

THE ASSOCIATION FOR PALLIATIVE MEDICINE MEDICAL STUDENT AUDIT PRIZE

The Association for Palliative Medicine (APM) has established a clinical audit prize. Entrants are invited to submit a report of a clinical audit to which they have made a significant contribution. The audit may be a completed cycle or a preliminary standard setting investigation. It should comprise a clinical audit, service evaluation or quality improvement project.

The APM wishes to encourage medical student undergraduates to become actively involved in clinical governance. The APM believes that doctors of all grades should take a lead role in examining practice and that such a prize will enhance the status of such endeavours and emphasise their importance.

Frequency: Every 2 years

Eligible:

The competition is open to all UK and Ireland medical students as of the closing date

Regulations:

I. Entrants should have made a significant contribution to the audit at conception and implementation phases, and the audit should have begun no more than two years before submitting for the Prize. It may be conducted by an individual alone, under supervision or submitted as part of a multi-disciplinary audit.

II. The description should comprise a 1500 – 2000 word summary, and include an abstract summarising the aim, objectives of work described, methods used, results and conclusions. (Enclosed submission form)

The description should be accompanied by a letter confirming their participation from either their tutor or consultant supervisor.

III. A panel of judges appointed by the APM trainees committee will be asked to assess the audits relevance and quality.

Guidance for the Audit Project that you submit:-

1. The audit project must be current – i.e. started no earlier than 2 years before submission
2. It may be a standards-based clinical audit or non-standards Based quality improvement project *
3. The topic selected is appropriate and relevant to Palliative Medicine

4. The criteria and standards are clearly stated, with reference to evidence
5. The sample size is sufficient to generate meaningful results
6. The project follows clinical audit methodology (where appropriate)
7. Recommendations and action plans have been produced
8. Preferably the audit has been presented locally
9. Preferably a re-audit has been undertaken and the benefits/outcomes/impact of the project can be quantified but this is not an essential requirement
10. All entries should include an abstract summarising the aim, objectives of work described, methods used, results and conclusions. (enclosed submission form)
11. The author is responsible for seeking necessary approval from local audit department.
12. All must follow ethics principles re data protection and confidentiality.

Closing Date: Notice of the award and closing date will be sent out every two years within medical school in the United Kingdom and Ireland and displayed on the APM website

Submissions To: Entrants will be asked to submit their description to The APM secretariat as advertise

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As a broad guideline projects may adopt: LEAN techniques, follow the PDSA cycle, relate to patient safety and risk management techniques – Root Cause Analysis, Significant Event Audit, the Global Trigger Tool, etc., incorporate patient survey work, focus on QIPP initiatives, look at service re-design, etc