



8th International Conference on Hepatitis Care in Substance Users

INHSU 2019 welcomes submissions of abstracts for original contribution to the field of the following scientific themes. Hepatitis care is herein inclusive of health care provided to people who use drugs at risk or infected by hepatitis C (or hepatitis), with the objective of enhancing global health and quality of life, and not exclusively Hepatitis prevention and treatment. As such, abstracts that focus on health issues among people who use drugs beyond hepatitis C are welcomed and encouraged.

The International Network for Hepatitis in Substance Users has previously published research priorities focused on HCV prevention, management and direct-acting antiviral treatment among PWID ([http://www.ijdp.org/article/s0955-3959\(17\)30123-8/fulltext](http://www.ijdp.org/article/s0955-3959(17)30123-8/fulltext)).

Consistent with these priorities, INHSU 2019 is specifically looking to accept abstracts on the following topics:

- Epidemiology of injecting drug use, HCV, and HIV among people who use or inject drugs
- Epidemiology of harms associated with drug use (e.g. overdose, injecting-related infections)
- Prevention of HCV and HIV infection among people who use or inject drugs
- Prevention of drug-related harms among people who use or inject drugs
- HCV testing among people who use or inject drugs
- Linkage to HCV care and treatment among people who use or inject drugs
- DAA HCV treatment among people who use or inject drugs
- Reinfection following successful treatment among people who use or inject drugs
- Integration of services to address HCV and other infectious diseases (e.g. HIV)
- Interventions to enhance health care for people who inject drugs

Theme	Explanation
Epidemiology and Public Health Research	Epidemiology and public health research comprises research with the goal of improving the health of the population, or of defined sub-populations, through a better understanding of the ways in which social, cultural, environmental, occupational and economic factors determine health status.
Clinical Research	Clinical research is research with the goal of improving the diagnosis, and treatment, of disease and injury; improving the health and quality of life of individuals as they pass through normal life stages. Clinical research usually encompasses research on, or for the treatment of, patients.
Social Science and Policy Research	Social science and policy research comprises empirical as well as non-empirical (conceptual/theoretical) studies which focus on the social, structural, cultural, material and policy contexts of hepatitis C. This may include studies of lived experience, from patient and

	<p>provider perspectives, as well as studies of treatment, intervention, policy and other responses (for example, media). Submissions to this panel will include both qualitative and quantitative analyses. We encourage such submissions to also engage theoretically with their material.</p>
Models of Care	<p>INHSU has an interest in enhancing the dissemination of knowledge of innovative models of care/programs and interventions to enhance HCV care in PWID.</p> <p>INHSU is specifically looking to accept abstracts focused on real-world examples of successful efforts to enhance HCV care, including prevention, testing, linkage to care, and treatment among people who use drugs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Innovative models of care or interventions from clinical services; 2) Interesting community-based or peer-led initiatives; 3) Innovative models of care or interventions in low and middle-income country settings. 4) Successful models that integrate HCV care into harm reduction, primary care and addiction services; 5) Models that evaluate mechanisms to reach new populations (e.g. homeless services, methamphetamine injectors, prisons) 6) Novel strategies to enhance messaging to encourage linkage to testing/care (e.g. social media) 7)

Presentation Types

Presentation Type	Time Allocation	Explanation
Research – Based Oral Presentations	10 minutes presentation and 5 minutes of question time OR Short Oral 3 minutes presentation and 2 minutes question time	<p>Oral presentations on original research findings, case studies, completed projects and theoretical analysis. Presentations should be well structured, rigorous and demonstrate novel contribution to knowledge.</p> <p>The highest ranked abstracts following peer review will be offered Oral presentations. Where possible, presentations with a similar theme will be grouped together.</p>
Models of Care – Oral Presentations	10 minutes presentation and 5 minutes of question time OR Short Oral 3 minutes	<p>Oral presentations describing and analysing issues and solutions to problems in clinical practice, community engagement, education and health promotion. Presentations should be well structured, rigorous and demonstrate</p>

	presentation and 2 minutes question time	a novel contribution to knowledge and practice.
Poster Presentations	Permanently displayed during the Conference	A poster viewing session will take place for delegates to discuss the posters with their authors.

The Abstract Guidelines must be followed as closely as possible in order for your presentation to be considered. Please ensure that the presenting author completes the abstract submission by **Sunday 9 June 2019**.

Abstract Preparation Guidelines for all Submission Types

There are two abstract templates available to be downloaded, please ensure you use the correct one depending on the type of presentation you are submitting:

- Research-Based Abstract Template
- Models of Care Abstract Template

All abstracts must:

- Use Calibri 11 point type only
- Use single line spacing only
- Format – Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) file 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
- Checked thoroughly for spelling and grammar
- Not include references

All abstracts must include:

1. **TITLE:** in **BOLD** and **UPPERCASE** at the top of the abstract
2. **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 a maximum of two affiliations for each author. Use superscript numbering *after* the author's name to indicate affiliations

3. **A Disclosure of Interest Statement**

The International Network on Hepatitis among Substance Users (INHSU) and the 2019 Conference Collaborators recognise the considerable contribution that commercial 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 include a disclosure of interest statement in your abstract for any contributions received relevant to this work. Please see the example below:

“Dr Smith has received funding from Metabolism Corp. No pharmaceutical grants were received in the development of this study.”

Note: If accepted into the conference program, you will be requested to include a disclosure of interest slide at the start of your presentation (e.g. slide 2) or include such statements in your poster.

Research-Based Abstracts: maximum 300 words, with the following headings:

- **Background:** A description of problem or study rationale, study objectives, or hypothesis tested
- **Methods:** The method employed or approach taken
- **Results:** In summarized form, must include data but do not include tables, graphs or pictures
- **Conclusion:** A brief description of the 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

Models of Care Abstracts: maximum 300 words, with the following headings:

- **Background:** A description of the problem or rationale for the development of the model of care/program, objectives of model of care/program
- **Description of model of care/intervention:** A description of how the model of care/program works and why it is innovative (e.g. setting, population, messaging, implementation)
- **Effectiveness:** Data to support why this model of care/program has been effective to enhance HCV care in PWID (for example, increased number of people tested, linked to care, treated, etc.). Must include data but do not include tables, graphs or pictures
- **Conclusion and next steps:** 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.

Online Abstract Submission

Abstracts must be submitted electronically through the online submission site. You can access the site via the conference website. You will be required to enter:

- Preferred presentation type
- Authors' and/or presenter names (indicate presenting author and contact details: address, telephone and email). *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 are available and preference will be given to those who do have accepted 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

Please contact the Conference Secretariat info@inhsu2019.com or +61 2 8204 0770 if you are unable to lodge your abstract via the website or if you have any queries. We recommend using Firefox, Google Chrome or Safari as your browser to access the online submission site.

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, website, application, USB key etc. 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 in length, it will be returned to the submitting author to revise.

Conference Registration All presenters (including poster presenters) will be required to register for the conference by **Sunday 30 June 2019. It will be assumed that any presenter not registered by this date has withdrawn from the program.**

Selection Criteria

Research Abstracts

All abstracts will be reviewed by three independent peer reviewers. In brief, all abstracts will be provided a score out of 20 points based on the following criteria:

- Background and clarity of objectives of the study (1-5) - Is the background of the study and objectives clear and well-presented?
- Appropriateness of the study design and methodology (1-5) - Is the methodology and study design appropriate for the hypothesis or aims/objectives of the study?
- Appropriateness of the study results (1-5) - Are the results appropriate for the hypothesis or aims/objectives of the study?
- Conclusions and significance of contribution (1-5) - Are the conclusions clear, are they supported by the findings and does this work significantly contribute to the literature?

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 (e.g. as a poster or oral poster presentation rather than oral abstract presentation).

Models of Care Abstracts

All abstracts will be reviewed by three independent peer reviewers. In brief, all abstracts will be provided a score out of 20 points based on the following criteria:

- **Background and clarity of objectives of the model of care/program (1-5)** - Is the background or rationale for the model of care/program and objectives clear and well-presented?
- **Description of the model of care/intervention (1-5)** - Is the model of care/intervention well-described? Is the model of care/intervention innovative in its setting, population, messaging or implementation?
- **Appropriateness of the study effectiveness (1-5)** - Are the data presented appropriate for monitoring the effectiveness of the model of care/intervention?
- **Conclusions, significance of contribution and next steps (1-5)** - Are the conclusions clear, are they supported by the findings and does this work significantly contribute to the field? Are the next steps for this model clearly defined?

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

Awards

INHSU Early Career Awards will be provided for the top-ranked postgraduate abstract in each theme (Epidemiology and Public Health Research, Clinical Research, Social Science Research and Models of Care).

New Investigator Scholarships

Postgraduate students (e.g. Masters, PhD students, etc.) with the highest scoring abstracts based on this independent peer-review process will be eligible for either full (airfare, hotel, and registration) or partial (registration only) scholarships to attend the INHSU 2018 meeting.