



CLINICAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP GUIDELINES

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We are pleased to welcome you on the Clinical Team Championship submission platform for the EAO Congress 2026 which will take place in Lisbon, Portugal.

The submission platform will be available from **April 3, 2026**, until **July 7, 2026**. We kindly ask you to read these guidelines before submitting your application.

Notification of acceptance will be sent to authors end of **July 2026** at the latest.

GENERAL RULES

1. Formal requirements

Applications must be submitted under the shared affiliation of all team members. Only one affiliation will be accepted per team. Each team must consist of **two to four members**, all representing the same university, institution, or private practice. All submissions must relate to the congress theme: **"Delivering Health and Predictability: Shaping the Future of Patient Care."** Cases highlighting true interdisciplinary collaboration and coordinated team-based implant therapy are strongly encouraged.

Applications must be submitted exclusively via the official submission platform: https://eao2026.abstractserver.com/submission_ctc/. The submission deadline is **July 7, 2026**. Applications submitted after this deadline or through any other channel will not be considered.

Each application must include:

- Team information: team name, shared affiliation, names of all team members, and the corresponding team member's email address
- Short narrative summary of the case, including a justification of the chosen treatment approach
- Documentation of the case demonstrating the baseline (pre-treatment) condition, the treatment phase, as well as the chosen follow-up stage

2. Review process and scoring criteria

All applications will be reviewed by our Junior Committee and scored based on the following criteria:

- Rationale: Clear patient indication, sound justification of the treatment plan, and evidence-based execution. The chosen approach should demonstrate thoughtful planning aligned with current scientific standards
- Interdisciplinary Collaboration: Meaningful integration of multiple disciplines. Active and visible contribution of each team member to diagnosis, planning, execution, and follow-up will positively influence the score
- Predictability: Demonstration of treatment reliability and long-term thinking. Longer and well-documented follow-up periods will strengthen the evaluation in this category
- Documentation: Thoroughness, transparency, and overall quality of the case documentation



Based on the overall evaluation, four teams will be selected and invited to present their cases live at the EAO Congress 2026 in Lisbon.

Registration of all members of the invited teams to the EAO Congress 2026 is mandatory and must be done before **August 21, 2026**.

3. Semifinal presentations

The four selected teams will be assigned to semifinal matchups by random draw.

Each team will deliver a 10-minute case presentation, followed by up to 5 minutes of discussion with the jury. Two semifinals will take place, each between two competing teams.

After each semifinal, one team will advance to the final based on a combined voting system:

- 70% of the vote is allocated to the expert jury
- 30% of the vote is allocated to the in-person audience voting via the EAO mobile application

The two winning teams from the semifinals will proceed to the final round.

4. Final lightning round

The two finalist teams will compete simultaneously in a lightning round.

Questions will be posed by the expert jury. Questions may relate to:

- Clinical decision-making in the presented case
- Complication management
- Justification of the treatment approach
- Interdisciplinary coordination
- Long-term maintenance strategies
- Scientific evidence on the chosen treatment approach

Teams may signal their intention to answer by pressing a buzzer. The first team to activate the buzzer earns the right to respond. Once the buzzer is pressed, the team has 20 seconds to deliver a sufficient answer. A visible countdown timer will be displayed to indicate the elapsed time.

One point is awarded for each satisfactory answer as evaluated by the expert jury.

For each incorrect or incomplete answer, no points are awarded. The opposing team may be given the opportunity to respond at the expert jury's discretion.

Points accumulated during the lightning round will determine the winner of the Clinical Team Championship. In the event of a tie, an additional sudden-death question will be asked. The first team to answer correctly will be declared the winner.

5. Prize

The winning team will be awarded a total cash prize of 1,000 EUR.

Each member of the runner-up team will be awarded a registration to the EAO First Certificate.



GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

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