



Call for Abstracts

The Conference Program Committee is inviting abstracts for the upcoming Palliative Care Nurses Australia Conference "2020 *Who Year of the Nurse, Celebrating Palliative Care Nursing*" to be held in Melbourne on the 3rd and 4th May 2020.

With this theme in mind, the Scientific Committee encourages submission of abstracts reporting on completed studies relevant to the care of people with palliative care needs in the following presentation categories:

- 20 minute Oral presentations (15 minute presentation and 5 minute questions);
- 6 minute Speed talks; and/or
- Poster Presentations.

In-progress research is eligible for a poster presentation and/or a 6 minute speed talk, while completed research is eligible for consideration as an oral presentation.

Oral or Poster Abstracts: Abstracts for a poster or 20 minute oral presentation are invited for submission under one of the following categories:

- **Populations**
 - Aged, primary health care settings
 - Acute care
 - Neonatal, paediatric, adolescent and young adult
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People
 - Culturally and linguistically diverse populations
 - Refugees and Asylum Seekers
- **Evidence-Based Practice**
 - Nurse, Patient, Family/Carer
 - Evidence, Quality and Safety
- **New Horizons**
 - Models of care and novel partnerships
 - E-health and novel digital applications
 - Death literacy and community engagement
 - Role innovation and advanced practice
 - Arts in health

6 minute - speed talks: New quality improvement initiatives and/or recently commenced/incomplete projects are invited to be submitted as a six-minute speed talk.



Abstract Submission Guidelines & Frequently Asked Questions

Preparation of Abstract

Abstracts are to be prepared according to the following guidelines:

- There is no limit to the number of abstracts that may be submitted by an individual.
- The presentation is to be evidence- or practice-based, with practical application.
- It is a condition of having your abstract accepted and included in the Conference Program that you are a registered and paid delegate. The presenting author(s) will be required to register for the Conference by 3rd May 2020, in order to ensure their abstract is included in the final program.
- Only abstracts submitted online will be accepted.
- Submission constitutes consent to publication of the abstract in the Conference Proceedings publication, which will be uploaded to the PCNA website. Therefore, abstracts must reflect work that has not been published elsewhere at the time of the conference.

Abstract Format

Abstracts are to be no more than 350 words. Title, authors and affiliations are not counted towards 350 words.

Abstracts are to be written using the following sub-headings:

- Introduction/Background/Significance
- Aims/Objectives/Hypothesis/Goals or Problem
- Approach/Methods/Procedure
- Results/Findings/Outcomes
- Discussion/Implications for practice
- Conclusion
- Conflict of interest (where applicable)
- Funding acknowledgement (where applicable)

Abstracts are to be free of typographical and grammatical errors as they will be published as submitted.

It is the responsibility of the submitting author to confirm that all named authors are aware and in agreement about the submitted abstract.

Abbreviations are to be avoided. Where considered appropriate, any abbreviation should be given in brackets after the first full use of the word. Abbreviations may be used in the title, provided the name in full is outlined in the body of the abstract.

Please nominate your preference for poster, 6-minute speed talk or 20-minute oral presentation. In-progress research is eligible for a poster presentation and completed research eligible for all presentation formats.

You should keep all emails sent to you regarding your abstract submission. Once you have made your submission, you can return to edit it until the closing date for submission 3rd February 2020. After this date, no amendments will be permitted.

It is the responsibility of submitting authors to verify that their submission has been received. You will be sent an automated confirmation email to confirm receipt of your submission. If you do not receive this confirmation, please contact the Conference Project Manager, Kara Taglieri, kara.t@asnevents.net.au.



Presentation Types

Oral 20-minute concurrent podium presentation:

- Individual papers will consist of a 15-minute presentation plus 5 minutes for questions.

6-minute speed talk – concurrent presentation:

- Individual papers will consist of a 6-minute presentation with no more than 3 slides. Questions will be answered at the end of the session.

Poster presentation:

- A visual display of a project and/or research results in a poster format. Presenting author(s) will be required to stand by their posters during listed poster presentation time(s).

The Scientific Committee encourages creativity in presentation of posters while maintaining scientific rigor:

- Maximum poster size is 1m x 1.2m high (portrait). Posters will be displayed on a free-standing vertical board and Velcro will be supplied.
- Posters are to include:
 - Title of poster
 - Name and organisation of all contributing authors (titles are not required)
 - Introduction, methods, results, conclusion, implications for practice, funding acknowledgement.
 - Text should be concise, detailing all elements contained in the abstract. Text size should be suitable to facilitate easy reading of the poster.
 - Be creative in the graphical and pictorial representation of your research.
 - Poster displays will be available throughout the conference.
 - At least one author is to be present at their poster display during session breaks in order to discuss their findings with delegates and answer questions. This provides valuable feedback for the authors about their work.
- The erecting and removal of posters is the responsibility of the author(s). The Conference organisers are unable to assist with this.
- Poster must be erected at the commencement of the conference and remain in place for the duration. Any posters not removed at the completion of the conference will be disposed of.