

CALL FOR PODIUM AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS

MSNA are now welcoming submission of abstracts for the upcoming conference.

Deadline for submission of abstracts is 1 July 2019.

Guidelines for Abstracts

1. Podium presentations and posters can cover any aspect of MS management, treatment, advocacy, care or research.
2. Podium presentations are 20 minutes in length, with an additional 5 minutes for questions.
3. Presenters **must** be in attendance and registered for the conference.
4. Posters **must** be up for viewing at the beginning of the conference and should not be removed until the final session of the conference.
5. There will be a poster viewing time allocated in the programme for you to stand by your poster for questions from attendees.
6. **Posters** should be **AO Size – 840mm x 1190mm** and can be landscape or portrait orientation. There will be poster hanging supplies provided on site.
7. Completed submissions should be forwarded to secretary@msnainc.com.au

Notification

Abstracts will be considered by the MSNA Executive Committee and nominees notified of acceptance by email by the 1 August 2019.

Publication

Abstracts will be published in the conference agenda and may also be published on the MSNA website. If you prefer your work not be published please indicate that on this submission.

Awards

All eligible presentations will be judged by a panel of MSNA committee and current state delegates. Awards for presentations of high quality include Best Podium Presentation, Best Poster Presentation, Best New Presenter and Louise Kurczycki Best Overall Presentation. Each category winner will receive a trophy and the winner of the Louise Kurczycki Best Overall Presentation will be invited to present their work at the Consortium of MS Centres Annual Meeting, with travel, accommodation and registration covered to the maximum value of \$15,000.

Abstract Details

Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

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Area of MS Nursing Practice: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Podium presentation or poster presentation [Click here to enter text.](#)

Abstract (maximum 250 words): [Click here to enter text.](#)

I consent for my abstract and or presentation to be published on the MSNA website.

More on Posters

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

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.

Posters 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.

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.

Please see Guidelines for Posters available at

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

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. The following list is of experienced presenters who are happy to help you develop your presentation.

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