

INTERNATIONAL CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

22–24 April 2010 • Melbourne Convention Centre, Australia

INAUGURAL INTERNATIONAL ADVANCE CARE PLANNING CONFERENCE

*“Advance Care Planning: Working Towards
Success and Sustainability”*



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Patient
Choices



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The Organising Committee invite you to submit an abstract for the Inaugural International Advance Care Planning Conference in 2010.

The Inaugural International Advanced Care Planning Conference has been convened to:

- Showcase innovative and best practice approaches to advance care planning
- Highlight system change required to implement advance care planning
- Identify strategies that work well, are sustainable and are transferable
- Enable an international audience of health professionals to network, share ideas and issues around advance care planning
- Examine the role of advance care planning in providing quality care for patients and carers
- Provide opportunities for health professionals to improve their communications skills for advance care planning



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Conference Theme

"Respecting Patient Choices: Working Towards Success and Sustainability"

Abstract Content

Abstracts should be no more than 250 words, plus 50-word biographies on presenters. Abstracts should be as informative as possible and provide an accurate outline of content rather than a promise of what will be discussed.

Abstracts will be used for selection purposes and if selected will go into the Conference handbook and featured on the Conference website. Each abstract is expected to fit within one of the stated Conference sub-themes detailed within this document. Abstracts should include a statement of the aims and must contain sufficient information to allow a delegate to learn what may be gained by attendance. Abstracts should include a concluding sentence to provide a strong summary for the abstract.

Who Should Attend:

All doctors, nurses, social workers, senior health managers and policymakers and other health professionals who are involved in end-of-life care and/or advance care planning and are committed to improving quality of care for patients. The program will be relevant to health professionals working in hospitals, aged care facilities and community health services, including palliative care.

Learning objectives

Every abstract must be accompanied by two learning objectives. These should be listed on the same page as the abstract and are additional to the 250 word abstract. Learning objective (1) should answer the question:

"What will people in the audience gain or learn from attending this presentation?" (Don't say what you are going to teach, but what they are going to learn).

Learning objective (2) should answer the question:

"How does this presentation add to the evidence base to build knowledge in ACP?" Failure to include these two learning objectives may result in the abstract not being accepted for presentation.

Types of Presentations

- *Oral Presentations 20mins including 5mins for questions*

Oral Presentations will provide an opportunity to report on original research, innovative program and professional practices, theoretical and conceptual advances, and professional issues relating to the Conference themes.

- *Poster Presentations (Poster Display)*

Posters provide a static visual display of new techniques, programs, research or professional innovations. They are an ideal medium for the presentation of complex visual material. Authors will have the option of having a scheduled presentation which will create the opportunity for face-to-face interaction and discussions with colleagues, or simply providing a poster display.

- *Workshop Presentations 90mins including 5mins for questions*

Workshops will offer an opportunity to develop participant's skills using a variety of presentation methods that are interactive and informal in delivery. Interactive lectures, case studies and demonstrations are suited to this presentation. A limited number of workshops are available.

In addition to the above information, state your workshop objectives, who the workshop is suitable for, your preferred audience size and list the education outcomes for attendees.

Workshop leaders are responsible for the preparation, printing and distribution of any materials and any associated costs.

Please refer to the Conference website for further details about these presentation types. There is an opportunity on the submission form to indicate your preferred presentation type.

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Sub-themes for Presentations and Posters:

1. How do we change the system?

- Broad reaching system change initiatives for advance care planning
- Policy and the role of senior health managers
- Strategies for sustainability
- The cost-effective argument
- Incorporating system change into everyday practice including impact on support/administration services eg medical records

2. How do we make advance care planning work?

- Models of service delivery/models of care
- Advance care planning for specific patient groups/conditions
- Advance care planning in hospitals and aged care homes
- Advance care planning in the community
- Metropolitan versus rural
- Patient and carer centred approaches for advance care planning
- Cultural and religious diversity
- Measurement and data: quality, activity, and outcomes

3. End-of-life care and withdrawal of treatment: is this done well?

- Role of intensive care versus palliative care
- Is this everyone's responsibility?
- Paediatric versus adult care

4. Advance care planning: who does what?

- Roles for different health professionals in advance care planning
- Interdisciplinary teams
- Making difficult clinical decisions
- Who decides patients are not for resuscitation?

5. How do we teach advance care planning?

- Education and training
- Competency assessment

6. Advance care planning: is it legal, ethical and safe?

- Patient safety, quality and risk management
- Legal and ethical issues

7. How can we promote advance care planning in the community?

- The role of government, non-government organisations and primary care
- How do we get the message through?
- Cost effectiveness versus ethical imperative
- What do patients and families think of advance care planning?

Workshops

(suggested topic areas, others will be considered)

- Developing, implementing and evaluating models of advance care planning
- How to research advance care planning and end-of-life care
- Communication skills for clinicians eg breaking bad news/ discussing NFR
- Case-based session: how to handle difficult cases
- Advance care planning in specific patient groups
- Cultural diversity and advance care planning.

Abstract Submission Process

In order to make a presentation at the Inaugural International Advance Care Planning Conference, please download the relevant abstract submission template and submit your abstract via the Conference website at www.internationalacp2010.com/call.php

Please note; all abstracts must be submitted electronically in Microsoft Word format. Faxed or hard copy submissions will NOT be accepted.

Abstracts are to be a maximum of 250 words in length. An abstract template, guidelines and comprehensive instructions on the submission process are available from the Conference website.

Acceptance or otherwise of abstracts is at the discretion of the Scientific Committee. The presenting author will be advised in writing of the Committee's decision by Tuesday 15 December 2009. All abstracts will be considered on the basis of the merit of the individual submission and will be ranked according to the following criteria:

- Relevance to Conference theme and learning objectives addressed
- Importance of presentation
- Relevance of content to audience



Authors accepted into the program will be provided with presentation guidelines to assist in the preparation of presentations in future correspondence.

Submissions received after the closing date may not be considered.

Abstract Guidelines

All abstracts must be submitted online by following the link via the Conference website www.internationalacp2010.com/call.php

All accepted abstracts will be published in the Conference handbook and will be available to all participants and on the Conference website.

- Focus on the practical implementation of a project/case study where the outcomes/results have led to changes (ie what did you achieve? how did you achieve it? What worked? What didn't work?)
- State what your presentation adds to what is already known (i.e. how/why is your work innovative?)
- Nominate the Conference themes that are compatible with your abstract
- Please check spelling and grammar before you submit.

Abstract Terms and Conditions

- All submissions will be lodged electronically through the Conference website www.internationalacp2010.com/call.php
- There will be no paper submissions. If you cannot submit electronically, please contact the Conference Managers for possible alternatives.
- There is no fee for submitting an abstract and you can submit as many as you wish.
- The abstract must be presented by the specified presenting author(s). Proxies will not be permitted except in an emergency such as illness or misadventure.
- The first author (as given on the abstract submission form) will be the main contact for any correspondence about the presentation.
- It is the Committee's preference that the abstract template is used. Please download the relevant submission template from the Conference website.
- The presenting author will receive notification of acceptance on Tuesday 15 December 2009
- Presenters must confirm acceptance of their presentation offer in writing via email to the Conference Managers by Wednesday 20 January 2010.
- Presenters must then register to attend the Conference having confirmed their acceptance.
- Registration is a condition of accepting the offer to present at the Conference. Presenters must register by Wednesday 10 February 2010 to obtain the Early Bird Registration rate and to ensure their place in the program.
- Presenters are responsible for their own accommodation expenses and travel to and from the Conference.
- By submission of an abstract, the author transfers copyright ownership to the Conference Managers for publication in the Conference handbook and on the Conference website.
- The Scientific Committee reserves the right to accept or refuse any presentation, poster or workshop.
- The Scientific Committee reserves the right to allocate a session time or presentation type.

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Abstract Review

Abstracts will be reviewed by members of the Scientific Committee.

No correspondence with authors will be entered into, except for acknowledgment and rejection or acceptance notices.

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Deadline for submission of abstracts
Wednesday 11 November 2009, 5:00pm (AEST)

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Tuesday 15 December 2009

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Wednesday 20 January 2010

Deadline for early bird registration
Wednesday 10 February 2010

Deadline for presenters to be registered
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