APSAD 2026

Late Breaker Abstract Guidelines for All Presentations

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 11:59pm AWST 27 July 2026

We recognise the deep wisdom and expertise held within Indigenous and multicultural communities and would love to create space for you to share your insights, stories, and practices in a way that feels meaningful to you. We welcome contributions in various forms, including traditional presentations, storytelling, case studies, and interactive discussions.

Video abstract submission that describes the proposed elements of the abstract will also be accepted. If submitting a video abstract, please use this template. If you are interested but unsure about the abstract submission process, we are happy to provide guidance. If you would like to submit a video abstract, please send an email to apsadconference@ashm.org.au or call +61 2 8204 0770.

The Late Breaking sessions are informative fast-paced 5-minute presentations. The sessions are dedicated to new information or important findings not fully available before the general abstract deadline. Presentations are five minutes and should have no more than five slides. This is not an extension of the general abstract submissions, and such abstracts will be rejected.

Templates, language guides, example abstracts and mentoring is available to support submitters in preparing their abstract. Explore the links below for more information:

- Abstract Support
- Abstract Mentor Program

Submission Requirements

- All submissions must be completed electronically via the online submission facility.
- You will be required to upload the abstract at the same time through the online site.
- All abstracts must be prepared according to the guidelines provided. Abstracts will only be accepted and published if submitted using the supplied template/s.
- Abstracts submitted from people who are affiliated with tobacco, alcohol or gambling entities will not be reviewed or accepted. This includes, but is not limited to, individuals who in the last three years have accepted any sponsorship, grant or any other form of support, whether financially or otherwise; or entered into any form of association with the tobacco, e-cigarette, alcohol, or gambling industries, including but not limited to tobacco, e-cigarette, alcohol and gambling companies, manufacturers, distributors, retailers, gambling venues, and related industry-funded research bodies.
- All abstracts must be original work.
- An abstract can be submitted if the work has been or is to be published in a scientific journal or presented at a major national, or international meeting prior to APSAD 2026, where the content has been significantly changed or updated as to be a different abstract. Already published/presented work must be declared at the time of submission, failure to disclose this information will result in the abstract being rejected. Acceptance is at the discretion of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC).

- An abstract must contain sufficient information so that if published it will be a complete report independent of presentation. **The text should not contain statements alluding to results or conclusions not presented within the text.**

- The contact person will be responsible for distributing all correspondence related to the submission to all co-presenters. It is the presenting author's responsibility to check the accuracy of the abstract.

- The presenting author will be required to register for the conference in order to ensure their abstract(s) is included in the final program. **Deadline for presenting author registration is 31 September 2026.**

- There are a limited number of oral and poster positions, priority will be given to original submissions that closely align with the theme of the conference and can clearly demonstrate implications on policy, community, research, or practice. Research abstracts that do not contain results or refer to results or data being presented that are not contained in the abstract will not be accepted.

- There is no limit to the number of abstracts that may be submitted by an individual. Splitting of a body of work into multiple abstracts is discouraged and consolidation into one abstract is preferred. The SAC reserves the right to limit the number of oral presentations per author to encourage presentation diversity and may request for any abstracts submitted on the same body of work be combined into one abstract and presentation.

- The Conference Secretariat will not be held responsible for abstract submissions not received via the website or for submission errors caused by internet service outages, hardware or software delays, power outages or unforeseen events. If you have any issues with your online submission, please contact the Conference Secretariat at apsadconference@ashm.org.au or phone: +61 2 8204 0770 for assistance.

- When submitting your abstract details via the online portal, you must indicate your discipline, topics, and preferred presentation type. Your submission document will need to follow the relevant template based on presentation type outlined below:

PRESENTATION TYPES:

FORMAT	TYPE	LENGTH	DESCRIPTION
ORAL PRESENTATIONS	Research	5 minutes x 5 slides	Research-Based Oral Presentations showcase the data driving the future of the AOD sector. We are looking for original research findings, compelling case studies, completed projects, and robust theoretical analyses. Successful abstracts will be well-structured and methodologically rigorous, clearly demonstrating a novel contribution to the evidence base. Elevate the conversation by sharing your findings and their significance for the field. Please use the Research Based Oral Abstract Template.
	Practice Based /Service Delivery	5 minutes x 5 slides	Practice & Service Delivery Presentations focus on the intersection of innovation and impact, these presentations analyse contemporary challenges and solutions across clinical practice, community engagement, education, health promotion, and policy. We invite submissions that are rigorously structured and evidence-informed, specifically highlighting a novel

			contribution to the field. Show us how your work is evolving the AOD landscape and providing fresh insights into service delivery. This option allows you to report on projects that are not research-driven but are critical reflections on policy and practice, including clinical practice, community engagement, education, health promotion, and service delivery. In all cases we are looking for analyses and projects that are completed and have concrete results to report. The practice-based abstract template asks delegates to describe the analysis and arguments used, and then specify outcomes, results and implications for policy and practice. We encourage our community, nursing, policy, health promotion and other colleagues to try the template and submit abstracts. Please use the Practice Based Oral Abstract Template.
	Lightning Talks	5 minutes	Lightning talks allow for a succinct overview of findings. These could be presentations of original research, clinical practice, community engagement, education, health promotion and policy. This presentation type could be used for case studies, clinical perspectives, new services, and consumer viewpoints. These presentations do not require the same rigorous research basis as Research Based presentations but should describe the implications of the work on practice, policy and/or community. Research and practice abstracts must be submitted using the relevant oral abstract template.
VISUAL PRESENTATIONS	Poster	Permanently displayed during the conference. Presenters must stand with their posters during the dedicated Poster Sessions.	Posters are a key component of the APSAD Conference offering an interactive platform for delegates to view and discuss achievements, ideas, and developments face-to-face. Posters are ideal for data that works better visually, projects and research being proposed or currently in progress, systematic reviews, meta-analysis, case studies, divisional projects, or clinical topics. All posters will be available on the conference website and in the app. Poster abstracts must be submitted using the relevant oral abstract template.

DISCIPLINES

Clinical Research	Abstracts will present research that seeks to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of disease and injury in people who use alcohol and other drugs.
Epidemiology and Public Health • Health services and systems	Abstracts will present research on the social, cultural, environmental, occupational, and economic factors that determine health for people who use alcohol and other drugs.
Social Science & Policy Research	Abstracts may include empirical or non-empirical (conceptual/theoretical) studies which focus on social, structural, cultural, material and policy contexts. They may include evaluations of policies, analysis of policy making processes, analysis of stakeholders to policy and analysis of policy statements. They may include studies by people with lived and living experience and provider perspectives.
Models of Care and Programs *Including, but not limited to:* • Community focused programs • First Nations focused and led programs • Nurse-led models of care • Multidisciplinary models of care • Integrated models of care • Telemedicine and remote care • Patient-centered care • Innovative models of care	Abstracts will focus on real-world examples of innovative models of care, programs, or interventions to enhance health care delivery for people who use alcohol and other drugs.

TOPICS

Please review topics available here.

ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

All abstracts must:

- Be prepared in Arial 11-point type only on the appropriate APSAD 2026 TEMPLATE. The document must not be password protected or read-only as this may result in your abstract failing to upload successfully
- Single spacing should be used.
- Format - Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) file only.
- Start each paragraph on a new line.
- Specify all abbreviations in full at the first mention, followed by the abbreviation in parentheses; thereafter, the abbreviation only should be used. Do not use abbreviations in the title. Only include an abbreviation in the abstract if it is used at least twice after the first mention.
- Abstracts must be original and written in English with Australian spelling.
- Abstracts must NOT have a header or footer on the page.
- Download the appropriate template for your submission.

All abstracts must include:

- Title should appear in bold in sentence case at the top of the abstract.
- Principal author to appear first.
- Underline the name of the author who will be presenting the paper.
- All authors must be listed with their first name, any initials and surname, with commas between each name.
- Omit degrees and titles.
- Include affiliations/organisation for each author (i.e., department, institution, city, country). Use superscript numbering after the author's name to indicate affiliations.
- Include the presenter's email address.
- Choose which subheadings work for your abstract and delete the subheadings not being used.

Body of Abstract:

- Maximum length is 300 words (excess words may not be printed) per presentation.
- Content must include the study's objectives, methodology (if relevant), a summary of results and conclusion.
- Present your work as a structured abstract using the appropriate subheadings included on the template.
- Do not use the carriage return (Enter) at the end of lines within a paragraph.
- Abstracts that include information on *implications for communities, practice, policy and/or First Nations communities*, including—where relevant—how the research, program or policy impacts on diverse and/or priority populations will be given preference when reviewing and programming.
- References should be indicated in the text using numbers inside square brackets (e.g. [1] and included as a list following the abstract. The style of the references should follow the style of the Journal, which is Vancouver, i.e., numbered. All citations mentioned in the abstract must be listed in the reference list, and the reference list may not include works not cited.
- Tables and figures can be included with abstracts and must be cited in the abstract text. The abstracts themselves must be in text, not table format.

Note: Your abstract will not be accepted if it does not conform to the guidelines.

TERMINOLOGY

We expect all presenters to be aware of and understand the potential of language to be stigmatising. The following resources provide best-practice guidelines for a person-centred approach.

- NUAA & NADA Language Matters
- Girra Maa Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Top 10 Tips for Terminology
- ACON Trans-Affirming Language Guide
- PWDA Language Guide: A guide to language about disability.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST/ETHICAL STATEMENT

APSAD 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.

For an example of a disclosure of interest/ethical statement please see below:

BS has received funding from Metabolism Corp. No pharmaceutical grants were received in the development of this study.

If there are no conflicts of interest, please write 'None to declare'.

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.

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Abstract presenters will be required to fund their own attendance at the conference and should not submit an abstract if this is not possible.

If you require support to attend, we are pleased to be able to offer a number of scholarship opportunities for the below categories:

- First Peoples
- Student and Early Career Researcher
- Frontline Worker
- Community

View Scholarship Application information here. The deadline for **scholarship applications is 5 July 2026.**

All presenters will be required to register for the conference by **31 August 2026**. It will be assumed that any presenter not registered by this date has withdrawn from the program and their abstract will be removed and allocated to another speaker.

The link to the online registration submission system is available on the conference website.