

RCN International Nursing Research Conference 2025

ViPER Guidelines for session presenters/facilitators

What is a ViPER

A ViPER is a novel approach to delivering research presentations for networking. It is an evaluation of Visual Presentation with Expert Review (ViPER).

ViPER's promote interaction and discussion rather than the routine didactic approach used in the majority of conference presentations. The aim of a ViPER is to allow attendees to have an input into the work being presented: to provide constructive feedback, new ideas, a different viewpoint and hints and tips for future development. For presenters it allows them to raise the profile of their work and promote the research to potential future collaborators.

How a ViPER is delivered

1. A poster is developed and should be available to be viewed by attendees prior to the conference. We will be asking ViPER presenters to provide copies of their poster in advance of the conference as PDF documents which will go on the website for delegates to view. A copy will also be sent to the session facilitator.
2. Facilitator will advise delegates how to access the poster via the app. (Bring A4 copies for those who do not have access).
3. The presenter displays their poster in the presentation room (poster boards will be set up in the room for this purpose). Presenters should then spend 5 minutes summarising the poster and use no more than 3 PowerPoint slides to do so. The summary may focus on the background, rationale, methodology, key findings and/or discursive key issues but not all issues/facts as presented in the poster.
4. The session facilitator will then verbally highlight 3 – 5 key themes/issues for consideration and for group discussion. The facilitator's role is to encourage debate and discussion amongst the attendees and with the presenter for the remaining 20 minutes. The facilitator may also wish to spend a few minutes at the end to sum up the session's key points.

Preparation for the ViPER

- The facilitator and the presenter(s) should meet either in person or by phone, to review the poster and agree the discussion points prior to the session commencing. This needs to take place ahead of the session and no less than 24 hours prior to the delivery of the ViPER.
- The facilitator should have a list of key themes/questions ready to stimulate debate and discussion, in case attendees ask no questions. The presenter should be able to assist with providing these.
- It is useful to consider 'lateral,' and/or topical issues as well as those presented in the poster and PowerPoint slides.
- Consider the use of open questions i.e. how, what, where are more likely to stimulate debate and/or discussion.

Actions

Action	By whom	Deadline
Upload a copy of your poster to Exordo. Please also forward a copy to your ViPER session facilitator.	Presenter(s)	Posters to be sent by no later than 5pm on 26 August 2025
Produce hard copy poster (please refer to the RCN poster guidelines – A0 Portrait) and bring the hard copy to the conference for display in the room you will be presenting in.	Presenter(s)	For use on the day.
Organise a face to face / telephone catch up to discuss and review the poster	Presenter(s) and facilitator	Ideally <u>7 days before the conference</u> .
Prepare key themes/questions for discussion at the session	Facilitator	Ideally <u>7 days before the conference</u>
Print a small batch of A4 copies of the poster for those who do not have access to the mobile app.	Presenter(s)	For use on the day.

Submitting your presentation slides

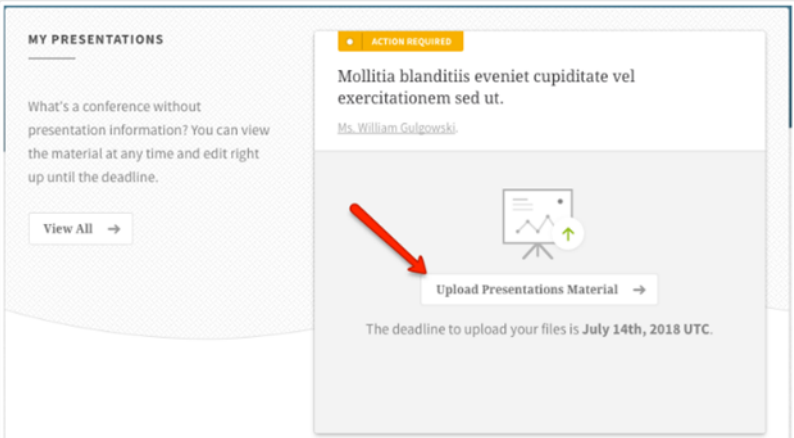
We shall be receiving presentation slides in advance using our abstract management system Exordo.

Deadline 5pm, Thursday 5 September 2024.

To do so, please login to your [Exordo account](#) and you'll have a presentation upload prompt on your dashboard.

Access the Presentation Upload Workflow

After you've been accepted to present at the conference the organisers may ask you to log in to the Ex Ordo system and upload your presentation files. On your dashboard, you will have a prompt on **My Presentations** card directing you to this workflow.



The screenshot shows a dashboard section titled 'MY PRESENTATIONS'. It contains a text block: 'What's a conference without presentation information? You can view the material at any time and edit right up until the deadline.' Below this is a 'View All →' button. To the right is a card with a yellow 'ACTION REQUIRED' banner. The card text reads: 'Mollitia blanditiis eveniet cupiditate vel exercitationem sed ut.' followed by 'Ms. William Gulgowski'. At the bottom of the card is a button labeled 'Upload Presentations Material →' with a red arrow pointing to it. Below the button, it says 'The deadline to upload your files is July 14th, 2018 UTC.'