



Submission Categories

1) Research Abstract

Have you conducted scientific research or investigated a topic in the field of cardiac care? We are seeking abstracts on the latest research with original data (this includes quantitative, qualitative or mixed methods studies, systematic/narrative reviews and meta-analyses). This is your chance to share your study findings with colleagues.

SUGGESTED HEADINGS:

- **Background:** Outline the knowledge gap/why this topic is important. State the aim of your research.
- **Methods:** Succinct description of study design and methodology including Population/ problem; Intervention/Exposure; Comparison/control (if applicable); and Outcome measure? What data were collected and how were they managed/ analysed?
- **Results:** What did you find/discover? Be succinct yet give the reader a summary analysis of the data and up to one table or figure.
- **Conclusions/Implications:** What can be concluded from the project? Keep your conclusions reasonable and ensure they can be confirmed by the findings of your work. What are the health/policy implications, and implications for future work?

(Max 250 words)

2) Clinical Practice Abstract

Have you found an identifiable gap in knowledge relating to clinical practice that warranted investigation? Have you established or adapted a service to fill an identified need? Have you used knowledge translation or implementation science methods to enact change? Do you have tips that you could pass on to others? This is your chance to share your challenging clinical scenarios with your colleagues, and guide discussion for potential improvements.

SUGGESTED HEADINGS:

- **Background/Rationale:** Indicate why the topic is important (knowledge gap). Why was your project undertaken?
- **Methods:** Succinct description of what was done and how, by whom, involving whom and where? What measurements were taken and how?
- **Outcomes:** What did you find/discover? Be succinct yet give the reader a summary analysis of the data and up to one table or figure.
- **Implications for practice:** What are the clinical implications of this work? What can other practitioners learn? How might this change practice?
- **Conclusions / Key messages:** What can be concluded from the project? Keep your conclusions reasonable and ensure they can be confirmed by the findings of your work. What are the suggestions for future work?

(Max 250 words)

3) Clinical Excellence Showcase:

Have you implemented an innovative practice or QI project? Overcome a clinical challenge? Set-up a program or service which offers something a little out of the ordinary? If so, we want to hear from you! This session will consist of rapid-fire presentations, which are designed to share ideas to improve care. The aim is for these presentations to be short (5 minutes, with 2 minutes for questions), sharp, informative and above all, fun! We hope to leave delegates with at least one good, practical idea to implement in their own practice.

SUGGESTED CONTENT: (These abstracts do not require structured headings; and are submitted in the same way as other abstracts)

- What was the problem you were faced with or gap you needed to fill?
- How did you go about it? What did you do? What steps did you take?
- What outcomes have occurred as a result of your innovation/project?
- Lessons learnt from the process that you can share with others
- What didn't work – we are interested to hear about this too!

(Max 250 words)

PRESENTATION FORMATS

- **Prize session**
Four finalists for each abstract category (Research and Clinical Practice) will be chosen to present in a plenary session, based on ranking of the abstracts. Each presentation is allocated 10 minutes presentation time, plus 5 minutes Q&A.
- **Oral presentation**
Each presentation is allocated 10 minutes presentation time, plus 2 minutes Q&A.
- **Clinical Excellence showcase**
Each presentation is allocated 5 minutes presentation time, plus 2 minutes Q&A.
- **Moderated Poster**
Top scoring posters will be chosen to formally discuss their poster. Each presentation is allocated 3 minutes presentation time, plus 2 minutes Q&A.
- **Poster**
Posters will be displayed for the duration of the conference program. There will be a dedicated informal Poster Session during the conference, during which time you will be required to stand beside your poster.

PRIZES

Both ACRA members and non-members are eligible for prizes. The following prizes will be awarded during the ASM:

- Best Research presentation
- Best Clinical Practice presentation
- Best Clinical Excellence Showcase
- People's Choice Award (for oral abstract presentation)
- Best Moderated Poster
- Early Career Researcher Translation Prize

REVIEW PROCESS

All submissions will undergo a blind peer-review process by the Scientific Committee. The Scientific Committee will allocate abstracts to the program, taking into account the balance of the program. Abstract submitters will be notified of the outcome by the end of May, 2022. A notification email will be sent to the submitting author.

Abstracts will be marked on the following criteria:

- Concise and clear information
- Quality and appropriateness of study design/intervention
- Results / scientific merit
- Clarity of conclusions
- Impact and/or significance
- Innovation

**Please note – it is okay to present work you may have recently published or have under review for publication*