33rd Annual International Conference of the Australasian Sonographers Association
Proffered presentations: Abstract guidelines

We invite you to submit an abstract for a proffered presentation at the Annual International Conference of the Australasian Sonographers Association. The following provides information on how to prepare your abstract for submission.

Abstracts should be 250 words or less. If your abstract is accepted, you will be allocated **10 minutes** for your conference presentations. A few minutes at the end of each session maybe allocated for questions from the conference delegates.

What you will be asked to provide when submitting your abstract:

Title: The abstract title should be in initial capital/lower case, not all capitals and should be 14 words or less.

Authors: Authors' names should be supplied in the surname-last format and should be in initial capital/lower case, not all capitals (e.g. J Smith).
Institutional affiliations should be indicated with superscript numbers following the author name (e.g. J Smith[1]).

Affiliation: All affiliations should contain institution, city and country (e.g. Hospital, Melbourne, Australia).

References: References should **not** be included in the abstract but may be included as supporting information (see below).

Images: Images should not be included in the abstract but may be included as supporting information (see below).

Abstract text: Abstract text will be slightly different depending on the category you are submitting in (see below).

Supporting information: Supporting information will not be included in the abstract, but may be submitted to support your abstract submission. Examples of supporting information include references, relevant images, survey tools**.**

Note: Abstracts are selected using a double-blinded peer review process. Where possible avoid using identifying information in the abstract title, abstract body or supporting information.

Abstract Categories

1) Case Studies

We invite you to present an interesting case report or case series. Reports could include examples of unusual pathology or an unusual presentation of a more common disease, a case of incorrect diagnosis, multimodality imaging, new techniques, etc.

Abstract should be divided into the following sub-sections:

Introduction – provide a brief background to case/clinical scenario, include clinical details, presenting symptoms, unusual situations

Method – briefly describe your ultrasound approach and how this was modified or could have been
Results – briefly describe the main ultrasound findings and link them to the clinical presentation
Conclusion – statement of what you found and how this fits in with the existing knowledge of this condition.

Take home message - State the most important learning from your presentation.

2) Research Results

We invite you to present new research. Research related to sonography, sonography practice and sonography education are particularly welcomed.

Abstract should be divided into the following sub-sections:

Introduction – provide a brief background to the topic and an aim.

Method – briefly describe your method. Include study design, how data was collected, scanning details, etc

Results – briefly describe the main results/findings of your work.

Conclusion – statement of what you concluded

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3) Clinical Update/ Non Clinical Update

We invite you to present a clinical summary of any area of sonographic practice. Topics such as new approaches to scanning, reviews of clinical evidence, educational initiatives, new imaging protocols, or an area of non-clinical interest

Abstract should be divided into the following sub-sections:

Introduction – provide a brief background to the topic and the objectives of the presentation.

Method – briefly describe the approach you will be taking

Results – describe the impact of this practice

Conclusion – statement of what you concluded

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4) Clinical Audit

We invite you to present an audit of clinical practice. Audits may include, but are not restricted to, clinical outcomes, clustering of clinical presentations, introduction of new technology or protocols, or health and safety.

Abstract should be divided into the following sub-sections:

Introduction – provide a brief background to the topic and the objectives of the presentation.

Method – briefly describe the area of practice, the data collected, and timeframe for your audit

Results – describe the findings of your audit

Conclusion – statement of what you concluded

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