How to Prepare a Strong Entry for the MWF & MPS Foundation Research Competition for Doctors

Entrant Guidance Document

What Are Judges Looking For?

- Clearly defined healthcare problem
- Alignment with competition priorities
- Robust methodology and critical thinking
- Measurable impact and outcomes
- Clear communication and professional presentation

Competition Priorities

- Patient safety
- Healthcare professional wellbeing
- Risk reduction and human factors
- Innovation in education and training
- Women's health and wellbeing where relevant

Quality Improvement Projects

- Define the problem
- Present baseline data
- Undertake root cause analysis
- Use recognised QI methods such as PDSA
- Measure outcomes and sustainability

Research Projects

- Focused research question
- Evidence-based rationale

- Appropriate methodology
- Robust analysis
- Implications for practice, policy and research

Common Reasons Entries Lose Marks

- Poor alignment with priorities
- Weak methodology description
- Lack of impact evidence
- Limited critical reflection
- Failure to address judging criteria

Final Submission Checklist

☐ Criteria addressed

☐ Ethical approvals obtained where required

☐ Patient information anonymised

☐ AI use declared where applicable

☐ Entry proofread

☐ All documents uploaded before the deadline

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