

## ABSTRACT GUIDELINES 2025

**Abstract Submission Deadline: 11:59pm AEST, Sunday 8 June 2025**

For your presentation to be considered, these abstract guidelines must be followed. Please ensure that the presenting author completes the abstract submission. Abstracts must be submitted by **11:59pm Sunday 8 June 2025**.

### CONFERENCE THEME

*'Pathways to Equity: Transforming Gender-Affirming Care in Australia'*

### CONFERENCE TOPICS

All submissions must be submitted in one of the following topics, please choose the most appropriate for your submission (listed alphabetically). We welcome submissions from all professionals working in transgender health, including but not limited to researchers, nurses, physicians and general practitioners, surgeons, psychologists and psychiatrists, social workers, advanced practice providers, social scientists, voice and communication professionals, physical therapists, and others.

- Strengthening Community
- Education and Training
- Adult Mental Health
- Child & Adolescent Mental Health
- Adult Endocrinology
- Child & Adolescent Endocrinology
- Medicine / Surgery
- Voice and communication
- Other

### AREAS FOR ABSTRACT REVIEWING

The following areas are to be used to assist with the appropriate allocation of reviewers. Please select at least one from the following:

1. Clinical management voice and communication
2. Clinical management medicine
3. Clinical management mental health
4. Community – Social science, peer support, advocacy, cultural and political aspects
5. Public health and epidemiology
6. Education and training
7. Mental health

### PRESENTATION TYPE

Authors should indicate their preference for **ONE** of the following presentation formats and address the abstract content to one of the conference disciplines above.

Presentation Type	Time Allocation	Explanation
<b>Oral presentation: Research based</b>	Standard Oral - 12-minutes presentation with 3-minutes Q&A	Oral presentations on original research findings, case studies, completed projects and theoretical analyses. Presentations should be well

	OR Rapid Fire 5-minute with additional Q&A	structured, rigorous and demonstrate a novel contribution to knowledge.
<b>Oral Presentation: Practice based</b>	Standard Oral - 12-minutes presentation with 3-minutes Q&A OR Rapid-Fire 5-minute presentation time	Oral presentations analysing issues and solutions to problems in clinical practice, community engagement, education, health promotion and policy. Presentations should be well structured, rigorous and demonstrate a novel contribution to knowledge and practice.
<b>Poster presentation</b>	Permanently displayed during the Conference	Posters will be displayed within the exhibition and catering area. Top ranked posters in each discipline may be allocated to a poster tour. Poster tours will include a 3-minute oral presentation.
<b>Symposium</b>	90-minute session with 5 x 12-minute presentations plus 30- minutes of panel discussion/Q&A.	Symposia provide an opportunity to present on one topic, often from multiple standpoints, providing a coherent set of presentations for discussion.  The following submissions will be considered favourably: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multidisciplinary and multi-institutional submissions</li> <li>• Submissions involving trans and gender diverse individuals and community organisations / groups</li> </ul>
<b>Panel Discussion Proposal</b>	40-minute discussion with additional Q&A	A Panel Discussion Proposal provides an opportunity to have an open discussion and drive a conversation with other colleagues on a chosen topic.

## ABSTRACT PREPARATION GUIDELINES FOR ALL PRESENTATIONS

Abstract templates are provided below and MUST be referred to prior to writing your abstract. Submitting authors must ensure they use the correct abstract template for their presentation type and follow all instructions provided. Submitted abstracts that do not comply with the required format will be rejected prior to scientific review.

### Abstract Template Options

Please note there are two abstract Template Options available on the conference website:

- Research-Based Abstract Template
- Practice-Based Abstract Template

### All abstracts must:

- Use Arial 12-point type only
- Use single spacing only
- Be submitted as a Microsoft Word (.doc) file only
- Leave one line between paragraphs
- Specify all abbreviations in full at the first mention, followed by the abbreviation in parentheses, thereafter abbreviation only should be used
- Be written in English
- Be checked thoroughly for spelling and grammar
- Not include references

### **All abstracts must include:**

**TITLE:** in **BOLD** at the top of the abstract (Sentence Case)

#### **AUTHORS:**

- Principal author to appear first
- Underline the name of the author who will be presenting the paper
- Use surname followed by initials (do not use full stops or commas between surname and initials)
- Include affiliations for each author. Use superscript numbering *after* the author's name to indicate affiliations

**RESEARCH-BASED ABSTRACT:** maximum 300 words, excluding the title and authors' names:

- Background: study objectives, hypotheses tested, research questions or description of problem
- Methods: methods used or approach taken (e.g. study population, data collection methods, statistical analyses and/or theoretical approach)
- Results: in summarised form, must include data (e.g. statistics or qualitative data) but do not include tables, graphs or pictures. Include results/outcomes and results of statistical tests such as confidence intervals, odds or hazard ratios, effect estimates and values.
- Conclusion: describe the main outcomes and implications of the study. Highlight the novelty of findings, how they contribute to evidence-based practice and what steps are being taken to put the research into practice.

**PRACTICE-BASED ABSTRACT:** maximum 300 words

- Background/Purpose: describe the problem and outline the project or policy aims
- Approach: outline the main components of the project or policy
- Outcomes/Impact: Include concrete observations and findings of the social, community or political impact of your work based on completed or ongoing work
- Innovation and significance: Explain why your project or policy is unique and of significance, including why this project or policy is an important response to trans health priorities

### **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION**

Abstracts must be submitted electronically through the online submission site. You can access the site via the conference website. You will be required to enter:

- Preferred presentation type
- Authors' names (indicate presenting author and contact details - address, telephone and email). **Note:** Abstract presenters will be required to fund their own attendance at the conference and should not submit an abstract if this is not possible.
- Authors' affiliations
- Abstract title
- Abstract as a word document (maximum 300 words) plus a disclosure of interest statement as relevant(see below examples)
- Short biography of presenter (maximum 50 words). This information will be used by the session chair for introduction purposes and may be published in conference literature
- Conference Topic relevant to your presentation

### **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST STATEMENT:**

The Australian Professional Society for Trans Health (AusPATH) recognises the considerable contribution that industry partners make to professional and research activities. We also recognise the need for transparency of disclosure of potential conflicts of interest by acknowledging these relationships in publications and presentations.

**If you do not have a disclosure of interest, please state 'None'.**

#### **Disclosure of interest statement – Industry**

Example 1. *Organisation X declares payments to his institution for investigator-initiated research from Industry Company X.*

Example 2. *Organisation X has received donated materials from Industry Company X. All other authors declare no competing interests.*

#### **Acknowledgement of Funding**

Example 1. *This study was funded in part by the Government Body X.*

Example 2. *Organisation X receive grant funding from the Government Body X. No pharmaceutical / Industry grants were received for this study.*

Note: If accepted into the program you will be requested to include a disclosure of interest slide into your presentation or include such statements in your poster.

### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

By submitting an abstract all authors agree to release the license to the Conference organisers and give permission to publish the abstract in the conference handbook, website, application, USB etc. and in so doing certify that the abstract is original work. It is assumed by our conference reviewers and committees that appropriate ethical approval has taken place for your submission. If your abstract is accepted for presentation, it may be published on the conference website from the date of notification of success.

In balancing the conference program, the organising committee may require authors to present their work in an alternate format (e.g. as a poster rather than oral presentation).

Disclaimer: The committee may allocate your presentation within an alternate discipline while developing the best fit sessions.

### **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

Abstract presenters will be required to fund their own attendance at the conference and should not submit an abstract if this is not possible. All presenters (including poster presenters) will be required to register for the conference by **Sunday 23 August**. It will be assumed that any presenter not registered by this date has withdrawn from the program and their abstract will be removed from all sessions and documentation.

Please contact the Conference Secretariat by emailing [conference@ashm.org.au](mailto:conference@ashm.org.au) or calling +61 458 291 166 prior to the deadline if you are unable to lodge your abstract via the website or if you have any queries. We recommend using Firefox, Google Chrome or Safari as your browser to access the online submission site.