



ANZSCoS2025

ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

19 - 21 NOVEMBER 2025

*Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre,
Queensland, Australia*

Abstract Submission Opens: Monday, 3rd February 2025

Submission Deadline: 23:59 (AEST) Monday, 14th April 2025

Submission Outcome Email Notification: Friday, 13th June 2025 (This date is an approximate)

Call for Abstracts

On behalf of the Australian & New Zealand Spinal Cord Society (ANZSCoS), the organising committee would like to call for abstracts for the Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) of ANZSCoS, to be held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Brisbane from 19-21st November 2025.

Submitted abstracts must represent original work, which has either not been published or only published within the last year. The Review Committee will select abstracts for oral or poster presentation unless the author indicates a specific preference for poster presentation. Poster Presenters may also be given the opportunity to have a Rapid Poster Presentation in the Conference Program.

Oral Presentations: up to 15 minutes. This is inclusive of 5 minutes question and answer time.

Posters will be available as both physical and e-posters via the app. Further details will be emailed once accepted.

Themes

Abstracts relating to the conference theme of: ***'Rivers of Innovation'*** and focussing on the following key areas as outlined below will be given preference for inclusion in the program.

- **Innovations in SCI care:** consumer co-design, novel models of care, emerging technologies, and ideas
- **Back to life and work:** adjustment to injury, support for family and loved ones, and vocational rehab
- **Pathways for engaging in physical activity, sport and recreation:** inclusive social participation, overcoming barriers and the transition to competitive sports
- **Optimising engagement within rehabilitation:** conquering addiction, alleviating pain and enhancing mental well-being

Submissions on other topics representing spinal cord injury will also be considered under the free paper category.

Review Process

All abstracts will be reviewed by the ANZSCoS Scientific Review Committee within a few weeks of the closing date. Updates will be communicated by the Conference Secretariat. All presenters must register for a minimum of one day of the conference by the Early Bird Deadline for registration (**Monday, 1st September 2025**) or the presentation will be withdrawn from the program.

Formatting Requirements

Abstracts should be submitted online by **23:59 (AEST) Monday, 14th April 2025**

Should be 250 words or less, exclusive of title, author(s) names, and institutional affiliation(s)

- Abstract title should be in BLOCK CAPITALS
- Authors' names should be on the next line
- In case of more than one author please underline the name of the presenting author
- Do not include degrees or titles
- Authors' organisations/institutions should include the suburb/city, state and country of the organisations/institutions
- Please do not use abbreviations unless defined in the abstract
- Care should be taken to ensure high quality English expression and grammar
- Please DO NOT include any tables, graphs or images with your abstract(s)

Abstracts should use the following layout as a guide, if unsure about the layout of your abstract, please contact the ANZSCoS secretariat.

Submitted abstracts can be edited any time prior to submission deadline on **23:59 (AEST) Monday, 14th April 2025**.

Title

This should be succinct and descriptive of the study

Introduction

Give a brief reason for the study. Provide a clear statement of the aims of the study

Methods

Give a short description of the study population or specimen preparation, data collection and processing.

Results

Important statistical results (such as confidence intervals, p values or correlation coefficients) should be included.

Conclusions

Make simple statements that are supported by the evidence shown in your results

Best Presentation Prizes

Prizes will be awarded at the closing session. A prize will be awarded for each of the below categories:

- Best Oral Presentation
- Best Poster

Abstract(s) submission

Responsibility for the accuracy of the abstracts and the agreement of co-authors with the content of the abstract's rests with the principal author.

The presenting authors of successful abstracts need to register and pay to attend and present at the Conference.

- Successful abstracts will be published via the Meeting App.
- All abstracts will be reviewed by members of the ANZSCoS ASM Scientific Program Committee whose decisions are final.
- Disclosure of any conflict of interest and sources of funding for research must be made by the authors of an abstract.

The presenter information can be updated at a later stage should your abstract be accepted.

Enquiries

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