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2nd Asia Pacific Conference on Point of Care Testing for Infectious Diseases - Abstract Guidelines

For your submission to be reviewed, abstract guidelines must be followed. Please ensure that the presenting author completes the abstract submission prior to the deadline.

Conference Disciplines for Presentations
Please select the most appropriate discipline from the following:
- Biomedical science/Laboratory science
- Clinical research
- Community research
- Epidemiology and public health
- Health economics
- Health services and systems
- Mathematical modelling
- Social research
- Policy research
- Other (please state)

Topics
The following topics will be used to assist with the allocation of reviewers. Please select **at least one** and <u>**a maximum of three**</u> topics from the following:

POC systems
- Accuracy
- User acceptability
- Training, education and accreditation
- Risk and quality management
- Supply and financing
- Connectivity and reporting systems
- Community engagement

Key populations
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples
- People living in remote locations
- Men who have sex with men
- Trans and gender diverse people
- People who inject drugs
- People who engage in sex work
- People living in resource constrained settings

Diseases
- Hepatitis B
- Hepatitis C
- HIV
- Sexually transmitted infections
- Respiratory infections
- Skin infections
- Multi-disease testing
- Other (please specify)

Settings
- Community
- Mobile outreach
- Primary care
- Tertiary care
- Other (please specify)

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Types of Presentations

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 Format	Allocated Time	Description
Research Based Oral Presentations	Standard Oral - 12 minutes presentation and 3 minutes question time OR Rapid Fire - 4 minutes presentation and 1 minute 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 Presentations	Standard Oral - 12 minutes presentation and 3 minutes question time OR Rapid Fire - 4 minutes presentation and 1 minute question time	Oral presentations analysing issues and translating operational solutions to problems in clinical practice; including case studies, quality improvement activities, community engagement, education, health promotion and policy. Presentations should be well structured, rigorous and demonstrate a novel contribution to knowledge translation
Poster Presentations	Permanently displayed during the Conference High ranking posters – Poster Tour	Posters can present research in progress, case studies, quality improvement activities, divisional projects or clinical topics. A poster viewing session will take place for conference delegates to discuss the posters with the presenting author. Highly rated posters will be awarded a presentation in a poster tour.
Multimedia Presentations	Multimedia presentations will be viewed in between sessions.	Presentations should be in video format. They are to be a maximum running time of five minutes. *Presentations will be shared post-conference on the Conference website so consent will be required for all persons appearing in photographs/videos/power point.*

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.

Research Based Abstract Template

Practice Based & Multimedia Template

Acknowledgement of affected communities

Requirement 1: If your research focuses on infectious diseases and involves gathering data, lived experiences, biological samples or other aspects from the bodies or lives of people living with infectious diseases and our participation as people living with infectious diseases has influenced your work, we encourage you to consider and build upon the sample text provided as an **acknowledgement** of the role that people living with infectious diseases have played in the response to the infectious disease at the beginning of any presentation of your work. Examples are shown below:

Example 1: "I want to begin my presentation by thanking the people living with (insert infection disease) who have participated in this research. Our fight against(insert infection disease) Elimination is indebted to people living with (insert infection disease) both past and present."

Example 2. "I want to begin by acknowledging and thanking the people living with (insert infection disease) who have generously participated in this research."

Requirement 2: When developing your presentation, we request that presenters outline how your work has had/ can have a **positive impact on the community** including key population groups (e.g. Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples, People who Inject Drugs, CALD) and what steps are being taken to take the research into practice.

Note: We encourage abstracts that are based on Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander issues be presented by Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander persons, or an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander co-presenter be included. If this is not possible, please include some information as to whether any member of the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community in which the research is based was involved in development of the research protocol or in conducting the research. Where possible this applies to other population groups as well.

Online 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 conference discipline
- Preferred Topic (minimum of 1, maximum of 3)
- Preferred presentation format
- Authors' names including the submitting author as the presenting author and contact details - address, telephone and email. Note: Presenting authors 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 of 300 words) plus a disclosure of interest statement
- Abstract must also be copied into the fields provided
- 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

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Please contact the Conference Secretariat by emailing 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.

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. If your abstract is accepted for presentation, it will be published on the conference website on the date of notification of success.

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 25 May 2025**. It will be assumed that any presenter not registered by this date has withdrawn from the program and their abstract will be removed from the handbook.

Selection Criteria

Abstracts will be ranked highly at review if they incorporate:

- Completed rather than future work (i.e. final results)
- Original data of high quality.
- An analysis that extends existing knowledge
- Clarity of methodology, analysis and presentation of results
- Specific rather than general findings

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).