

NeoHeart EUROPE 2026

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The NeoHeart Europe 2026 call for abstracts is now open!

NeoHeart Europe 2026 will take place on **Thursday 9-Friday 10 July 2026** at BMA House, London, UK.

This is your opportunity to showcase new scientific research as an abstract or as an interesting case in one of the following fields:

1. Neonatal Hemodynamics
2. Congenital Heart Disease (CICU, Cardiology, Cardiothoracic Surgery & Anaesthesia)
3. Bench to Bedside (research)
4. Fetal
5. Other

The deadline to submit is **Friday 17 April**, midnight. Authors will be notified of their application status by **Friday 15 May**.

The three top-scoring abstracts/cases will be invited to give an oral presentation during the conference on Thursday 9-Friday 10 July. The next ten highest scoring abstracts/cases will be invited to give a poster presentation next to their digital poster during the evening networking reception on Thursday 9 July. The remaining accepted abstracts/cases will be displayed during the conference as digital posters. All accepted abstracts will be published in [BMJ Paediatrics Open](#) (N.B. only abstracts will be published; case reports will **not** be published).

Key dates

Abstract submissions close:	Friday 17 April 2026, 23:59 BST
Authors notified of abstract status:	Friday 15 May 2026

Please read the competition guidelines below before applying through the [ONLINE SUBMISSION FORM](#) by the deadline of Friday 17 April, midnight.

Guidelines

1. All entries must be submitted on the Ex Ordo submission platform by **Friday 17 April**, midnight.
2. Before you start, please note the following:

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- Submission of previously published work is accepted. However, if your work has been published in a journal before, it **cannot** be published in the *BMJ Paediatrics Open* (publication is only open to those who can confirm the whole or a substantial part of their abstract has not previously been published).
- There are no limitations on the number of abstracts/cases that an individual can submit.
- If your abstract/case report is accepted, you or one of your co-authors, **must** be available to attend NeoHeart Europe 2026 on Thursday 9-Friday 10 July in London.
- By submitting an abstract/case, the authors confirm that the submission is their own original work, has been performed with the permission of any relevant ethical or legislative body/conducted with appropriate ethical and governance safeguards (where applicable), is not defamatory or unlawful and does not infringe anyone else's rights. Case presentations must observe confidentiality standards.
- No identifying features such as names of authors should be included in the abstract section, as a "blind" review process will be used.
- Any questions? Please contact us at events.gla@gosh.nhs.uk

Step-by-step guide to submitting your abstract

1. Log into **Ex Ordo** (if you have not used the platform before, you need to create a free account to use the platform) and start a new submission – you will be asked the following:
 - **Format:** If successful, please indicate what presentation format you would prefer:
 - **Oral presentation:** A 7-minute presentation during NeoHeart Europe 2026, Thursday 9-Friday 10 July.
 - **Poster presentation:** A 5-minute presentation alongside a digital poster of your work during the conference networking reception on the evening of Thursday 9 July.

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- **Digital poster:** You will prepare a digital poster of your work which will be displayed in the conference catering space during the breaks. This option involves no presentation (the posters will simply be displayed on rotation).
- **No preference**
- **Title:** Add a concise/interesting title (maximum 15 words).
- **Abstract:** Add your abstract/case report in no more than 300 words (N.B. your title isn't included in the word limit). Your abstract should be structured (i.e. divided into sections, the following are suggestions: Background, Methods, Results and Conclusion. You can select headings that suit your work).
 - **Tables/graphics** can be attached in a jpeg or png format. These are optional. You can attach up to three. These do not count towards your word limit.
 - **Please note the following:**
 - Acronyms must be written out in full the first time you use them.
 - Abstracts cannot contain identifiable data e.g., patient name/hospital numbers.
 - Data-free abstracts i.e. 'data to be discussed in presentation' = Rejection
- **Authors:** Add in details of anybody who contributed significantly to the work. Please ensure that your co-authors have seen the abstract and are happy with their name being added prior to submission. Please include each author's title, first and last name, affiliation (e.g., Great Ormond Street Hospital) and the country they live in (e.g., United Kingdom).
 - **Corresponding author:** Once you've added an author, two tick boxes will appear. Select one author (likely yourself) to be the lead author (known on Ex Ordo as the 'Corresponding Author'). All communication relating to abstracts will be sent via email to the corresponding author.
 - **Presenting author:** You need to select one author to be the 'Presenting Author'. If your abstract is selected for an oral or poster presentation, the presenting author will speak on behalf of your group (N.B. if you are selected to prepare a digital poster, you don't need to



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present alongside this. But the presenting author will prepare your poster).

- **Topic:** After adding your abstract, please select which of the conference subthemes your abstract aligns with:
 - Neonatal Hemodynamics
 - Congenital Heart Disease (CICU, Cardiology, Cardiothoracic Surgery & Anaesthesia)
 - Bench to Bedside (research)
 - Fetal
 - Other
- **Any references?** If you refer to any publications/other people's work in your abstract, you can add references. BMJ Paediatrics Open asks for references to be added in the Vancouver style:
<https://www.scribbr.co.uk/referencing/vancouver-style/>
- **Acknowledgements for funding or support:** If you received funds or support to carry out your work, please include a sentence which acknowledges this.
- **Conflicts of interest:** If you have any conflicts of interest to declare, please add these here.
- **Publication:** Finally you need to state whether you are happy for your abstract (if accepted) to be published in the *BMJ Paediatrics Open*. N.B. Case reports cannot be published.
 - If you agree to publication, you are required to grant an exclusive licence on a worldwide basis to the BMJ and/or co-owners or contracting owning societies (where published by the BMJ on their behalf) in accordance with the BMJ's standard licence. It is the responsibility of the lead author to ensure their co-authors are aware that by submitting their work for publication they are agreeing to the terms and conditions of the BMJ's standard licence to publish for abstracts. The licence terms will be available to read on the submission page and can also be found here. [BMJ-Journals-conference-abstract-licence-OA-and-non-OA.pdf](#)

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Selection process/deadlines

- All abstracts will be evaluated anonymously and scored by our Scientific Committee. Abstracts will be reviewed based on scientific merit, readability, relevance, originality and impact.
- Entrants will be advised by **Friday 15 May** whether their abstracts/cases have been selected for an oral presentation (3 abstracts/cases will be selected), poster presentation (up to 10 abstracts/cases will be selected) or for display as a digital poster (no limit on the number selected) during NeoHeart Europe 2026. Guidelines about next steps will be sent at this stage.
- Prizes will be awarded at the end of the symposium:
 - Best oral presentation
 - Best poster presentation

The two winning presenting authors will receive a plaque acknowledging their win and will receive free registration for NeoHeart 2027.

- All accepted abstracts will be published in the *BMJ Paediatrics Open* (N.B. case reports will not be published). Abstracts will be published within six months of being accepted and a link to the journal will be circulated to authors once published.
- Authors of all accepted abstracts will receive a certificate post-conference.