

IrishPainSociety

26th Annual Scientific Meeting Saturday 10th October 2026

Venue: George Moore Auditorium, O'Brien centre, UCD

Information for **abstract submission** for

- (a) *Posters* for the Irish Pain Society (IPS) Annual Scientific Meeting & Pain Research Medals (Hugh Raftery Medal, Prof. Laserina O'Connor Nurse Pain Research Medal, Clinical Pain Research Medal and Non-Clinical Pain Research Medal)
- (b) *short oral* presentations (clinical and non-clinical), hosted by the Irish Pain Research Network (IPRN, a Special Interest Group of the IPS), including award for Best Short Oral Presentation.

The IPS invites abstracts to be considered for **Poster and Short Oral presentation** at the Annual Scientific Meeting 2026. Pain-related research abstracts from all disciplines, across the entire Island of Ireland and at any career stage are invited and encouraged.

Abstracts for posters that focus only on study protocols without original data can be submitted for poster presentation but will not be considered for poster prizes and are not eligible for short oral presentations.

Short oral presentations are typically 5-10 minutes in duration. Abstracts not selected for short oral presentations will be offered the opportunity to present a poster on their research.

A number of Prizes are awarded at the IPS ASM.

The **Pain Research Medal** will be awarded for the best **Clinical Pain Research and Non-Clinical Pain Research posters** at the meeting.

The **Dr. Hugh Raftery Medal** will be awarded to a Non-Consultant Hospital Doctor (NCHD) for best Research / Case Report / Case Series / Audit presentation (poster or short oral) in Pain Medicine.

Prof. Laserina O'Connor Nurse Pain Research Medal will be awarded to a Nurse for best Research / Case Report / Case Series / Audit presentation (poster or short oral)

The **Best Short Oral Prize** will be awarded to the best short oral presentation at the meeting.

Authors are permitted to submit abstracts for both the poster and short oral presentations, however, these must be separate abstracts reporting different data/content.

Accepted abstracts will be published on the IPS website and EFIC National Chapters webpage.

The deadline for submission is the 28th of August 2026.

All abstracts must be completed strictly in lines with the guidelines and template as the format is used for inclusion in the conference programme. Abstracts not completed in line with the guidelines and template will be returned to the author.

General Instructions for abstracts submission

1. Abstracts **must be prepared using the guidelines and template below and submitted via this link or on the IPS website**
2. Abstracts must be saved as a word file with the title Author Name_IPS2026.docx (or.doc) [e.g. Jbloggs_IPS2026.docx]
3. Abstracts not conforming to abstract format guidelines will NOT be accepted.
4. Deadline for submission of abstracts is 28th August 2026. Abstracts received after the deadline will not be accepted.
5. Authors should indicate whether they wish their abstract to be submitted for the poster presentation OR short oral presentation.
6. Abstracts submitted to the **short oral presentation must contain scientific data.** Abstracts not selected for the short oral data blitz will be offered the possibility to present their research at the poster presentation.
7. Authors must include information on ethical approval and conflict of interest, where relevant.
8. The abstract must not have been presented at a previous IPS ASM meeting.
9. The presenting author is required to ensure that all co-authors are aware of the content of the abstract before submitting it.
10. Instruction on the preparation of posters and oral presentations will be sent with the acceptance notification of the abstract.
11. Submission of an abstract acknowledges your acceptance for the abstract to be published in the official Conference Abstract Book.
12. Accepted Abstracts will only be included in the meeting if the presenting author has registered for the meeting by Monday 5th October 2026.

Abstract Format Instructions

Abstracts are limited to **one A4 page max, word count main abstract text maximum 250 words excluding references, and should be written in Arial font, size 11, single spacing**

Abstracts must be organised into the following sections (also see template provided)

- TITLE OF ABSTRACT (limited to 20 words) in UPPER CASE
- Author (s) names: first names(s), family name. Presenting author should be underlined.
- Affiliation details of all authors: department; institution/hospital; city, country
- Introduction; Aim of Investigation: Methods: Results: Conclusions: (**max 250 words** for abstract text)
- Ethical Approval: Authors must include information on ethical approval where relevant.
- Acknowledgements: Should include grant or funding support (including grant number)
- Disclosures/Conflict of Interest: Any financial relationships that the author(s) may have with the manufacturer/supplier of any commercial products or services related to the work should be indicated on the abstract form
- Key words: a minimum of three (3) **key words** must be included with each abstract

- Authors of protocol abstracts for submission to the IPS poster session are advised to structure their abstracts under the above headings as they see fit.
- No tables or illustrations may be included in abstracts.
- Abstracts should not usually contain references, only include references where necessary.
- Abstracts must be in **English**.

The deadline for submission is the 28th August 2026.

Abstract Template

TITLE: e.g. EVALUATING ONLINE AND IN-PERSON INTERVENTIONS FOR CHRONIC BACK PAIN

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Introduction:

Aim of the investigation:

Methods:

Results:

Discussion:

Ethics Approval:

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Disclosures/Conflicts of Interest:

Key Words: Min of 3 keywords to be included.