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Submissions close Friday 9 October 2026, 11.59 pm

Melbourne time. Late submissions cannot be accepted.

The limits

Abstract body	250–300 words
Title	15 words maximum
Keywords	3 to 5
Presenting author biography	75 words maximum
Formats	Oral presentation (15 min + 5 for questions), or poster
Streams	Nominate one of the ten conference streams
References, tables, images	Not accepted in the abstract
Language	Australian English

Four rules that decide most outcomes

● Do not identify yourself

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Give the approving body and reference number, or explain why approval was not required. De-identify all client and case material.

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