

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION INFORMATION & GUIDELINES

- **CONGRESS THEME:** Innovations in child, adolescent and family mental health: Integrated approaches to research and practice.
 - **SUBMISSION THEMES:**
 - Building Resilience and hope (health promotion and prevention)
 - Innovative Practices in Mental Health (technology and digital innovations; family centered approaches)
 - Empowering Advocacy and Leadership (youth and family voices)
 - Contextually relevant research in Child and Adolescent Mental Health
 - Other
 - **SUBMISSION TYPES:**
 - **POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

Submissions for posters are encouraged. The majority of abstracts are likely to be accepted as posters.
 - **ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

Oral presentations will provide an opportunity to present new research unpublished at the time of submission. Practitioner reflections may be considered, but will need to present strong evidence in the abstract of the relevance and novelty of these reflections for clinical practice. Presentations will be **15 minutes** and presenters may be required to participate in Q & A at the end of the session. Single case reports and reviews are unlikely to be considered for oral presentations unless highly novel.
 - **SYMPOSIA**

A group of 2-4 thematically-linked talks can be submitted as a 'symposium'. Symposia will be **60 – 90 minutes based on programme availability – this should include 20 minutes minimum for discussion**. A symposium should have an identified chairperson, and may include a discussant. Where a symposium is not accepted, the talks can be considered for individual ORAL PRESENTATIONS, if indicated in the submission.
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- The Congress Scientific Committee reserves the right to select Papers, Posters and Symposia for presentation.
 - Please read the submission requirements carefully as abstracts submitted will not be changed later.
 - Conflict of Interest: If the research is funded (partially or fully) by a proprietary organisation, a statement to that effect must be included at the bottom of the abstract.
 - Please note that no more than three submissions will be allowed per presenter due to possible programme limitations.
 - All accepted abstracts will be published in the abstract book without further editing. Abstracts that do not adhere to the specified format cannot be included in the book.
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- **SUBMISSION CATEGORIES:**
 - **Student** - Full-time or part-time registered for higher degree at tertiary institution and not earning a full-time salary.
 - **Clinical Trainee** - Full-time registered for clinical training e.g. psychiatry, child & adolescent psychiatry, psychology intern, and earning a full/part-time salary.
 - **Academic** - In permanent 'joint appointment' at tertiary institution such as lecturer, senior lecturer, A/Prof or Professor.
 - **Researcher** - In non-permanent position as researcher at tertiary institution such as research assistant, research fellow, postdoctoral fellow.

- **Clinical Practitioner | Government Sector** - In full/part-time employment in the government sector as clinician.
 - **Clinical Practitioner | Private Practice** - In full/part-time employment in private practice.
 - **PROFESSIONAL GROUPS:**
 - Psychiatry
 - Psychology
 - Paediatrics including developmental paediatrics and paediatric neurology
 - Occupational therapy
 - Social workers
 - Speech & language therapy
 - Nursing
 - Other
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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES ●

Abstract Sign In:

- Sign into the Abstract Portal with your account email address and password. If you have not yet submitted a presentation, please create a new account profile. The presenting author should create the online profile.

Contact Information:

- Complete the information required on the Contact Information tab.

Instructions to Author:

- **Title & Presentation Type:** Insert the full title of the proposed presentation. **Title should not exceed 30 words.**

Theme:

- Choose category you wish to submit under

Authors & Affiliations:

- Author(s) Affiliation
- Abstract Authors(s)
- The name of the presenting author must appear first in the list of authors
- Presenting Author Biography and contact information

Abstract Upload:

- Abstracts must be typed in English and a special character keyboard is available.
- The body of the text must not exceed **300 words**
- *The abstract must adhere to the following format:*
 - Introduction:** should be brief and informative and state the aim of the study;
 - Methods:** include description of subjects and research methodology;
 - Results:** outline the findings of the study supported by statistics as appropriate. Do not use figures, graphs or tables in the abstract. The data provided must be sufficient to permit peer review of the abstract;
 - Conclusion:** provide summary and relevance of the main findings.

AV Requirements:

- The meeting rooms are equipped with data projectors and only MS PowerPoint will be accepted.
- PowerPoint presentations must be saved as a .pptx file. 16x9 formats.
- Video presentations are to be in mp4 format.
- MAC plug-points will be provided at the lecterns for those wishing to present using their own MACS.

Review:

This will allow you to review your completed submission.

Submit:

- Before you submit your abstract, you must agree to the 'Terms & Conditions'.
- Only draft abstracts can be edited. Once you have submitted your abstract it cannot be edited.

DEADLINE DATES ●

Monday, 29 September 2025	Abstract submissions are to be submitted online
Wednesday, 19 November 2025	Abstracts received will be acknowledged and notification of acceptance or rejection
REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT	
All presenting authors are requested to fully register for the congress by Monday, 24 November 2025 Payment to be made by Monday, 1 December 2026	

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