

# Abstract Guidelines

Presenting your work at ACPP is a significant milestone and is highly competitive. Given the limited opportunity to present, only a limited number of abstracts will be successful. Therefore, potential presenters are strongly encouraged to exercise utmost diligence in preparing their abstracts.

All successful presenters must register and pay to attend the conference.

All submitted abstracts must align with the theme of the conference, *Pharmacy: a world of transitions*. Additionally, the presenter will need to indicate which sub-theme their abstract should be considered for. This will ensure abstracts are evaluated and compared to other abstracts within the same sub-theme.

## Abstract submission information

All abstracts must be submitted electronically as instructed in the [ACPP Abstract Template](#). The abstract template must be used and submitted as a Word document that is unprotected by any passwords.

A brief biography of the presenting author will be required with the abstract. Please use the designated textbox below the abstract; the biography should not exceed 75 words.

Abstract submissions that do not conform may be excluded from consideration.

If submitting more than one abstract, each abstract must be submitted under the name of author who will present it at the conference.

The presenting author is invited to indicate their preference for ePoster, Lightning Talk or Oral Presentation. However, the final decision is that of the organising committee and will be solely determined by the quality and suitability of the abstract.

The presenting author must ensure that all authors have reviewed the abstract(s) and agreed to the submission.

Authors need to select up to three (3) sub-themes that relate to their abstract from the following list:

1. Patient care
2. Medication safety
3. Medication accessibility
4. Rational drug use and deprescribing
5. Pharmacist prescribing and advanced practice
6. Primary care and transitions of care
7. Outreach and tele-pharmacy
8. Career pathways
9. Pharmacy education and pedagogies
10. Workforce distribution and development
11. Economic obstacles & enablers
12. Leadership and management
13. Technological innovations and their impact on the pharmacy profession
14. Facilitators of change – patient, pharmacist, profession

Submitted abstracts will undergo a peer review process. This is to ensure fairness, scientific merit and relevance to the theme of the conference. Once a decision is made, all applicants will be contacted to advise them of the outcome of their submission.

## Rules for content and structure

Abstracts must be no more than 250 words in length, including headings but excluding the title.

The abstract title should be brief (no more than 15 words in length) and clearly state the nature of the work being presented.

No tables, graphs, pictures or diagrams are permitted in the abstract. These could be included later in the ePoster and/or presentation.

Abbreviations should be avoided where possible. Any abbreviations used should be spelled out in full on first use.

Statistical results, when relevant, should conform with the uniform requirements for manuscripts submitted to biomedical journals

References are not required but may be included if they form the basis of the study, e.g. if reassessing the validity of a tool. References should follow the Vancouver style.

## Submission categories

For ACPP2020, abstracts are invited for the following six categories. Each category has specific headings which must be used for the abstract.

**Original Research** (includes clinical research, drug utilisation evaluations, systematic reviews and meta-analysis, pharmacoeconomic analysis, etc.)

Background: should briefly describe the rationale for the study.

Aim/Objective(s): a one sentence statement of the main study objective(s).

Methods: should include study design, methods, intervention.

Results: a summary of the main results including any relevant statistical analysis.

Conclusion(s): the main conclusion and interpretation of the results which are supported by the data provided.

## Case Reports

Objective: briefly describe the rationale for the case report.

Clinical Features: relevant demographic information, medical history, presenting problems and diagnoses.

Literature review: briefly examine current literature relating to or surrounding the case report.

Pharmacist Interventions, Case Progress and Outcomes: these may be presented together or separately and should detail the pharmacist's role in the case.

Conclusion(s): outlining lessons learnt and/or implications/importance for pharmacists.

**Pharmacy Practice** (includes projects addressing administration, technology, medication management, health promotion, health professional education, medication safety initiatives, etc.)

Background: should briefly describe background and rationale for service, program, problem, need, etc.

Description: should describe the concept, service, role, or situation.

Action: should describe the steps taken to identify and resolve a problem(s), implement change, or develop and implement the new program.

Evaluation: should describe the evaluation process of the project and results of evaluation.

Implications: should describe the project's importance and usefulness to current and/or future practice.

**Innovation** (describes innovative initiatives that include new or modified processes that address a problem, challenge or inefficiency. The initiative could be of a technical, educational, or therapeutic nature)

Background: should briefly describe the problem, challenge or inefficiency...etc.

Description: should describe the innovative initiative.

Action: should describe the steps taken to plan, develop and implement the initiative to address the problem.

Evaluation: should describe the evaluation process of the innovative initiative and results of evaluation.

Implications: should describe the initiative's importance and usefulness to current and/or future practice.

**Business Strategy** (describes a strategy that aims to improve the business viability of, or economic outcome for, a pharmacy business, a health program, a professional service...etc.)

Background: should briefly describe the business, program or service...etc.

Description: should describe the identified need of the business, program or service.

Action: should describe strategy and how it is implemented.

Evaluation: should describe the evaluation of the strategy and its impact on the business, program or service.

Application: should describe the strategy's applicability to similar businesses, programs, services or the broader pharmacy/health profession.

## **Pilot**

This describes small scale projects or work with only preliminary results. The pilot or project could still be in progress, but dissemination of early findings is of interest. This may also include a project that has been funded for a limited time, or had other limitations, but has shown promising or significant outcomes that could be relevant to the broader context of pharmacy and/or patient care.

Background: should briefly describe the rationale for the study.

Aim/Objective(s): a one sentence statement of the main study objective(s).

Methods: should include study design, methods, intervention.

Results: a summary of the main results including any relevant statistical analysis.

Conclusion(s): the main conclusion and interpretation of the results which are supported by the data provided.