

Call for Abstracts Announcement 2017

Faculty of Sports and Exercise Medicine (RCPI & RCSI) 14th Annual Scientific Conference

Friday 15th and Saturday 16th September 2017
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, 123 St Stephen's Green, Dublin 2

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY
CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF ABSTRACTS: FRIDAY 28 JULY 2017

Oral & Poster Presentations: Friday 15th and Saturday 16th September 2017

Abstract Themes:

Sports Medicine
Exercise and Population Health
Exercise in Rehabilitation & Treatment
Sports and Exercise Science

SCIENTIFIC PAPERS AND POSTERS

- The abstract should be less than/equal to 250 words, excluding the title and should be divided into: Purpose (or Introduction), Methods, Results and Conclusions
- Include only text; do not include images, figures or graphs
- The name(s) of the Author(s) should appear, Presenter's name first, as surname(s), initials without punctuation, and without titles or degrees (e.g. Smith, AB - maximum of 4 authors)
- All abstracts will undergo blinded editorial review with regard to scientific content and process and editors may request further corrections of content before abstract acceptance
- Sample abstract for scientific presentations is enclosed below
- Please indicate if you wish to submit your abstract for Oral or Poster presentation
- Note those submitting poster presentations will be expected to make a short informal presentation (2-3 min) of their work to examining judges at an appointed time during coffee and lunch breaks on the first day of the conference

- **The Scientific Committee reserves the right to edit the abstracts in case of inaccuracy of scientific content**

POSTERS must be submitted in Portrait format, size A0 only

All Presenters must register for the Conference
Early Registration closing 1st August 2017

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SAMPLE abstract submission for ORAL AND POSTER PRESENTATION

An Audit of Automated External Defibrillators in the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA)

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Introduction: Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) affects approximately 6,000 Irish people annually, evidence shows increased survival rates for persons receiving early defibrillation. In 2007, the GAA promoted and subsidised AED placement within its clubs.

Study Aims: to determine availability, usage and location of AEDs at GAA clubs nationally.

Methods: 1,661 club secretaries were requested to complete an on-line survey to gather data on AED availability, placement, maintenance, signage and usage.

Results: 48% (n=799) of clubs responded, 732 surveys were admissible, and of respondents; 69% (n=503) owned an AED, 25% (n=185) did not and 6% (n=44) were unsure. 35% (n=177) of clubs had purchased AEDs through the GAA/VHI scheme. Reasons for acquisition of an AED were; 51% (n=257) cited "recommendation/promotion by the GAA", 43% (n =216) "requested by community" and "because SCA is very topical" respectively, and 19% (n = 95) "donated by third party." In 31% (n=155) of club AEDs were kept in locked locations, 58% (n=288) were publicly accessible and in 11% (n = 60) location was unknown. In 3% (n= 16) of clubs AEDs had been used in resuscitation attempts.

Discussion: This is the first national audit of AED use within the GAA since its introduction of a policy promoting AED usage in 2007. The uptake of AED placement in clubs responding to this survey was high; however no data is available for the 52% of clubs who did not respond. The author would therefore recommend mandatory registration of AED placement in the annual club report to GAA headquarters.