Guideline for Abstract Submission

Invitation

We invite health and medical researchers to submit an abstract of original work for consideration as an oral presentation, lightning talk or poster at the Gold Coast Health Research Week Conference 2018.

Who should submit an abstract?

We encourage submissions from novice researchers, which might include bachelor/honours level students, PhD students and health professionals engaged in research in addition to their clinical practice, as well as more established researchers.

What types of research will be accepted?

The theme of the conference is *'Improving care through research'*, and encompasses a wide range of health and healthcare-related topics. In keeping with the theme of the conference, all submissions should have relevance to health, and the Gold Coast Health context. Preclinical research is not the focus of this conference.

Key Dates

Abstract submissions close:	17th September
Author notification:	5th October
Conference:	14th & 15th November

Presentation types

You are invited to indicate your preference of presentation type during abstract submission.

Oral presentations will be 8 minutes in duration with 2 minutes allowed for questions. These will be organised into sessions by theme, and there will be limited places available.

Lightning talk presentations will take place during designated Lightning Talk sessions. Presenters will be given a 3 minute slot in which to summarise their research. They will also be required to print a physical poster, and have the opportunity to stand with it during breaks to network and answer queries.

Posters: Display of an A0 size scientific poster during the conference.

Themes

You are asked to nominate one or more of the below themes to submit your research under. Please note that your presentation may be assigned to a different theme than nominated.

Improving health service delivery: Research that focuses on new models of service delivery, improving access to services, safety and quality of health services, and methods of improving efficiency of health services, including reducing overmedication, overtesting and overdiagnosis.

Growing workforce capability: Research that focuses on improving the health workforce, including education, skills training, staff development and interdisciplinary healthcare.

Prevention and community interventions: Research including social determinants of health, preventative health, primary care research, community and public health.

Health data, innovation and new technologies: Research on the cutting edge of health innovation, including eHealth, new technologies and advances in clinical science.

Supporting development, recovery and management of health conditions: Research on the treatment of health conditions, supporting recovery and fostering healthy development, as well as the management of chronic and life-limiting conditions. Includes themes of disability, patient empowerment, patient education and patient-centred care.

Other: Submissions under other themes are encouraged but may not take priority for oral presentations.

Submission Instructions

- Abstracts must be submitted through https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GCHResWeekConf2018

- A copy of the form is attached, please note this is for preparation purposes and all submissions must be entered through the link above.

- For some questions, word limits or style guidelines apply. Authors who have entered data incorrectly or incompletely will be contacted to resubmit.

- All abstracts must be original work.

- It is the responsibility of the lead author to ensure that all named authors on the abstract agree to be included and have had an opportunity to review the abstract before submission.

- There is no limit to the number of abstracts that may be submitted by an individual.

- Submit your Abstract through SurveyMonkey by **17th of September**. Please keep a copy for your records.

Abstract Guidelines

- The body of the abstract should not exceed 250 words.
- The abstract body is structured under the following headings:
  - **Background/Objectives:** Briefly and clearly describe the hypothesis of the study. Why was the study conducted?
  - **Methods:** Detail the methods and processes employed in the study. What did you do?
  - **Results:** Describe the findings of the study. Describe what you found and include data.
  - **Conclusion:** Describe logically sound conclusions and reliable inferences drawn from the study results. Why are the study findings important?
- Other abstract information:
  - **Theme:** Please nominate one or more themes for your research.

- o **How does this research have the potential to impact care within Gold Coast Health (short or long term)?** (50 words): This information will be used to help determine the abstract's suitability for the conference.
- o **Funding source/s:** Name any funding sources for the research.
  - References, figures or tables cannot be included.