



Instructions for abstract submission to the Annual SHOT Symposium Friday 10th July 2026

Deadline: 17 April 2026

Abstract submission form on the SHOT website at <https://www.shotuk.org/annual-shot-symposium-abstract-form/>

Abstracts are invited for poster presentation at the Annual SHOT Symposium, Friday 10 July 2026 at Hilton Birmingham Metropole hotel, B40 1PP. Abstracts must be original and must not have been previously published or presented at any other conferences except for British Blood Transfusion Society Annual Conference (BBTS).

Agreement has been made that abstracts may be presented at both the BBTS Annual Scientific Meeting and the SHOT Symposium.

The lead/presenting author of accepted abstracts will receive a reduced registration fee of £70 for the 2026 Annual SHOT Symposium. Each co-author who wishes to attend must complete registration for a delegate position through the standard process.

➤ **Areas of interest are:**

- Transfusion IT improvements including AI
- Transfusion education
- Staff wellbeing initiatives
- Innovation, research & audit
- Clinical and laboratory transfusion practise including patient engagement
- Optimising learning from safety incidents

This will cover any safety improvements initiatives impacting any part of the transfusion pathway.

Abstracts should be no longer than **3000 characters** including spaces and punctuation (approximately 500 words), excluding abstract title and authors and will be subject to review by the abstract review process. The author of TWO best abstracts will be given a 10-minute oral presentation slot in the 2026 Annual SHOT Symposium programme.

The additional abstract authors will have an opportunity to participate in our quick-fire 'Just-a-Minute' session which will give you an opportunity to tell the audience about your poster. Further information will follow if your abstract is accepted.

➤ **Abstract Structure:**

Your abstract must set out clearly the purpose of the study and must include data to support your conclusions.

➤ **Abstracts should include:**

- **Background/Introduction** - a brief statement of purpose or why the study was done
- **Methods or Study Design** - a description of the methods used, or work done
- **Results** - present data and interpret results clearly
- **Conclusions** - a statement of the conclusions based on the reported results, including any recommendations.

Data should be summarised, abstracts should include numbers studied etc, "results will be discussed" or "data will be presented" is not sufficient and may lead to the abstract being rejected.

➤ **Reviewers may reject abstracts because:**

- The word count has been exceeded
- The data are considered insufficient
- The conclusion cannot be reached from the data presented
- The information has been previously published or is well known
- The abstract is poorly presented with spelling or grammatical errors

Submission of an abstract constitutes a commitment by the author to present it if accepted. Failure to present, if not justified, may put future abstract submissions at risk. The presenter must register and attend the Annual SHOT Symposium.

References are discouraged, however if references are essential, they should be within the text, in the form: (Smith et al. Eur J Anaesth 1998; 15: 100-1).

➤ **What happens next:**

- All submitting authors will receive an e-mail confirmation of receipt of their submission.
- Abstracts will be reviewed from 01 May 2026 to 21 May 2026
- Authors will be notified of the outcome of their submissions by 27 May 2026

Thank you for considering submitting an abstract for our conference. We truly appreciate your interest and contribution to advancing knowledge and collaboration in this field. We look forward to receiving your submission and welcoming your valuable insights to the event.

The SHOT Team