



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS – ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The Australian and New Zealand Society for Geriatric Medicine (ANZSGM) Annual Scientific Meeting will be held from Tuesday 10th to Friday 13th June 2025 at the International Convention & Exhibition Centre, Sydney.

The Annual Scientific Meeting will bring together a diverse collection of expert speakers in the field of Geriatric Medicine and related disciplines, along with delegates across Australia and New Zealand.

The theme of the 2025 Annual Scientific Meeting, “**Illuminating Dementia: from Care to Cure**” will explore the dementia journey from diagnostic strategies to emerging treatments. The conference program will encompass updates in General and Geriatric Medicine and concepts relevant to the care of older adults in the future.

The Scientific Programme Committee invites you to participate in the Annual Scientific Meeting by submitting a Research Abstract for oral and poster presentations. We want to hear about research projects that explore new ideas, stimulate discussion and drive improvements in care.

Abstracts are to adhere to the templates provided on the conference website and in the abstract submission portal.

Please be sure to review all the information and instructions regarding abstract submission prior to completing the online portal.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

All abstracts are to be submitted online via the Abstract Submission Portal on the conference website at www.anzsgmconference.org.

The abstract submission deadline is **Friday 21st February 2025**.

TYPES OF ABSTRACTS

Authors may submit an abstract for presentation in one of the following formats:

A. Oral Presentation

All submitted abstracts will be assumed to be eligible for oral presentation unless selected for poster presentation only. Oral presentations will be allocated approximately 15 minutes each in a concurrent session.

B. Poster Presentation

Posters will be displayed for the duration of the conference with an allocated time for presenting authors to be available in the display area to respond to queries. Posters must conform to the following:

- A0 size - 841mm (width) x 1189mm (height). Posters larger than these dimensions cannot be accommodated.
- Portrait orientation.
- Presenters are required to bring their own materials to affix their poster to the display panel.
- Panels provided for display are Velcro compatible.

ABSTRACT TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION

When composing your abstract submission for Oral or Poster Presentation, please adhere to the following:

- Abstracts must adhere to the Abstract Template (downloadable from the conference website or within the Abstract Submission Portal). Failure to use the template will result in the abstract being rejected.
- The maximum word count is 250 words (excluding title, authors and affiliations).
- Include **bolded** structured headings as follows: **Aims, Methods, Results and Conclusions**. Leave a blank line space in between each section. Subheadings should be followed by the text on the same line. For audit submissions include the following headings: **Problem, Design/methods, Practice change, Re-audit and Conclusions**. Ideally the audit loop has been completed.
- Macros must not be used within your abstract.
- Tables should be created within the abstract itself.
- References must be included in the body of the text using names and journal references only but not the title. Only use references if direct reference has been made to it in the text.
- Abbreviations must only be used if defined immediately after the full word or if the phrase is used for the first time.
- Please ensure that the title of abstract file does not contain identifiable information.

ABSTRACT REVIEW CRITERIA

- It is very important that numerical data and statistical analysis (as appropriate) are presented in the abstract. Statements such as “*findings will be discussed*” or “*data will be presented*” are not appropriate, and will result in rejection of the abstract.
- Multiple abstracts from the same overall study are welcome but they need to be sufficiently different to justify multiple oral presentations.
- Case reports will not be accepted. Literature Reviews may be accepted if they are supported by a rigorous systematic review. This will involve a clear description of the literature search methods, criteria for inclusion and exclusion of articles, and evidence of critical appraisal of the literature.
- The ANZSGM Scientific and Research Sub-Committee will judge all abstracts blind to author’s names and affiliations.
- The highest-ranking abstracts will be selected for oral presentations (unless otherwise requested), the rest will be offered poster presentations and the lowest ranking abstracts rejected.
- Abstracts by Advanced Trainees will be ranked separately.
- Abstracts will be judged on the following criteria:
 - Novelty
 - Scientific validity
 - General interest
 - Quality of abstract presentation
- Abstracts that do not meet the stated guidelines will not be eligible for review or inclusion in the program.

PUBLICATION OF ACCEPTED ABSTRACTS

Research abstracts are published in the *Australasian Journal of Ageing (AJA)*. However, they will be rejected if they do not meet the minimum requirements:

- Abstracts must comply with the abstract template guidelines including the formatting and length.
- The argument must be followed clearly and supported by a sufficient amount of data.

CONFERENCE AWARDS

When submitting a Research Abstract, authors have the option to nominate for an award.

To be eligible for the **RM Gibson Prize** authors must meet the following criteria:

- The research was performed as an Advanced Trainee in Geriatric Medicine under the auspices of the RACP Geriatric Medicine STC/SAC.
- The author will present within 18 months of completing the Advanced Training.
- The research was NOT conducted when under another SAC/STC, such as general medicine, palliative care, etc.
- The author must be a current member of ANZSGM.
- The author must not be a previous winner of the RM Gibson Prize.

To be eligible for the **Career Investigator Prize** authors must meet the following criteria:

- The author has received their initial Fellowship (FRACP or equivalent) within the last five years. The last year of Advanced Training was in 2017 onwards.
- The author must be a current member of ANZSGM.
- The author must not be a previous winner of the Career Investigator Prize.

SUBMISSION PORTAL INSTRUCTIONS

When submitting your abstract for oral or poster presentation you will be asked to include or indicate the following:

- Presentation title (this will be used for printing in the final program)
- Upload abstract document (abstracts must conform to the abstract template)
- All the authors' names and affiliations must be included and listed in the order they wish to appear in the text
- All abstracts will be assumed to be eligible for oral presentation unless it has been selected as poster presentation only when completing the Abstract Submission Portal.
- Nominate eligibility for the RM Gibson Prize and the Career Investigator Prize.

The deadline for all abstract submissions is **Friday 21st February 2025**. Authors are able to log back into the portal to amend submissions up until this date.

If you have any difficulty submitting your abstract online, please contact:

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