

CAPOD Funding Report

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Event /Course Title	Writing Skills for Medical Writers: what MedComms agencies expect
Date of event	31/10/2018

1. Brief description of Event (50-100 words):

This one day event focused on introduction to medical writing for medical communication agencies. It was delivered in a small group of 11 people. Throughout this workshop, the trainer introduced various aspects of medical writing, such as types of tasks, which can be expected, tips on writing style, more advanced grammar elements, examples of common mistakes. This was a very interactive session, with many opportunities to ask questions and learn about other course participants' experience.

2. What were the benefits of attending and what did you gain from the experience in terms of transferable skills and knowledge.

- Chance to ask questions expert/someone who has vast experience in the field
- Identification of areas of my writing style that I can improve
- This workshop not only applies to medical writing, which I am considering as one of the career paths after my PhD, but also academic writing, such as thesis, manuscripts, etc
- Better insight into medical writing industry, which otherwise would not be easily accessible
- Resources for better writing
- Learning about experience from other attendees, who have already attempted writing tests, which are essential part of recruitment process

3. What actions will you be taking as a result of attending or by making new networking contacts.

I will apply what I have learned to my writing, whether it is publication, thesis or other piece of writing that I will produce during my PhD. I will also contact MedComms agencies and find out whether I could shadow someone, learn more about the working environment. I will also practise writing tests.

4. Can you share any additional resources produced in connection with the event (e.g. feedback from participants, training resources, website links, and additional materials).

5. Tips/experience learned from the event

- Use readability statistics available in Word and online
- Be concise, do not use very technical jargon, shorter words are better
- Use more active than passive voice, but it is all about balance
- Always ask for proofreading

6. Any additional comments or information regarding the event