



Twycross Research Prize 2016 – Rules of Entry

Closing date: 23 October 2016

1. The competition is open to all members of the APM, and entries are encouraged from trainee members. Entries should be no more than 3,000 words, including any graphs, diagrams, tables etc. and should be in the standard journal format of abstract, introduction, methods, results and discussion.
2. The applicant must have been involved at every stage of the project. A clear declaration of this, and involvement of others, must be made on the application form.
3. Submissions will only be accepted for projects which have been conducted with Research Ethics Committee and R&D approval.
4. The study needs to have been completed in 2016.
5. Unpublished work and work accepted for publication or published within the previous 12 months to 23 October 2016 may be submitted.
6. The entries will be considered anonymously, so entrants must ensure that their submission has been adequately anonymised. References to hospitals etc. in the text should be fictitious. The entry form will be detached by the APM Secretariat before the submission is sent to the judges. The identity of the entrants will only be disclosed to the judges after they have considered the submissions.
7. An electronic version of the entry form and submission (two separate documents please) must be received by the APM Secretariat by **23 October 2016**.
8. Submissions will be competitively judged on the following criteria: scientific rigor of the study, presentation of the paper (including clarity) and implications for practice (including usefulness and relevance to the speciality of palliative medicine).
9. The panel of judges will be organised by the APM Science Committee. Individual members who have a conflict of interest will withdraw from judging the competition that year.
10. The prize for 2016 will be £500.