



DHAA 2021 National Symposium Abstract Guidelines

1. CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstracts are sought for poster presentations from researchers and practitioners within the fields of oral health and dental practice.

Besides academic research, the Organising Committee is particularly interested in receiving submissions from practitioners who wish to share their own practice experience, without necessarily having undertaken academic research activities.

Abstracts may cover (but not limited to) the following areas of

- clinical practice;
- collaborative models of care; or
- innovation.

2. IMPORTANT DATES

Call for abstracts open	Thursday 1 July 2021
Reminder for abstracts	Monday 23 August 2021
Abstract deadline	Friday 3 September 2021 11:59pm
Selection committee meeting/teleconference	Tuesday 7-14 September 2021
Presenters notified	Friday 17 September 2021
Presenter confirmation of attendance	Friday 11 October 2021
Poster on display	Friday 29 October, 8am
Best poster prize presentation	At Symposium closing ceremony Saturday 30 October 2021, 4:50pm

3. ABSTRACTS

All abstracts must conform to the following requirements:

- a single MS Word file
- a short title (up to 20 words)
- the authors' names (*asterisk the presenting author)
- the authors' affiliations and/or the name of the institution where the work was carried out
- structured with the headings:

Academic projects (research)	Practitioner projects (Practice)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background • Aim • Method • Results • Discussion • Conclusions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background • Reason • Description • Reflection • Recommendations

- maximum length 250 words
- preference for RESEARCH or PRACTICE category (if any)
- presenting author's contact details including organisation, address, email and telephone, plus a 50 word biography.
- Disclosure of Interest - Authors must disclose potential conflicts of interest, sources of funding and affiliations with sponsoring companies, if applicable.

4. PRESENTATION TYPE AND THEME

Authors will be required to select one topic and one theme (as listed below) that best represents the content of the abstract. Final allocation of abstracts to type and theme will, however, be decided by the Program Committee.

Presentation Types:

- Case Study
- Examples of Best Practice
- Project
- Scientific/Research

Themes:

- Clinical Practice
- Collaborative Models of Care
- Innovation

5. SELECTION

The Selection Committee will review abstracts for suitability for presentation at the Symposium, based on quality, originality, and relevance of subject matter.

Authors will be advised by email of selection outcome by 17 September 2021.

Accepted abstracts will be published in the electronic Symposium Program Handbook and/or its electronic equivalent. Subject to further editorial review, the accepted abstracts may be published in a post-symposium issue of the DHAA Bulletin.

All presenting authors must register and pay for their attendance at the Symposium. Special arrangements had been made for presenters to receive early bird registration rate.

6. POSTER SPECIFICATIONS

Accepted posters should be displayed at the designated board as a hard copy colour poster 'A0' in size (84 cm x 119 cm: presented in portrait orientation only), from 8am Friday 29 October to 4pm Saturday 30 October 2021.

Pictorial and graphical presentations are encouraged as they are more effective in delivering the messages and attract better audience attention.

All authors of accepted posters will be required to be present by the side of their posters at designated times throughout the conference. Authors should make themselves available to attend these sessions to discuss their posters with the conference participants. .

7. AWARDS

The best poster award will be presented at the symposium closing session on Saturday 30 October 2021 at 4:50pm.

TO SUBMIT

All abstracts must be submitted **online** via the abstract submission portal. To submit please **[click here](#)**.

Submission closes at 11:59pm on Friday 3 September 2021.