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## Congress 2020

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It's that time of year again!

Time to submit these abstracts and share your innovative work with colleagues.

It's not all about clinical research projects – why not write up any change implementation with outcome evaluation?

We have included Katie's top tips for abstract writing again for your information. Having an oral or poster presentation at BTS Congress is great for your CV, and adds support when seeking funding for attending Congress.

**Remember that voting closes soon for BTS Council!** Please vote before noon on 13<sup>th</sup> February (email will be in your inbox from Online Voting). Your society, your vote counts!

## Dates for your diary

### The BTS Living Donor Forum & Winter Ethics Symposium

The BTS Living Donor Forum & Winter Ethics Symposium will be held in York on **28th Nov** for the one day meeting on the theme of Incentivising Living Donation. We look forward to seeing you in York on 28th November. Registration on website.



### All BTS nurses are invited to the Chapter of Nurses Business Meeting at Congress in Belfast.

The title of the meeting has been confirmed as A New Era in Donation and Transplantation: Nursing Sustainability

As the voice of nursing for BTS it is important we have collective views on the sustainability of services in the future. A short business meeting will be followed by a panel discussion on challenges and measures we face as a profession.

Time and venue to be confirmed, and we hope to have a wide geographical, role and organ specific representation of nurses attending. Watch this space!

**Below:** Recipient and Living Donor Co-ordinators Induction Course September 2019



## Update on NHSBT/BTS Joint Induction Course

The Recipient and Living Donor Co-ordinator 2 day induction course was held in Bristol in September 2019.

This joint NHSBT and BTS initiative aims to provide an overview of donation and transplantation for recipient and living donor co-ordinators in their first year in post. This was the first time the course had been held over two days, and was very well evaluated both for the clinical content and opportunity for co-ordinators from all organ groups to meet.

BTS members provide their clinical expertise and a highlight was visiting the ODT Hub and Information Services which provides mutual understanding of each other's roles and challenges.

We are keen to continue to collaborate with NHSBT colleagues both for the induction courses and proposed combined learning opportunities for recipient/living donor co-ordinators and Specialist Nurses for Organ Donation. The meeting combined presentations from expert faculty, table top discussions, case-based clinical scenarios and improvement methodology to cover topics such as equity of access and missed opportunities in living donor kidney transplantation, streamlining the donor pathway and understanding the data and what it means to recipients and donors. Everyone left with a task to do at least one thing differently - to either improve or change their local programme.

A follow-up survey will be attached to the quarterly network newsletter in 6 months' time to assess progress!

# Katie's Top Tips for writing an abstract



1. Choose a topic that you feel really interested in.
2. Keep your project simple; consider looking at just one thing rather than multiple issues.
3. Use the PICO template for creating a robust research question.

## Population or problem

Who does your study involve/ affect. What is the problem that you're exploring?

## Intervention

What thing are you implementing or changing? Are you trying something new?

## Comparison

Are you comparing old and new systems? What difference are you hoping to make?

## Outcome

What are you hoping to accomplish or improve?

Share your ideas with your colleagues, any feedback, positive or negative will strengthen your project.

Create a timeline for you to try and work to. Having a deadline will help to keep you motivated.

6. Do a literature search, or ask the library to help you with a literature search.
7. Read abstracts that were submitted at previous conferences.
8. Keep a record of what you're doing. It's good to reflect as you go.
9. Find yourself a mentor and ask them to read your abstract.
10. Read around your subject matter.

When you come to submit your abstract you will be asked to present your information under the following headings: Introduction; Methods; Results; Discussion. As you use the PICO template to collate your ideas, think about how you can fit everything into these categories for your final abstract submission. The BTS Secretariat is happy to answer any questions about abstract design and submission. Please email Candi at [secretariat@bts.org.uk](mailto:secretariat@bts.org.uk) and submission.

## BTS Membership fees from 2017

Reduced Member: £30, student, NHS Band 7  
or below or clinical scientist.

Ordinary Member: £90, SPR, Lecturer or  
NHS Band 8a, 8b or 8c

Consultant Member: £130, Consultant,  
Senior Reader, Professor or NHS Band 8d  
or above

### Chapter of Nurses

Further membership details are on the [BTS website](#), however here are the current committee, with contact emails for the co-chairs for your comments, views and submissions:

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Wendy Littlejohn (Liver)

Katie Morley (Cardio-thoracic rep  
& current Recipient Lead, NHSBT)

Eve Watson (Clinical Educator)

