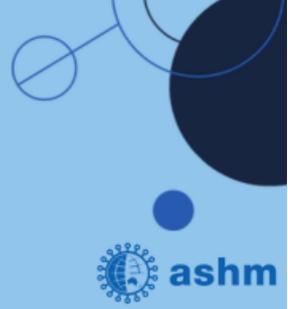


Pacific HIV Symposium 2026

Including Sexual & Reproductive Health, Coinfections and other Related Issues



ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

Abstract Submission Deadline: 11:59pm Saturday 2 May 2026, AEST

In order 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 the deadline: **11:59pm, Saturday 2 May Australian Eastern Standard Time**. We encourage lead authors/presenters to be from Pacific Islands Countries or Papua New Guinea.

CONFERENCE THEMES FOR PRESENTATIONS

We encourage submissions for all priority populations and disease areas of HIV and Sexual Health, and related infections/retroviruses. In deciding on the theme to submit a presentation under, consider who your target audience are. Practice-based abstracts are welcomed in all themes.

Theme	Explanation
HIV Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community led HIV prevention • Communication and behaviour change strategies • Harm reduction • PrEP • PEP • Barrier and solutions to HIV Prevention • Optimising condom campaigns
<i>HIV Testing</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Models of HIV testing and testing strategies • Scale up of HIV testing • Integration of HIV testing into other services and primary health care • Partner testing and notification • Community led HIV testing • Diagnostic tools • Point of care testing • Barriers and solutions to HIV testing
<i>HIV and Human Rights – building enabling environments</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy and legislative reform • Sexual and reproductive human rights • Elimination of stigma and discrimination • Structural barriers of access to services • Adolescent health
<i>Elimination of vertical transmission of HIV, syphilis and Hepatitis B</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Models of integration of HIV, syphilis and hepatitis B testing of pregnant people into antenatal care and infant prophylaxis • Barriers and solutions to elimination of vertical transmission
Tiko bulabula -supporting the health and wellbeing of people living with HIV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health and psychological wellbeing • Managing chronic conditions of people living with HIV • HIV and disability • HIV and gender • Gender based violence

Managing HIV Co-infections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TB testing, treatment and management • TB/HIV coinfection • Hepatitis B and C • Sexual transmitted infections • Management of opportunistic infections
Working with people who use drugs and harm reduction initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transmission of HIV through injection drug use • Prevention and harm reduction including needle and syringe program
Improving treatment uptake and adherence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV treatment • Management of loss to follow up • Undetectable = untransmittable • Managing advanced HIV
Strengthening Infant, child and adolescent HIV testing, treatment, care and support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Infant diagnosis • Paediatric HIV management • Youth friendly health services, barriers and solutions to reaching youth with testing, treatment and care

PRESENTATION TYPE

Presentation Type	Time Allocation	Explanation
RESEARCH-BASED ORAL PRESENTATION	12-minute presentation and 3 minutes question time	Oral presentations on original research findings, case studies, completed projects and theoretical analyses. Presentations should be well structured, rigorous and demonstrate a novel contribution to knowledge.
PRACTICE-BASED ORAL PRESENTATION	12-minute presentation and 3 minutes question 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.
POSTER PRESENTATION	Permanently displayed during the Symposium	Posters will be displayed within the exhibition and catering area. A number of top ranked posters in each theme may be allocated to a poster tour.

ABSTRACT PREPARATION GUIDELINES FOR ALL PRESENTATIONS

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

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)
- Omit degrees and titles
- Include affiliations for each author. Use superscript numbering *after* the author's name to indicate affiliations

Abstract Template Options

Please note there are two abstract Template Options

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

RESEARCH-BASED ABSTRACT: maximum 300 words, with following headings:

- 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 p values, odds or hazard ratios and confidence intervals.
- 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

Submissions may use the Background/Methods/Results/Conclusion format from the Research-Based Abstract or the following headings:

- 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 current HIV-related health priorities

Note: If the body of the abstract is more than 300 words it will be sent back to be revised. A sample abstract is available on the website. The 300 is not inclusive of the disclosure of interest.

All abstracts must include:

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST STATEMENT:

The Australasian Society for HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Medicine 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.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Research-Based Abstracts will be favoured at review if they incorporate:

- Completed rather than future work (Outline data as known at the time of submission however other studies that have final results may be prioritised for presentation)
- Original data of high quality.
- An analysis that extends existing knowledge
- Clarity of methodology, analysis and presentation of results
- Specific rather than general findings
- Highlight steps that take research into practice

Practice-Based Abstracts will be favoured at review if they incorporate:

- A project or policy change that is new, innovative and/or of high impact
- A project that has been successfully implemented (either completed or ongoing)
- An analysis of the project or policy change that extends current thinking or ideas
- Clarity about the evidentiary basis for the project
- Clarity with which the project purpose, approach, impact and significance has been described

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

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstracts must be submitted electronically through the online abstract submission site. You will be required to enter:

- Preferred theme
- 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. Scholarships are available and preference will be given to those who do submit abstracts, however authors should ensure they are able to fund their own travel if need be
- Authors' affiliations
- Abstract title
- Abstract as a word document (maximum 300 words) plus a disclosure of interest statement
- 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

AI DECLARATION

As part of our commitment to transparency and ethical standards in research and professional development, ASHM requires that all conference abstract submissions include a declaration regarding the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in the development or creation of the submission materials.

Using AI to entirely generate your submission is not an acceptable use of AI. The majority of the submission must be written by you.

You will be asked to answer the following declaration questions:

1. Has AI been used in the preparation, drafting, or editing of any part of this submission, including data analysis, or language editing? (Yes/No)
2. If AI was used, please describe its specific role. For example:
 - Drafting content or summaries
 - Data analysis
 - Language editing or translation
 - Other (please provide detail)

Note: Submissions that use AI are eligible for review, but submissions without an AI declaration or those that contain unacknowledged AI-generated content may be subject to disqualification.

RECOGNITION OF THE GREATER INVOLVEMENT OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV (GIPA) FOR THE HIV & AIDS RESEARCH COMMUNITY – SUCCESSFUL PRESENTERS WILL BE REQUESTED TO FOLLOW THIS GUIDANCE

If your research is about HIV&AIDS and involves gathering data, lived experiences, biological samples or other aspects from the bodies or lives of people living with HIV and our participation as people living with HIV has influenced your work, we encourage you to consider and build upon the sample text provided as a recognition of the role that people living with HIV have played in the response to HIV at the beginning or end of any presentation of your work.

Presenters are free to use their own wording, or choose from one of the examples below:

Example 1: “I want to begin my presentation by thanking the people living with HIV who have participated in this research. Our work is and has always been indebted to people living with HIV, and their engagement.”

Example 2. “I want to begin by recognising and thanking the people living with HIV who have generously participated in this research.”

Example: 3. “Our work is indebted to People living with HIV who have put their bodies on the line to enable advancements in prevention, care, treatment and cure. We recognise their role in the fight to end HIV.”

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

There may be scholarships to support Pacific and Papua New Guinea presenters to attend, however by being accepted for a presentation a person is not guaranteed a scholarship.

Notification of status will be advised in late May / early June 2026. All presenters must register for the conference before **30 June**. It will be assumed that any presenters not registered by this date has withdrawn from the program and their abstract will be removed from all sessions and documentation.

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

Please contact the Conference Secretariat if you are unable to lodge your abstract via the website or if you have any queries. By submitting an abstract all authors agree to release the license to the Conference organisers and give permission to publish the abstract in the virtual conference portal, and on the website 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.