

CALL FOR PODIUM AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS MSNA 2017
Closing date: 28th July 2017

“Nursing with Conviction”

It is now time for MS Nurses to submit abstracts for both podium (verbal) presentations and posters for the annual MSNA conference in Hobart September 1st – 2nd 2017. Podium presentations and posters can cover any aspect of MS management, treatment, advocacy, care or research.

- Podium presentations are 20 minutes duration (this will be confirmed with presenters as the programme is confirmed).
- Posters should be available for viewing on both Friday and Saturday. There will be a poster viewing time allocated in the programme for you to stand by your poster for questions from attendees.
- Presenters **must** be in attendance and registered for the conference.

Abstracts will be considered by the MSNA Executive Committee and nominees notified of acceptance by the 4th August 2017

Please provide the following information:

Name:

Address/work contact:

Phone:

Email:

Area of MS Nursing Practice:

Podium presentation or Poster presentation

Abstract (brief summary of the presentation, in 250 words or less):

EXTRA INFORMATION ON POSTERS 2017

Posters can be on any theme, idea, case study, observation, research, theory or practice related to MS Nursing in any domain- clinic, hospital, MS Societies, private practice, community, respite care, acute care or chronic care to name a few. Some ideas for headings to use in the poster to get you started (you can use any, all or none of these headings...these are just to start the process happening):

- Background
- Introduction
- “The challenge”
- “The case”
- What happened?
- How the case progressed
- Discussion
- The outcome
- The positives
- The negatives
- Lessons learnt
- Questions still unanswered

Of course, research presentations are very welcome and collaborative projects encouraged. The usual poster format for research presentations should be followed- Introduction, Method, Results, Discussion and Conclusion with diagrams and tables as needed.

IN GENERAL:

Posters should be **AO Size – 840mm x 1190mm** ...and can be landscape or portrait orientation ... but remember the idea of a poster is to get our message across in as few words as possible and not to overrun the poster with too much dialogue. 750 words is the suggested maximum. Short and sweet is a good mantra! Pictures, photos and graphs can be very handy to convey your message. Have clear headings, names and affiliations for yourself and colleagues. Use friendly font and sharp colours for maximum impact.

There will be poster hanging supplies provided on site, please see the registration desk. Posters **must** be up for viewing by morning tea on Friday the 1st September 2017.

Good luck! Your observations and experiences as an MS Nurse are important and deserve to be shared, please consider a poster presentation or podium verbal presentation in 2017.

Please see Guidelines for Posters available at

http://services.unimelb.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/470059/Academic_posters_Update_051112.pdf

Please email abstracts before the closing date to:
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MENTORS

Mentors can help you get started or help with logistics on getting the presentation / poster done. Time is usually the most important aspect, so please get started early and leave yourself plenty of time for the printing and pick-up (Posters) and PRACTICE for the Podiums.

Poster Mentors that you can feel free to contact for advice (all states welcome, you don't have to stick to your home state):

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