

**IFSO 2017 and
The Royal College of Surgeons of England
present:**



Dragons' Den in the Shark Tank

Pitch your idea for a bariatric RCT
to the dragons in the shark tank ...

Closing date for submissions: April 1st 2017

The four shortlisted submissions presented during a session at IFSO 2017 and published in 'Obesity Surgery' as part of the conference proceedings.

Are you in or out?

Win the opportunity to design and present an RCT!

We invite you to submit an idea for a randomised controlled trial (RCT) in bariatric and metabolic surgery to be pitched to the 'Dragons' at IFSO 2017. RCTs in all aspects of care related to bariatric/metabolic surgery will be considered. This opportunity extends to surgical teams and integrated health professionals of all grades.

Proposals should contain the following information **in no more than 500 words**:

- Names, titles and roles of team members (minimum of two people).
- Background and rationale for the RCT, including existing literature reviews.
- Overall aim in PICO (Patients, Intervention, Comparator, Outcomes) format.
- Trial design (selection and recruitment of patients, timing of randomization, details of the intervention and comparator, information about the primary and secondary endpoints (how, when and by whom will they be assessed)).

Anonymised submissions will be judged by a multi-disciplinary panel. Shortlisting will focus on the clinical importance of the idea and its feasibility and deliverability.

Teams will be informed of the outcome by May 13th 2017. The four shortlisted ideas will be invited to present their ideas in a 2-hour session, which will be held at IFSO in London. Shortlisted teams will be offered opportunities to receive methodological support and guidance from a mentor from the Bristol Surgical Trials Centre before the presentation (delivered by teleconference to work with international time lines).

Submissions can be submitted via the online abstract submission system from Monday 19th December 2016. The deadline for submissions is 1st April 2017. Please contact us at abstract.ifso2017@tfigroup.com if you have any queries, and good luck!

