



# Annual Scientific Meeting 2021

22-23 July, Swissotel, Sydney  
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Equity and Innovation in Multidisciplinary Lung Cancer Care



The TOGA Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) Local Organising Committee (LOC) welcomes abstracts on any scientific study of merit for submission, particularly those that provide new and original data relevant to the Australian and New Zealand environment. Abstracts pertaining to clinical trials, translational studies or quality of care focusing on thoracic malignancies will be highly regarded.

## Submission Guidelines

- Research work should be original and innovative. Work can have been presented prior to the TOGA ASM, but MUST include new information. Pharmaceutical company-sponsored studies providing new information will be accepted if the lead author and presenter is an investigation from Australia or New Zealand.
- The submission of Clinical Trials in Progress is allowed
- Abstracts must fit at least one, and up to three, of the submission categories
- It is mandatory to structure abstracts as follows
  - Background
  - Objectives
  - Methods
  - Results
  - Conclusion
- Abstracts should not exceed 300 words in length, excluding tables
- There is no limit to the number of co-authors per abstract
- Individuals may only submit one abstract for oral presentation as presenting author, and one abstract as presenting author as a poster presentation
- Abstract titles should include capitalisation of the first letter of all major words in the title as well as prepositions, articles and conjunctions of four letters or more. Do not capitalise all words.
- Successful abstracts will be published in the conference supporting collateral. Please ensure the complete first name, middle initials (optional), last name and institutional affiliations of authors is listed and underline the presenting speaker.



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- The submitting author must ensure that all co-authors have read and approved the title, summary, presenter names and affiliations. If the person submitting the abstract is not the corresponding author, please indicate who will receive correspondence about the submission
- Individuals should nominate whether they would like to present as an oral presentation with Q&A or poster. If there are too many oral presentation requests, some abstracts will be allocated a poster presentation regardless of request. It is proposed that each oral presentation is 10 min, with 3 min Q and A, however, the LOC reserves the right to change the duration of oral presentations due to merit or program scheduling.
- Abstracts will be reviewed by the TOGA ASM LOC according to the following criteria:
  - Structure and clarity
  - Scientific validity
  - Originality and interest
  - Potential significance

Two awards will be available for successful abstract presentations.

The Best Poster Award is available to any applicant who presents a poster.

To be eligible for a TOGA ASM21 New Investigator Award, the applicant must:

- be a TOGA member at the time of presentation
- be the presenter and first author of the abstract
- have primarily conducted the research presented in the abstract.
- be enrolled full- or part-time in an undergraduate or postgraduate degree; OR, within 5 years of receipt of a relevant degree; OR, within 5 years of first presentation of research findings at a national or international meeting. Candidates who have career disruptions are still eligible provided they have been out of training for no more than 5 years full-time equivalent
- provide a contact email address for academic supervisor / mentor at the time of abstract submission.



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- The best oral presentation by a New Investigator will be awarded a prize subject to the following criteria:
  - Content
  - Organisation
  - Verbal presentation
  - Response to questions
- The best poster presentation will be awarded a prize subject to the following criteria:
  - Content
  - Organisation and layout
  - Design
  - Verbal presentation

## Submission Categories

To aid with review, please allocate a theme to your abstract when uploading in the portal. Themes are as follows:

- Biomarkers, genetics/bioinformatics
- Clinical trials in progress
- Epidemiology
- Diagnosis and screening
- Imaging
- Medical Oncology interventions
- Thoracic cancer biology and novel targets
- Nursing and allied health
- Pathology
- Radiation oncology
- Surgery
- Palliative care/symptom management
- Risk factors and prevention
- Health services research, care delivery and policy
- Improving the patient experience
- Survivorship

