

Workshop
From Abstract to Conference Presentation
Tuesday 20th November 2018, 10am-12pm

Disseminating our work at conferences is a key task for those of us involved in medical education and research. Dr van Enk has experience of running writing workshops for academics, from novices through to supervisors and has kindly offered to do this in CME. The workshop has a strong emphasis on how to write a compelling abstract. It covers, also, attending conferences and giving presentations. It will be interactive and, we hope, fun.

Colloquium
How can medical education research be both rigorous and relevant?
Tuesday 20th November 2018, 1-3pm

Co-facilitated by Dr Anneke van Enk (Universities of British Columbia, Canada, and Utrecht, the Netherlands) and Dr Neil Kennedy (Acting Head of the Centre for Medical Education, QUB)

The scholarship of medical education has to resolve a tension: how can research be theoretically and empirically rigorous whilst having positive impacts on patients, students, and trainee doctors? QUB's medical education research group, which is deeply embedded in medical and educational practice invites you to explore that tension with us. We will briefly present examples from our current research and use the concept of 'co-production' to explore possible solutions.

Here's the background: the research published in leading medical education journals rarely impacts patients. Indeed, ivory tower educationalists, who regard practice-relevant research as impure, seek to impact theory rather than practice. A recent NEJM editorial lamented that medical education lacks an evidence-base and the NIHR and Wellcome Trust extended their scopes to include it. Privately, though, these bodies regard our research proposals as too weak to fund. How can we and others, who are concerned about relevance, position ourselves within this field?

Masterclass
Critical discussion of thesis writing
Wednesday 21st 2018, 10am-2pm

Co-facilitated by Dr Anneke van Enk (Universities of British Columbia, Canada, and Utrecht, the Netherlands) and Dr Helen Reid (Academic GP, who recently completed a PhD)

This Masterclass is aimed at postgraduate students, who have to write theses. Dr van Enk and Dr Reid will facilitate critical discussion around the individual research projects of students at the advanced (writing) stage of their PhD research in CME. The interactive nature of the Masterclass will engage everyone who attends into sharing problems and experiences, and learning collectively.