

SPOTLIGHT SESSIONS

ICTMC 2026 continues to welcome themed Spotlight Session submissions and, following their successful introduction at ICTMC 2024, we have increased the number of sessions available in the programme for 2026.

Proposals for a Spotlight Session should bring together a geographically and preferably, disciplinary and career-stage diverse panel of speakers and discussants to present the latest ideas on an important and topical issue in an area of trials methods research. Sessions are intended to be interactive and should promote and support constructive discussion of key topics for the trials community.

The Scientific Committee has identified key topic areas for these Spotlight Sessions. We encourage submissions for sessions that consider the opportunities, challenges and potential solutions to the challenges in the following areas:

- Artificial Intelligence in trials methodology
- De-centralised trials
- Greener trials
- Patient and public involvement in trials methodology research
- Implementation of innovative methodologies in clinical trials
- Inclusive research methodologies in clinical trials
- Innovative trial methodologies in limited (rare/ultra-rare) populations
- Research integrity in clinical trials
- Trials in public health or social care
- Trials in low resource settings

Submissions for sessions on other trials methods research topics are equally welcome but high-quality submissions on the above topics will be prioritised.

We expect these sessions to include presentations and discussions that last 80 minutes. A session will likely include 3-4 presentations and could include a smaller number of presentations with a discussant, or a structured panel discussion from different perspectives. The sessions will require a named Chair and are expected to ensure time for discussion and audience engagement (20-30 mins).

These sessions will be offered through the same peer review mechanisms as the existing abstract submission for oral and poster presentations.

These sessions are not supported financially by the Scientific Committee, and the expectation is that presenters provide funds to cover registration and attendance. Submissions for Spotlight Sessions will open at the same time as for contributed abstracts.