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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Scientific Programme Committee invites you to participate in the ANZSGM by submitting an abstract for presentation in concurrent sessions. We are seeking submissions that will provoke debate, stimulate discussion, offer new ideas and encourage the dissemination of research findings. Please be sure to review all of the information and instructions regarding abstract submission prior to completing the online form.

Abstract Submission Guidelines, Terms & Conditions

All abstracts are to be submitted online via the abstract submission portal via the link above.

Submission Deadline: 24th February 2016

Type of Abstracts

Authors may submit an abstract for presentation. The highest ranking abstracts will be selected for oral presentations. The remaining abstracts will be offered a poster presentation or will be rejected.

1. Oral Presentation

All submitted abstracts will be assumed to be eligible for oral presentation unless selected for poster presentation only. Oral presentations will be allocated approximately 15 minutes each in a concurrent session.

2. Poster Presentation

Posters will be displayed for the duration of the conference with an allocated time for presenting authors to be available in the display area to respond to queries. Posters must conform to the following:

- A0 size - 841mm (width) x 1189mm (height). Posters larger than these dimensions cannot be accommodated.
- Portrait orientation
- Presenters are required to bring their own materials to affix their poster to the display panel
- Panels provided for display are Velcro receptive

Abstract Submission

When composing your abstract submission for Presentation, please adhere to the following:

- Abstracts must adhere to the instructions below.
- The maximum word count is 250 words (excluding title, authors and affiliations).
- Include bolded structured headings as follows: **Aims, Methods, Results, Conclusions**. Leave a blank line space in between each section. Subheadings should be followed by the text on the same line. For audit



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submissions include the following headings: **Problem, Design/Methods, Practice change, Re-audit, Conclusions.** Ideally the audit loop has been completed.

- Tables should be created within the abstract itself.
- References must be included in the body of the text using names and journal references only but not the title. Only use references if direct reference has been made to it in the text.
- Abbreviations must only be used if defined immediately after the full word or if the phrase is used for the first time.

Abstract Review Criteria

- It is very important that numerical data and statistical analysis (as appropriate) are presented in the abstract. Statements such as "findings will be discussed" or "data will be presented" are not appropriate, and will probably result in return or rejection of the abstract.
- Multiple abstracts from the same overall study are welcome but they need to be sufficiently different to justify multiple oral presentations.
- It is unlikely that case reports will be accepted. Literature Reviews may be accepted if they are supported by a rigorous systematic review. This will involve a clear description of the literature search methods, criteria for inclusion and exclusion of articles, and evidence of critical appraisal of the literature.
- The ANZSGM Scientific and Research Subcommittee will judge all abstracts blind to author's names and affiliations.
- The highest ranking abstracts will be selected for oral presentations (unless otherwise requested), the rest will be offered poster presentations and the lowest ranking abstracts rejected.
- Abstracts by Advanced Trainees will be ranked separately
- Abstracts will be judged on the following criteria:
 - o Novelty
 - o Scientific Validity
 - o General Interest
 - o Quality of Abstract Presentation
- Abstracts that do not meet the stated guidelines will not be eligible for review or inclusion in the program.

Publication of Accepted Abstracts

Abstracts are published in the Australian Journal of Ageing (AJAG). However they will be rejected if they do not meet the minimum requirements:

- Abstracts must comply with the abstract guidelines including the formatting and length.
- The argument must be followed clearly and supported by a sufficient amount of data.

Conference Awards

When submitting an abstract, authors have the option to nominate for an award.

To be eligible for the **RM Gibson Prize** authors must meet the following criteria:

- The research was performed as an advanced Trainee in Geriatric Medicine under the auspices of the RACP Geriatric Medicine STC/SAC



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- The author will present within 18 months of completing the Advanced Training
- The research was NOT conducted when under another SAC/STC, such as general medicine, palliative care etc

To be eligible for the **Career Investigator Prize** authors must meet the following criteria:

- The author has received their initial Fellowship (FRACP, FRCP, FCP) within the last five years and awarded in 2012 or later. The last year of Advanced Training was in 2011 onwards.

Submission Portal Instructions

When submitting your abstract for Oral or Poster Presentation, you will be asked to include or indicate the following:

- Presentation Title (this will be used for printing in the final programme)
- Copy & Paste your abstract in the Text box provided
- All the authors' names and affiliations must be included and listed in the order they wish to appear in the text
- All abstracts will be assumed for Oral Presentation unless it has been selected as a poster presentation only when completing the Abstract Submission form.
- Nominate eligibility for the RM Gibson Prize and Career Investigator Prize

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Abstract Submission Guidelines and Criteria

A copy of the submission guidelines, terms and conditions can be downloaded below.

Abstract Submission

To create your account and begin your abstract submission, please visit the Abstract Submission Portal via the button below.

Need Assistance? If you have any questions regarding the abstract submission or using the submission portal, please contact the Conference Organiser on +64 9 917 3653 or via email at program@anzsgmconference.org