



## Call for abstracts

The DANA Conference Organising Committee is pleased to invite you to submit an abstract for an oral or poster presentation at the DANA *'The Power of Connection'* Conference, which will take place at the Swissotel, 68 Market Street, Sydney on Friday August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### Who we are

DANA is the peak nursing organisation in Australasia, providing leadership to nurses and midwives with a professional interest in drug and alcohol issues. DANA aims for excellence and the ongoing improvement of quality care in nursing in all practice contexts. DANA also welcomes our non-nursing peers, who have a concurrent interest in the aims of DANA, to promote collaborative partnerships that aim to achieve similar goals.

DANA actively promotes a legitimate role for nurses, midwives and their professional non-nursing peers to respond to drug and alcohol related issues. In doing so, DANA promotes practice based on the best available evidence, and promotes active involvement in research on Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug-related interventions, and other issues relevant to the drug and alcohol field.

DANA seeks to provide opportunities for professional development, education, mentoring and support for all nurses and midwives, and our non-nursing peers, through a variety of activities. Our showcase event is our annual DANA Conference.

DANA provides consultancy, advice and advocacy to our members, nursing organisations and key stakeholders in relation to drug and alcohol matters, including promoting the inclusion of drug and alcohol issues in core undergraduate curriculum, staff development programs and continuing education, and within postgraduate clinical and research degrees.

### Theme and context

We welcome you to be a part of this exciting program that addresses the important work nurses undertake.

*'The Power of Connection'* is the event theme, selected to remind us that in the increasingly impersonal digital age the power to lead and make change is still derived from the relationships that we build.

*'The Power of Connection'* will provide attendees the opportunity to hear from, and network with, leaders in the field. It will be a chance to share local and global knowledge about contemporary issues and effective clinical practice. This is the opportunity for Drug and Alcohol Nurses from across Australasia to seek inspiration from, and connect with, our esteemed colleagues.

## Aims and objectives

The aims and objectives of the Conference include:

- provide an opportunity for nurses to showcase their research
- build awareness about national and international issues, policies and strategies related to alcohol and other drugs
- increase knowledge about current research and how this translates into best clinical practice
- position DANA members for participation in discussions around alcohol and other drugs
- increase knowledge about the impact of alcohol and drug use
- network, engage and learn from consumers, colleagues, representatives from government and non-government agencies and key stakeholders
- strengthen drug and alcohol nursing workforce

## Major themes

The Committee is calling for abstracts that relate to the theme, '*The Power of Connection*'. This could include any of the major topics outlined below:

- Treatment issues and emerging treatment models;
- Alcohol and tobacco: harm reduction and treatment;
- Other drugs: harm reduction and treatment;
- Emerging drugs and / or drug testing;
- Lifelong issues and harm reduction across specific populations;
- Mental health and other comorbidities;
- Improvements in the treatment options;
- Working with cultural diversity;
- Supporting the partners, families and carers;
- New research;
- Service innovations;
- Policy planning;
- Extending and developing the role of the drug and alcohol nurse.

## Presentation formats

Authors are invited to submit an abstract for a 10-minute presentation and 5 minute's question time.

## Abstract timeline

Call for abstracts open	15.2.2019
Call for abstracts close	3.5.2019
Authors advised of submission outcome	17.5.2019
Presenter to confirm acceptance	24.5.2019
Presenter registration due	21.6.2019
Submission of presentation due	12.7.2019

## Abstract submission procedure

Abstracts must be submitted by email using the **Abstract Submission Form** and accompanied by the **Abstract Author's Form** located on the [DANA conference website](#). No other format will be considered.

When constructing your abstract please note that it must:

- contain text only
- be structured to include a title, an introductory sentence, a description of pertinent research (if applicable), a summary and a conclusion
- be a maximum of 300 words, excluding the title (authors submitting abstracts over the word limit will be asked to amend their abstract within the submission period)
- not contain any author names or information (these are asked for on a separate form that is also to be submitted on-line).

When submitting your abstract, please note the following:

- The person submitting the abstract is the person who will receive all correspondence in relation to the abstract and is responsible for passing on information to co-authors and/or co-presenters and other parties.
- You must include the requested information for any co-authors and/or co-presenters as their name and organisation will be included in the program if the submission is successful.
- Author biographies should be no more than 100 words in length.
- Authors must read and agree to the Terms and Conditions for your submission to be accepted for consideration.

Abstracts are to be submitted to [dana.mail2access@gmail.com](mailto:dana.mail2access@gmail.com) and include the subject title ***'DANA 2019 Conference Abstract Submission'***.

### **Selection process and acceptance notification**

- The Abstract Review Committee will use a peer reviewed process to review the abstracts.
- Abstracts will be reviewed on their content, relevance to the theme, adherence to the above specifications and overall quality.
- The Abstract Review Committee and Conference Committee are committed to providing a quality program. They will have total discretion with respect to the composition of the program and the format of the presentations. Potential oral presenters may be requested to resubmit their abstract with some modification to enable the topic to be included within the program. Requests to change the format should not be interpreted as a judgement of quality, but as an opportunity to ensure that the potential presenters have the chance to present their work. It is possible that quality papers may be rejected if they are not compliant or do not adequately demonstrate the Conference themes. However, unsuccessful applicants are strongly encouraged to reapply to present the following year.
- It is expected that the submitting author will be notified of their abstract submission outcome via email by **17<sup>th</sup> May 2019**.

### **Presenter requirements**

- All presenters, including co-presenters, will be required to register for the Conference and pay the registration fee by **21<sup>st</sup> June 2019**, to confirm their place in the program.
- To enable delegates to interact with presenters, we encourage speakers to attend the full day.
- The committee would be most appreciative if potential presenters have approached their workplace regarding their intention to submit a paper/poster, to assist with programming and prevent delays in confirming their attendance should their paper be accepted.

### **Presenter terms and conditions**

To submit an abstract for the Conference, the abstract submitter/main author must agree to the following Terms and Conditions that will apply if the abstract is accepted for presentation:

- I agree that I, and any co-presenters, will register for the Conference and pay the registration fee by the required date (*noting that presenters must pay for their own travel and accommodation to the Conference*).
- I agree to be the main contact for the event organisers in relation to the presentation and distribute information to any co-presenters.
- I agree to provide the PowerPoint Presentation to Conference organisers by the required date.
- I give permission for my abstract and PowerPoint Presentation to be published in Conference material including the program, website and social media.
- I give permission for my provided biography to be given to the session chairperson prior to the Conference and for reductions to be made to my biography at the discretion of Conference organisers and the session chair.
- I agree to be photographed during my presentation and that these photos may be used in DANA publications, website and social media.

### **Further information**

For further information about the Conference visit the [\*\*DANA Conference website\*\*](#)

For enquiries please contact the DANA Education Officer, Adam Searby, on

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