

ABSTRACT GUIDELINES FOR ORAL AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS

In order for your presentation to be considered, abstract guidelines must be followed as closely as possible. Please ensure that the presenting author completes the abstract submission. Abstracts must be submitted by **Friday 13 June 2014**.

Conference Themes for Presentations

Theme	Explanation
Biomedical	<p>Research informing clinical management of patients or the use of the laboratory and diagnostics in the field of sexual health</p> <p>For example, Clinical audits, case studies or case series, treatment trials; studies involving novel uses of nucleic acid detection tests, point of care testing, evaluation of new diagnostic tests, antimicrobial resistance and molecular typing</p>
Psycho-social	<p>Research into the psychological and social influences on sexuality, sexual practices and sexual health, including the mental health implications of poor sexual health.</p> <p>For example, social and psychological factors affecting sexual health; social inequalities (of gender, social class, ethnicity, sexuality, disability) and sexual health; social and psychological programs and interventions to improve sexual health; professional development relevant to psycho-social intervention and sexual health</p>
Health promotion	<p>Health education and health promotion relevant to sexual health; research into the policy, program and contextual factors affecting the success of actions and interventions to promote sexual health.</p> <p>For example, health promotion actions, programs, interventions and evaluations; policy frameworks and service provision; school-based sexual health education; education in community and health care settings; HIV and sexual health.</p>
Reproductive Health	<p>Research informing service delivery and clinical management of reproductive health</p> <p>For example, clinical audits, clinical trials or reviews in relation to contraception, abortion and other related areas</p>

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Sexuality	Research, trials and clinical presentations on sexual behaviours and practices, and how they affect individuals, couples and society. Includes the therapy and management of sexual dysfunctions: male and female, gay and straight, conservative and other.
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health	Health issues that impact the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander population within Australia or world-wide
Epidemiology	Research informing the epidemiology of STIs and other aspects of Sexual Health For example, Case-control or cohort studies, community screening studies, surveillance reports, investigation of STI outbreaks, vaccines, microbicides, enhanced screening strategies
Other	Research regarding sexual health topics that do not fit into above categories e.g. legal / ethical issues

Types of Presentations

Authors should state a preference for oral or poster presentation, and address the abstract to one of the conference themes above.

Presentation Type	Time Allocation	Explanation
ORAL PRESENTATIONS	12 minutes presentation and 3 minutes question time	Oral presentations may be original research, case presentations, divisional projects and analytical studies. Where possible, presentations with a similar theme will be grouped together.
POSTER PRESENTATIONS	Permanently displayed during the Conference	Posters can present research in progress, case studies, divisional projects or clinical topics. Posters will be displayed within the exhibition and catering area.

Abstract Preparation Guidelines for all presentations (Oral and Posters)

All abstracts must:

- Use Arial 12 point type only
- Use single spacing only
- Format - Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) files only
- Leave one line between paragraphs
- Specify all abbreviations in full at the first mention, followed by the abbreviation in parentheses, thereafter abbreviation only should be used
- Be written in English
- Check abstract thoroughly for spelling and grammar
- Do not include references

All abstracts must include:

TITLE: in **BOLD** at the top of the abstract

AUTHORS:

- Principal author to appear first
- Underline the name of the author who will be presenting the paper
- Use surname followed by initials (do not use full stops or commas between surname and initials)
- Omit degrees and titles
- Include affiliations for each author. Use superscript numbering *after* the author's name to indicate affiliations

BODY OF ABSTRACT: maximum 300 words, with following headings:

- **Background:** study objectives, hypothesis tested, or description of problem
- **Methods:** method used or approach taken
- **Results:** in summarized form, must include data but do not include tables, graphs or pictures
- **Conclusion:** description of main outcomes of the study. Include knowledge or insight that conference attendees will gain from the presentation, explanation of how conference attendees can apply the skills and/or knowledge within their communities and how the study contributes to evidence-based knowledge

Note: If the body of the abstract is more than 300 words it will be sent back to be revised.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST STATEMENT:

The Australasian Sexual Health Alliance recognise the considerable contribution that industry partners make to professional and research activities. We also recognise the need for transparency of disclosure of potential conflicts of interest by acknowledging these relationships in publications and presentations.

Please insert into your abstract a disclosure of interest statement for any contributions received relevant to this work.

Note: If accepted into the program you will be requested to include a disclosure of interest slide into your presentation or include such statements in your poster.

Please view the sample abstract accessible from the conference website.

Selection Criteria

Abstracts will be favoured at review if they incorporate:

- Original data of high quality.
- An analysis that extends existing knowledge

In balancing the program the committee may require authors to present their work in an alternate format (eg as a poster rather than oral presentation).

Note: We encourage abstracts that are based on Indigenous issues be presented by Indigenous persons, or an Indigenous co-presenter be included. If this is not possible, please include some information as to whether any member of the indigenous community in which the research is based was involved in development of the research protocol or in conducting the research.

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Abstract Submission

Abstracts must be submitted electronically through the online system. You will be required to enter:

- Preferred theme
- Preferred presentation type
- Authors' names. Note: Abstract presenters will be required to fund their own attendance at the conference and should not submit an abstract if this is not possible. Scholarships may be available and preference will be given to those who do submit abstracts, however authors should ensure they are able to fund their own travel if need be.
- Authors' affiliations
- Abstract title
- Abstract as a word document (maximum 300 words) plus a disclosure of interest statement
- Short biography of presenter (maximum 50 words). This information will be used by the session chair for introduction purposes and may be published in conference literature
- Audiovisual requirements

Please contact the Conference Secretariat if you are unable to lodge your abstract via the website or if you have any queries. By submitting an abstract all authors agree to release the license to the Conference organisers and give permission to publish the abstract in the conference handbook and on the website, and in so doing certify that the abstract is original work.

Note: If your abstract does not conform to the guidelines, including if it is over 300 words, it will be returned to the submitting author to revise.

The link to the online registration submission system will be available on the conference website abstract submission page when launched late April.

Conference Registration

Abstract presenters will be required to fund their own attendance at the conference and should not submit an abstract if this is not possible.

All presenters (including posters) will be required to register for the conference by **Friday 29 August 2014**. It will be assumed that any presenter not registered by this date has withdrawn from the program and their abstract will be removed from the handbook.