



WAS Congress 2025

Abstract Guidelines: Oral Presentations and Posters

Late Breaker Deadline: 16 February 2025

These abstract guidelines must be followed for your presentation to be considered. Please ensure that the presenting author completes the abstract submission. Abstracts must be submitted by the deadline: **11:59pm, Sunday 16 February 2025, Australian Eastern Standard Time.**

Authors will be informed of the acceptance of their abstracts by email after scientific review.

- Submitted abstracts will be evaluated on scientific merit and originality by the International Scientific Committee.
- Abstracts must be written in English, and, if accepted, the presentations must be in English.
- The total number of abstracts allowed to be submitted by the same author is 3.

The WAS Scientific Committee will decide on the final format (poster or oral/symposium) of the presentation. Accepted abstracts will be assigned for oral or (moderated) poster presentation by the WAS Scientific Committee. High quality abstracts in select categories may be chosen for presentation during a symposium session.

ABSTRACT FORMAT

Abstracts must be submitted using one of the following templates:

- Empirical Research Studies
- Educational Experiences
- Activism
- Historical Studies
- Symposium – please note for symposia, the template is a guide.

TYPES OF PRESENTATIONS

- Oral presentation
- Symposium
- Moderated Poster Session
- Poster presentation

TRACKS FOR PRESENTATIONS

We encourage submissions for all priority populations and areas of Sexual Health. In deciding on the theme to submit a presentation under, consider who your target audience is.

1. Sexual Rights and Justice and Ethical issues
2. Social and Behavioural Sciences
3. Clinical Sciences and Therapy (Psychological and Behavioural)
4. Basic Science
5. Sexual Medicine
6. Public Health, Prevention and Policies
7. Education



KEY WORDS

The following keywords will be used to assist with the appropriate allocation of reviewers. Please select at least three from the following list, that best describes your abstract:

- 1. Sexual Development and Life Stages**
 - Ageing and sexuality
 - Youth, adolescence and sexuality
 - Sexual development
- 2. Sexual Violence and Abuse**
 - Child sexual abuse
 - Sexual violence
 - Sexual Assault
- 3. Gender and Sexual Diversity**
 - Sexual and gender diverse (incl. LGBTIQ+) identities
 - Gender and sexuality
 - Transgender, trans identities, gender dysphoria and incongruence
- 4. Sexual Health and Medicine**
 - Sex and medicine
 - Sexually transmitted infections, HIV and Hepatitis C
 - Drug use and sexuality
 - Chronic disease and sexuality
- 5. Sexual Disorders and Dysfunctions**
 - Sexual disorders and dysfunction
 - Hypersexuality (incl. sexual and porn addictions and out-of-control sexual behaviours)
 - Hyposexuality, low desire and low libido
- 6. Sexual Psychology and Well-being**
 - Sexual satisfaction and well-being
 - Psychological disorders, psychiatry and sexuality
 - Stress, depression and sexuality
 - Romantic love
- 7. Sexual Health Education and Training**
 - Professional training
 - Comprehensive sexual education
 - Sexual Consent Education
 - Cultural Competency in Sexual Health
- 8. Reproductive Health**
 - Reproductive health (pregnancy, contraception and sexuality)
 - Contraception, abortion, family planning and sexuality
- 9. Sexual Behaviours and Attitudes**
 - Sexual behaviour, attitudes and beliefs
 - Consensual nonmonogamy, poly and simultaneous partnerships



- Infidelity

10. Sexual Health and Technology

- The internet, social media and sexuality
- Digital Innovations in Sexual Health
- Artificial Intelligence in Sexual Health Research
- Cybersecurity and Sexual Health Data
- Virtual Reality and Sexual Education
- Online Sexual Health Communities
- Telehealth and Sexual Health Services
- Sex Tech and Pleasure Products
- AI and Relationship Counselling
- Digital Literacy and Safe Online Behaviour
- Sexual Health and Online Dating

11. Ethics, Law, and Advocacy

- Law, ethics and sexuality
- Human and sexual rights
- Sexual justice
- Sexual Health Policy and Advocacy

12. Special Populations and Contexts

- Minorities and marginalised groups
- Disabilities and sexuality
- Race / ethnicity and sexuality
- Religion, spirituality and sexuality
- Sexuality in institutions (mental, educational, hospitals, prisons, etc.)
- Sexual Health in First Nations people
- Sexual Health in Rural and Remote Areas
- Sexual Health in Refugee and Migrant Populations
- Sexual Health and Climate Change

13. Sexual Pleasure and Culture

- Erotic art
- Sexual fantasies and imagery
- Pornography
- Collective sex (swinging, back-rooms, etc.)
- Sex work

14. Sexual Anatomy and Biology

- The biology and genetics of sex
- Sexual psychophysiology and anatomy

15. Healthcare Professions and Sexuality

- Health and medical professions and sexuality
- Allied health professions (e.g. nursing, midwifery, etc.) and sexuality

16. Historical and Sociocultural Perspectives

- History of sexuality/sexology



17. Specific Issues in Sexual Health

- Genital mutilation
- Genital modification
- Sexting

ALL ABSTRACTS MUST INCLUDE:

SOURCE OF FUNDING: The source of financial support must be indicated. **Abstracts deemed to be submitted for marketing purposes only will not be accepted.**

CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT: Any potential conflict of interest must be disclosed.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION PROCESS

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

- Abstract title
- Preferred track
- Keywords
- Preferred presentation type (oral presentation / poster presentation)
- 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 as a Word document (maximum 300 words) plus a disclosure of interest statement
- Short biography of the presenter (maximum 50 words). This information will be used by the session chair for introduction purposes and may be published in conference the literature

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

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

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

Notification of status will be advised in December 2024. All presenters must register for the conference before **28 February 2025 (early bird deadline)**. 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.