CALL FOR ABSTRACTS SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The Australasian Rehabilitation Nurses' Association invites you to submit an abstract for in-person presentation at the 33rd Annual Conference, to be held from 17-18 October 2024 at the Novotel Surfers Paradise, QLD.

Online abstract submissions open on **Monday 5 February 2024** and will close by the deadline **Monday 15 April 2024 (COB)**.

The theme of the 2024 Conference is:

Healthcare is evolving, as it always has done and continues to do so. In rehabilitation, this evolution brings with it the potential for new and improved diagnostics, treatments, advances in assistive technologies, and longer lifespans with outcomes (both good and bad) impacting on consumers, healthcare professionals, and communities alike. The future is coming and the conference theme this year reminds us that the needs of our communities are evolving; if rehabilitation is to remain a valuable part of the healthcare landscape and provide the best care possible, rehabilitation nurses and nursing practice must also evolve.

This is an opportunity to showcase the innovative, unique and progressive work of nurses in the rehabilitation arena. We will learn from, and with each other to further develop our rehabilitation nursing network, and the specialty practice of rehabilitation nursing.

The aim of the ARNA conference is to:
- Deliver education and training about rehabilitation for nurses working in rehabilitation and working outside designated rehabilitation services.
- Enhance rehabilitation skills and capabilities of nurses generally.
- Provide a platform to share the very latest research in rehabilitation nursing care.
- Encourage networking and collaboration.
- Build a strong, empowered, and capable community of nurses who understand the importance and practice of rehabilitation across all healthcare services and settings.

ARNA members and non-members (nurses, other health professionals and researchers) are invited to submit an abstract. First time presenters and students are encouraged to apply. Individuals may wish to submit more than one abstract.

All abstracts accepted for presentation will be eligible to register at the conference early bird rate.

Presentation formats on offer are:

Short Oral	15 minutes (including 5 minutes for questions)
Long Oral	30 minutes (including 5 minutes for questions)
Poster (AO)	841mm wide x 1189mm high **(portrait only)**

SELECTION PROCESS

The abstract must provide an accurate summary of the content and conclusions of the paper. The Abstracts Committee will review all abstracts and make the final decision on abstract inclusion in the program. When submitting your abstract, you will be asked to include the following:

- Submitter details including name, position, organisation, contact information.
- Title of paper
- Presentation type (short oral, long oral, poster)
- First time presenter – Yes/No (refers to a presenter who has not presented before)
- List of authors
- Presenting authors: Qualifications, Job title, Organisation, Email
- Presenter profile (max 100 words)
- Information about whether the work is related to the undertaking of a research degree (Honours, MPhil, PhD etc.) Yes/No. If Yes, Degree Program
- Permissions Yes/No to print your contact details, take your photo while presenting and share a pdf format of your presentation on the ARNA website for members only following the conference.
- Permission Yes/No to have your abstract published in ARNA publications (E.g. JARNA and the ARNA Newsletter)
- AV requirements: Laptop, Data projector, Other (specify)
- Other information that you wish to provide to the Abstracts Committee when considering your abstract for inclusion in the 2024 Program.

ABSTRACTS TEMPLATE

All abstracts are to include the following information. **The maximum word limit (total) is 300.**

Background	Include a brief overview of the background literature relevant to the focus of your abstract to provide the context and rationale for what will be discussed in the paper/poster.
Aim/Purpose	Outline the reason/s why you have undertaken the work to be presented in the paper/poster. This should make clear the intention of the presentation.
Methods/Activities	The methods/activities undertaken to produce the results/findings that are to be presented
Results/Findings	The outcome/s of the research/activities undertaken and a statement about whether these methods/activities achieved the aim/purpose.
Discussion	This should be a discussion as to the relevance of the results/findings for rehabilitation nursing policy, practice and/or education.
Conclusion	This is to be the main message of your results/findings and/or discussion.

All abstracts submitted for presentation will be reviewed by the Abstracts Committee, who reserve the right to accept or reject any submissions, or request a presenter change their presentation format for inclusion in the Conference Program eg. Long oral to short oral or poster.

SUBMITTING YOUR ABSTRACT

All abstracts must be submitted online via the ARNA Abstracts Portal at this link.
No hardcopy or email submissions will be accepted.

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract submissions open	Monday 5 February 2024
Deadline for submission of abstracts – close date	Monday 15 April 2024
Authors advised of abstract acceptance	Monday 20 May 2024

NOTE: The presenters of the accepted abstract are expected to register for the ARNA conference and pay the early bird rate.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please direct all enquiries to the ARNA Conference Manager.

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