

## **Qualifying Questions for Category Selection**

### **Research (Quantitative, Qualitative)**

Research uses the scientific process to generate new knowledge and evidence about a subject using methodology including measurements of variables, collection and statistical analysis of data and conclusions based on results of the study.

1. Did you use a methodology to answer a research question?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No (if No, choose a different category)
2. Does your study involve data collection and analysis?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No (if No, you must choose a different category)
3. Do you use a methodology to answer a research question or test a research hypothesis?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No (if No, choose a different category)

### **Non-Research (Evidence Based Practice, Quality Improvement)**

#### **Evidence Based Practice**

Evidence based practice uses the best evidence from published research studies and combines it with clinical expertise to guide clinical practice resulting in the best patient outcomes.

1. Is your project a literature review?
  - a. Yes (if Yes, literature reviews not eligible and abstract not accepted)
  - b. No
2. Have you asked a clinical question in the PICO(T) format?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No (If No, you must choose a different category)
3. Have you provided evidence from the literature and combined it with clinical expertise to answer your PICO(T) question?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No (If No, you must choose a different category)
4. Have you implemented the evidence into clinical practice or is there a plan to implement the evidence into clinical practice?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No (if No, incomplete submissions not accepted)

### **Quality Improvement**

Quality improvement (QI) is a data-driven strategy to improve processes, costs, productivity, and outcomes within an organization based on evidence from the literature. The focus is on the current structure within the institution that needs to be changed.

1. Is this a literature review?
  - a. Yes (If Yes, literature reviews not accepted and your project is not eligible)
  - b. No
2. Has your project been implemented or is there a plan to implement your project?
  - a. Yes
  - c. No (If No, incomplete submissions not accepted)
3. Does your project improve internal systems or processes in an organization to improve cost, productivity and/or quality outcomes?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No (If No, choose a different category.)

### **Non-Research (Case Study, Innovation)**

#### **Case Study**

A case study describes an unusual, complicated or novel case of the symptoms, signs, diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up of an individual patient and includes the relevant literature on the topic.

1. Does your submission describe the case of an individual patient?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No (if No, choose a different category)

#### **Innovation**

An innovation project describes a *new invention* of a product or process that demonstrates adherence to scholarly standards and practices with proof of concept backed by evidence from the literature which may include pilot studies.

1. Does your innovation project reflect an innovative product or process?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No (if No, choose a different category)