2024 Emergency Care Research Symposium
Guidelines for Abstract Submission

Invitation
We invite health and medical researchers to submit an abstract of original work for consideration as a poster at the 2024 Gold Coast Health Emergency Care Research Symposium.

Who should submit an abstract?
We encourage submissions from novice researchers, which might include bachelor/honours level students, PhD students, and health professionals engaged in research, as well as more established researchers.

What types of research will be accepted?
The theme of the conference is *'Embedding research into clinical practice'* and encompasses a wide range of health and healthcare-related topics. In keeping with the theme of the symposium, all submissions should have relevance to Emergency Care. Pre-clinical (i.e., bench) research is not the focus of this conference.

Posters Sizing

Display of an A0 size scientific poster during the conference. We recommend posters are printed A0 portrait size; 841mm / 33.1" wide x 1189mm / 46.8" height. Posters should be fixed to boards with Velcro fixers. The Symposium organisers will have a supply of fixing materials available if required.

Key Dates

Poster submissions open:	22nd December 2024, 8am AEST
Poster submissions close:	17th March 2024, 11pm AEST
Author notification:	8th April 2024, by 5pm AEST
Conference:	23rd & 24th May 2024

Themes
You are asked to nominate one or more of the below themes to submit your research under. Please note that your presentation may be assigned to a different theme than that nominated.

Appropriate Emergency Care: Research that looks at acute clinical conditions in the Emergency Department, where doing less may be better and searches for the most appropriate care. The overarching theme aligns with the 'Deliberate Clinical Inertia' concept.
Paediatrics: Research that focuses on diseases and disorders of childhood and seeks to evaluate and challenge established ideas and treatments in the emergency and critical care setting.
Trauma and Pre-Hospital: Trauma related research from roadside to rehab.

Vulnerable Populations: Research with various government, health, university, and international partners to investigate ways to improve care delivery and inform policy, especially for vulnerable population groups who require emergency care.

Workforce: Research aimed at understanding, informing, and improving coping, resilience, and retention of ED staff. The overarching aim is to produce leading research that is meaningful to clinicians, policy makers, and decision makers.

Ultrasound: Research focused on ultrasound practices (PoCUS-Point of Care Ultrasound) and developing a practical teaching program with a focus on ultrasound guided vascular access.

Education and Simulation: Designs, delivers, and evaluates health professional simulation and educational activities within the Emergency Department and at interfaces with our colleagues in the hospital. Aims to connect educational activities to improve practice and better patient outcomes.

Submission Instructions

- Abstracts must be submitted through https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=CLBlC9eVvEq6_D_8IMA5wHHOI-DWfXxKgwUSuDMb20ZUREdYTlVIVVUwNDVQMVQ0TkUzS05UQlhMSi4u

- For some questions during the submission process, word limits or style guidelines apply. Authors who have entered data incorrectly or incompletely will be contacted to resubmit.

- All abstracts must be original work.

- It is the responsibility of the lead author to ensure that all named authors on the abstract agree to be included and have had an opportunity to review the abstract before submission.

- There is no limit to the number of abstracts that may be submitted by an individual.

- Submit your Abstract through Microsoft Forms by **17th of March 2024**. Emailed submission will not be accepted. Please keep a copy for your records.

Abstract Guidelines

- The body of the abstract should not exceed 250 words.

- The abstract body is structured under the following headings:
    - **Background/Objectives:** Briefly and clearly describe the hypothesis of the study. Why was the study conducted?
    - **Methods:** Detail the methods and processes employed in the study. What did you do?
    - **Results:** Describe the findings of the study.
    - **Conclusion:** Describe logically sound conclusions and reliable inferences drawn from the study results. Why are the study findings important?
- Other abstract information:
    - **Theme:** Please nominate one or more themes for your research.

- **How does this research have the potential to impact Emergency Care (short or long term)?** (50 words): This information will be used to help determine the abstract's suitability for the conference.

- **Funding source/s:** Name any funding sources for the research.

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