



## 10th International Conference on Health and Hepatitis Care in Substance Users

### Late Breaker Abstract Guidelines

INHSU 2022 welcomes submissions of abstracts for original contribution to the field in the following scientific themes, with the objective of enhancing global health and quality of life of people who use drugs. Abstracts that focus on health issues among people who use drugs beyond hepatitis C are welcomed and encouraged.

The International Network on Health and 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 2022 is specifically, but not exclusively, 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
- Empirical or real-world evidence documenting HCV elimination efforts
- Integration of services to address HCV and other infectious diseases (e.g. HIV)
- Interventions to enhance health care for people who inject drugs
- Public health policy and service delivery planning

We encourage submissions which highlight specific characteristics or sub-populations (e.g. gender, age) for which specific interventions should be developed to ensure equal access to services. We also encourage submissions from low and middle-income country settings to inform epidemiology and delivery of interventions to enhance care among people who use or 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 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.

### Keywords

The following keywords are to be used to assist with appropriate allocation of reviewers. Please select from the following:

- Epidemiology
- Public Health
- Modelling
- Biostatistics
- Health Economics
- Health Services and Systems
- Social Sciences
- Biomedical Sciences (e.g. laboratory-based)
- Clinical Sciences
- Law and human rights
- Policy

### Presentation Types

Presentation Type	Time Allocation	Explanation
<b>Research – Based Oral Presentations</b>	<b>10 minutes</b> presentation and <b>5 minutes</b> of question time OR Short Oral <b>3 minutes</b> presentation and <b>2 minutes</b> question time	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. The highest ranked abstracts following peer review will be offered Oral presentations. Where possible, presentations with a similar theme will be grouped together.
<b>Poster Presentations</b>	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 5 June 2022**.

### Abstract Preparation Guidelines for all Submission Types

There is one abstract template available to be downloaded, please ensure that this is used.

- [Research-Based 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
  - Use superscript numbering *after* the author's name to indicate affiliations

3. **A Disclosure of Interest Statement**

The International Network on Health and Hepatitis in Substance Users (INHSU) 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 a table. The results can also include one graph or figure.
- **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

### 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 [conference@inhsu.org](mailto:conference@inhsu.org) 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 18 September 2022. 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).

## **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 and Policy 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 2022 meeting.