



SURVEY SUBMISSION GUIDANCE

INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS

Requests for circulation of surveys to BESS members should be submitted with a short summary of no more than 200 words covering the following aspects:

1. Purpose of the survey, and its potential benefit to the membership
2. Relevance of the survey topic to the needs of patients and/or the NHS
3. Justification that the survey is necessary to answer the question/s posed, i.e., such information is not available by other means
4. Confirmation of how the results of the survey will be utilized (preference will be given for surveys specifically contributing to the development of a grant application or larger clinical trial)
5. Plans for dissemination of survey results.

BESS will retain ownership of data from surveys of its members. By submitting your survey to BESS, you agree to provide the research committee with a summary of your findings before the next annual scientific meeting.

These summarised survey results will be archived in the BESS web pages to allow access to other researchers.

BESS will limit the number of surveys to a maximum of three per year. Only well constructed surveys which adhere to the above principles will be selected for circulation to the membership. The research committee will provide this quality assurance by objectively assessing the surveys submitted to BESS.

You may submit appropriately constructed surveys following the above guidelines by emailing the BESS office via office@bess.org.uk.

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