



Abstract Submission Guidelines

PLEASE NOTE

There will be **NO** Late Breaking call this year

This is the **ONLY** call for abstracts for PCC 2027

Submission Timeline

Date	Activity
Tuesday 1 September	Call for Papers opens
Friday 16 October	Call for Papers closes. Extended until Midnight on Friday 23 October
Friday 20 November	Notification emails issued to submitting Authors
Friday 22 January 2027	Registration deadline for Presenting Authors

Submit Your Abstract: [Online Submission Form](#)

Work in Progress Theme

The Organising Committee is delighted to confirm this theme will continue for PCC 2027. This enables authors to share the early stage progress of their work, even though there are no results for the time being. Accepted abstracts submitted to this theme will **not** be published, rather this is a way to share your work, either as a poster or in a Free Paper session – a format will be offered by the Abstract Review Committee.

Submission Requirements

Online abstract submissions are invited for original research relevant to palliative care and in consideration of the conference theme – ***Science and Spirit: Living and Dying in Modern Times***.

Audits and service evaluations of a sufficient standard will also be considered.

- **Case Reports** will be evaluated on their own individual merit and will only be accepted if they are unusual cases or offer a real learning experience. Please list "Case Report" at the beginning of the abstract title.
 - **CONSENT:** Authors are responsible for appropriate consent being obtained prior to submission. It will be assumed that by submitting a Case Report, the author confirms any necessary consent has been obtained from the patient or their representative. If consent was not deemed necessary, the responsibility for this decision lies with the author.
Please indicate at the end of your Report whether consent was obtained/not deemed required. (*This will not count to the word count*)
- **Terms/statements** used in abstracts should be understandable (or explained) to a national/international audience.

Themes

For each submitted abstract, authors will be asked to select the most relevant Theme from the following list:

- Bereavement
- Caregivers and the Family
- Education and Training
- End of Life Care
- Ethics
- Global Palliative Care
- Psychosocial & Spiritual
- Service Development
- Supportive Care
- Survivorship and Rehabilitation
- Sustainability
- Symptom Management
- Transition
- Work in Progress

Ethics Theme - Submissions under the **Ethics Theme** may include reports of empirical studies, for instance studies of ethics in practice, and these should follow a standard format; other ethics submissions need not follow this format and should summarise the work that has been done or the argument that will be presented.

Data

Data should be submitted in an original format if it has already been published or presented elsewhere.

Abstract Format

Abstracts are restricted to a **maximum of 300 words**, which does not include the title of the abstract, or any references an author may choose to list.

A **structured format** should be followed, i.e.

- Background or Introduction
- Method(s)
- Results – **abstracts with no results should be submitted to the Work in Progress theme**
- Conclusion(s)

References are not required but can be provided if preferred. Please complete the submission form accurately and completely.

Any enquiries regarding the format of abstracts should be made via admin@pccongress.org.uk

Author Index Format (*provided within the online publication of accepted abstracts*)

To ensure the Author Index is accurate, and each author is listed only once, please list all authors in the following format: Forename Surname, Forename Surname e.g., Annabelle Jones, Joseph Brown, etc

Oral and Poster Presentations

Authors are not required to indicate their preference for oral or poster presentation. At review, each submitted abstract will be scored by 3 reviewers from the Abstract Review Committee. The top scoring abstracts will be considered for oral presentation within the conference Programme.

Oral Presentations - The number of oral abstract presentations is restricted by the time available within the conference Programme. The duration of oral presentations will be confirmed at the time of acceptance.

Posters - Authors of abstracts accepted for poster presentation will be required to produce a poster, which will need to be displayed within the Poster Gallery for one day of the conference.

Authorship

Submitters are permitted to be the First/Presenting Author on a **maximum of two abstracts**. The number of abstracts you can co-author is unlimited, however, attending authors may present a maximum of 2 accepted abstracts. For each accepted abstract, a Presenting Author must register to attend at least one day of the conference, no later than **Friday 22 January 2027**.

Any listed co-author may attend the conference as Presenting Author. Abstract submissions with no Presenting Author registered by 17:00 hrs GMT on Friday 22 January 2027 will automatically be withdrawn, and the abstract will not be forwarded for publication. There can be no exceptions.

Submission Period

The main Call for Papers is open **between Tuesday 1 September 2026 and Friday 16 October 2026. Extended until Midnight on Friday 23 October.** The submitting author will receive an email confirming receipt of the abstract submission. If this is not immediately received, please check your Junk/Spam/Trash folders. If no email is received within 24 hours of submission, please advise the conference organiser via email admin@pccongress.org.uk

Outcome Notification Emails

The submitting Author will receive an email notifying the outcome of each abstract submission no later than **Friday 20 November 2026.**

Letters of Invitation for Visa Applications

We will provide a Visa Application support letter upon request, for all accepted oral and poster presenters. Should a Visa Application be unsuccessful, the conference registration fee incurred will be reimbursed.

Abstract Publication

Accepted abstracts, excepting those submitted to the Work in Progress theme, will be published online, in the BMJ Supportive and Palliative Care journal. By submitting an abstract, you are agreeing to its publication in the journal. Submitting Authors are responsible for the content of their abstract.

For clarity, abstracts will not be proofread by a medical professional before publication.

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