the conference will be accessible for 12 months after it ends, until 13 June 2022. All live sessions will be recorded and will also be available to view at your leisure, and you will be able to contact ePoster presenters, other attendees and sponsors.

Is the virtual conference accredited?
Yes, International Forum Europe 2021 has been approved for a total of 24 CPD credits by the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) in England (Event Code 132878).

Can I ask a question during the live lectures?
During the live sessions, you will be able to submit questions via the chat function within the livestream session room.

How can I tell my friend/colleague/family member about the conference?
The easiest way to share information about the virtual International Forum is by sending them to our website at internationalforum.bmj.com/europe. All attendees must register by midnight Tuesday 8 June.

What do I do if I have a question about the conference?
If you have any questions, our team will be happy to help. Please email us at events@bmj.com.
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We look forward to welcoming you to the International Forum on 9-11 June!

Join the conversation on social media

Our passionate group of patient experts from Beyond the Room will be posting with reflections, summaries and discussion points.

Share updates and join the discussions, just add #Quality2021 to your posts.

Let’s continue the conversations!

Join us for one or more of our regional virtual conferences in 2021.

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