



# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

*'Population Screening for Chronic Disease – Maximising Benefits, Minimising Harms'*

## Invitation

We invite abstract submissions for long oral, rapid fire and poster display presentations at the Screening Conference 2025, to be held at the Mercure Hotel Sydney, NSW from Tuesday 4 to Wednesday 5 March 2025.

Population screening is an important contributor to advancing health outcomes through the early detection of and successful intervention for chronic disease. The evolution of science, technology and evidence relating to diseases which are or may be amenable to a population screening approach deserve broad discussion and the sharing of expertise and evidence. They also warrant close scrutiny in context of health policy and health resource allocation considerations.

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There are established (and proposed) screening programs relevant to a range of diseases, notably breast, cervix, bowel cancer, and more recently for skin and lung cancer screening. There are a number of other chronic diseases whereas new technologies are emerging, and evidence is being gathered to support organised screening, (including but not limited to diabetes, CKD, MAFLD as well as cardiovascular and other risk assessment for primary prevention in general practice. Population-based criteria for screening, based on WHO criteria and the Australian Population Based Screening Framework, aim to ensure that the benefits of screening outweigh and minimise any potential harms. These criteria are well understood by those involved in established screening programs and advocates for emerging screening programs are keen to learn from past experience how to compile evidence, design, implement and monitor programs, as well as ensure equitable participation. Similarly, there is much to learn from emerging programs and new technologies for those involved in established programs where adopting advances in evidence and technology can be challenging and perceived as slower.

The conference will provide opportunities for attendees to exchange information and learn from each other's experience, across a range of disciplines. We warmly encourage you to lock the date in your diaries to join us in Sydney for the Screening Conference 2025.

**Abstract submissions close Wednesday 23 October 2024, at 11:59pm AEDT**

## Conference Objectives

The objectives of the conference are to:

- Learn from community-led projects to improve equity of access and culturally safe screening practices across screening programs.
- Highlight key current and future advances in population screening and identify how evidence might be gathered to support implementation so as to improve outcomes.
- Explore mechanisms to better assess emerging evidence allowing a policy response that achieves best possible health outcomes within resource constraints.

## Theme

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## Sub-themes

Abstract submission topics, including:

- Progress and lessons from established population (cancer) screening programmes
- Looking ahead - Exploring future opportunities and new technologies for population and targeted screening? (including but not limited to diabetes, CVD, CKD, MAFLD and opportunities for integration)
- People first: Recruitment, targeted screening, under screened and priority populations
- Risk minimisation: Ethics, consent, conflicts (of interest), costs and unintended consequences
- Data quality and insights to inform policy
- Program Implementation
- Reporting progress: Data in progress towards potential screening programs, screening efficacy, cost effectiveness, total program costs

## Abstract Requirements

- A maximum of two (2) abstracts may be submitted per presenting author.
- All abstracts must be in original work and submitted in English and have a 300-word maximum.
- We welcome submission of abstracts for presentations relevant to one or more of the Conference sub-themes. Presentations on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' health are particularly welcome.
- Abstracts submitted for presentation will be published exactly as received and should be checked for spelling and grammar prior to submission.
- It is the submitting author's responsibility to ensure that the abstract uploaded to the server is the correct version.
- If there is more than one presenter, all correspondence will be sent to the person whose name and email address is entered with the abstract.
- All presenters must register at the time of receiving their abstract acceptance and pay the Conference registration fee.

We encourage presentations on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' health to be presented or co-presented with an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person. We also encourage abstracts submitted to note if authors identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

Presenters of research focusing on particular Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are to provide with their abstract an additional paragraph outlining whether the relevant community/ies have provided permission to publicise the research findings. An additional 50-word paragraph is permitted in addition to the 300-word maximum.

## Presentation Types

### Long Oral Presentations

Presenters have a total of 10 minutes to present. Abstract submitted must have clear learning objectives and outcomes.

### Rapid Fire Presentations

Presenters have a total of 6 minutes to present using a maximum of 6 PowerPoint slides (including title slide, disclaimer and references). Abstract submitted must have clear learning objectives and outcomes.

### Poster Display:

Presenters will provide a one-page A0-sized physical copy of their poster for display at the conference.

**Note - Whilst every effort will be made to accept an abstract for the nominated presentation format, the Scientific Advisory Committee reserves the right to allocate a different presentation type if appropriate.**

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