



Scottish Orthodontic Conference

Poster Competition

Abstract submission deadline: Monday 7th December 2026

Abstracts should be emailed to sarah.davison@rcpsg.ac.uk

We are now inviting abstracts for the Scottish Orthodontic Conference poster competition. All abstract submissions will be reviewed by our committee, with the top 3 submissions being selected for a short **oral presentation**. All other accepted abstracts will be displayed on a **digital showcase** throughout the event.

Poster Competition Theme: Contemporary Orthodontic Techniques and Clinical Pearls

We welcome submissions showcasing contemporary orthodontic techniques, practical clinical tips and innovative approaches to orthodontic care. Suitable submissions may include case reports, case series, clinical studies, technique-based presentations and the management of challenging or unusual cases.

Submissions relating to the following areas are particularly encouraged:

- Fixed appliance mechanics
- Anchorage and temporary anchorage devices
- Finishing and detailing
- Interdisciplinary treatment
- Retention
- Treatment troubleshooting
- Management of complex or unusual cases
- Other practical techniques with clear relevance to everyday orthodontic care

For **case-based** submissions, abstracts should include:

- Diagnosis and treatment objectives
- The clinical technique or approach used
- Any challenges encountered and how these were managed
- The treatment outcome
- Key clinical learning points

Case reports should normally involve completed treatment, with sufficient pre-treatment and post-treatment records to demonstrate the outcome.

The three highest-scoring abstracts will be invited to give a short oral presentation at the conference. Each presentation will consist of 8 minutes of presentation followed by 2 minutes for questions.

Please note that the poster competition is only open to applicants who attend the event (either face to face or digitally). ***If your abstract is accepted, at least one author will require to register for the Conference.***

Guidelines for abstract submission are detailed below:

- Abstracts should be a maximum of 300 words with no more than 1 table included
- Submissions must be typed, single spaced on one page with font of at least 11
- Give the initials and the last name of every author, but omit title, degree and position
- The person presenting the paper should have their name mentioned first and underlined
- Indicate the name and address of the institution where the work was carried out
- Include the author's email address, telephone number, address and specialty on a separate page
- Abstracts will be assessed anonymously with no identifiable information included in the title or text
- All abstracts including patients' case histories should have approval from the relevant ethics committee (if appropriate) and informed consent from participants
- Avoid duplication of abstracts using the same data unless they are substantially different

Lay out as follows:

- Title This should not contain the name of an institution or geographical region
- Author Only authors who have made a substantial contribution to the work should be included
- Institution This should contain the department and institution and should not appear elsewhere
- Text
- References A maximum of 2, given in Vancouver style

The text should be arranged as below without the use of subtitles:

- Aim/Objectives
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusions (it is not acceptable to state "results will be discussed")
 - A conclusion is required for all types of presentations, including case reports

Use standard abbreviations:

- Place abbreviations in parentheses after the full word the first time it appears
- Very common abbreviations do not need to be defined but they should be in general use across all specialties
- Please use generic names of drugs
- Proprietary name may be put in parentheses

References (no more than 2) should be listed numerically in the text e.g. (1) (2) and then placed at the bottom of the text using Vancouver format. Do not use a separate heading for references.

Abstracts that do not meet the above requirements will not be accepted. Modification of abstracts will not be possible after the deadline.

For the authors who are chosen to present, please ensure that your poster is landscape, with dimensions 16:9 and that the image/file or PDF is of high quality. Posters may contain logos of institutions.