



12th Australasian Viral Hepatitis Conference

Abstract Guidelines

In order for your presentation to be considered, 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 **11.59pm AEST Sunday 7 February 2021**.

Conference Themes for Presentations

Theme	Explanation
Biomedical Science and Clinical Care	Research informing clinical management and care of patients E.g. Clinical audits, case studies or cases series, treatment trials, diagnostic studies OR molecular virology and immunology research.
Epidemiology, Public Health and Prevention	Research informing epidemiological understanding of, and public health responses to, viral hepatitis e.g. Epidemiological studies including cohort studies, research, surveillance, evaluations and outbreak investigations, evaluations of public health programs, policy reviews.
Community and Social Research	This is a collaborative stream including presentations of: a) Community engagement and education, health promotion, advocacy and meaningful involvement of affected communities, and b) Research regarding social and behavioral aspects of viral hepatitis with the overall aim of informing and strengthening policy and practice. E.g. Qualitative, quantitative or mixed method research studies, development and evaluation of health promotion, peer education and other health education interventions such as social marketing campaigns, harm reduction interventions, consumer advocacy, policy development and representation.
Other	Research regarding viral hepatitis topics that do not fit into above categories. E.g. legal / ethical issues



Keywords

The following keywords are to be used to assist with the appropriate allocation of reviewers. Please select **at least three** 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
- Other

The following keywords are to be used to assist with the searchability of your abstract in a searchable database. Please select **at least three** from the following:

- Hepatitis C
- Hepatitis B
- HIV infection
- Prevention
- Diagnostics
- Testing
- Cascades of care/linkage to care
- Education
- Drug Use
- Harm reduction
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health
- Surveillance
- Primary care
- Tertiary care
- Drug treatment/harm reduction services
- Mobile outreach
- Nursing
- Prisons
- Community engagement
- Other

Keywords will be selected during the abstract submission process; however, they will be together in one list and not split into two lists as above. Please ensure you are prepared and know which you would like to select prior to submission.

Types of Presentations

Authors should state a preference for one of the following, and address the abstract to one of the conference themes above.

Presentation Type	Time Allocation	Explanation
Research Based Oral	Standard Oral - 12 minutes presentation and	Oral presentations on original research findings, case studies, completed projects and



Presentations	3 minutes question time OR Rapid Fire - 4 minutes presentation and 1 minute question time	theoretical analyses. Presentations should be well structured, rigorous and demonstrate a novel contribution to knowledge.
Practice Based Oral Presentations	Standard Oral - 12 minutes presentation and 3 minutes question time OR Rapid Fire - 4 minutes presentation and 1 minute question time	Oral presentations analysing issues and solutions to problems in clinical practice; including case studies and quality improvement activities community engagement, education, health promotion and policy. Presentations should be well structured, rigorous and demonstrate a novel contribution to knowledge
Poster Presentations	Permanently displayed during the Conference High ranking posters – Poster Tour	Posters can present research in progress, case studies, quality improvement activities, divisional projects or clinical topics. A poster viewing session will take place for delegates to discuss the posters with their authors. Highly rated posters will be awarded a presentation in a poster tour.
Multimedia Presentations	Multimedia presentations will be viewed in between sessions.	Presentations should be in video format. They are to be a maximum running time of five minutes. <i>Presentations will be shared post conference on the Viral Hepatitis Conference website so consent will be required for all persons appearing in photographs/videos/power point.</i>

Abstract Preparation Guidelines for All Presentations

Abstract templates are provided below and MUST be referred to prior to writing your abstract. Submitters must ensure they use the correct template for their abstract type and follow all instructions provided.

[Research Template](#)

[Practice Based & Multimedia Template](#)

Note: If abstract guidelines are not conformed to and the templates provided are not used, the abstract will be rejected and not submitted for review.

Acknowledgement of affected communities in Viral Hepatitis

Requirement 1: If your research is about viral hepatitis elimination and involves gathering data, lived experiences, biological samples or other aspects from the bodies or lives of people living with viral hepatitis and our participation as people living with viral hepatitis has influenced your work, we encourage you to consider and build upon the sample text provided as an acknowledgement of the role that people living with viral hepatitis have played in the response to viral hepatitis at the beginning of any presentation of your work. Examples below:



Example 1: “I want to begin my presentation by thanking the people living with Viral Hepatitis who have participated in this research. Our fight against Viral Hepatitis Elimination is indebted to people living with Viral Hepatitis both past and present.”

Example 2. “I want to begin by acknowledging and thanking the people living with Viral Hepatitis who have generously participated in this research.”

Requirement 2: When developing your presentation, we also request that presenters outline how your work has had/ can have a positive impact on the community including key population groups (e.g. Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples, People who Inject Drugs, CALD) and what steps are being taken to take the research into practice.

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 theme
- Preferred presentation type
- Authors’ names including the abstract submitter as the 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 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
- Abstract must also be copied into the fields provided
- 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 by emailing info@hepatitis2021.org.au or calling +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 etc. and in so doing certify that the abstract is original work. If your abstract is successful it will be published on the conference website on the date of notification of success.

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 poster presenters) will be required to register for the conference by **Sunday 28 March 2021**. 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.

Selection Criteria

Abstracts will be favoured at review if they incorporate:

- Completed rather than future work (i.e. final results)
- Original data of high quality.
- An analysis that extends existing knowledge
- Clarity of methodology, analysis and presentation of results
- Specific rather than general findings



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).

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. Where possible this applies to other population groups as well.