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Call for abstracts

The DANA Conference Organising Committee is pleased to invite you to submit an abstract for an oral presentation at the DANA *'Looking forward / Looking back'* Conference, which will take place at the Adelaide Stamford Hotel, Glenelg on August 3rd, 4th, and 5th 2022.

We are delighted to be finally heading to Adelaide, two years later than originally planned !

Who we are

DANA is the peak organisation in Australasia, for nurses, nurse practitioners and midwives with a professional interest in drug and alcohol issues. DANA also welcomes our non-nursing peers, who have an interest in the aims of DANA, to promote collaborative partnerships that aim to achieve similar goals.

Theme and context

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

'Looking forward / Looking back' Our theme will be an opportunity to reflect on the changes that have been forced on us and that we have adapted to. We are looking forward to some very thought-provoking clinical presentations that reflect the impact of COVID-19 on the way we work.

'Looking forward / Looking back' will provide attendees, from foundation level nurse through to expert, 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:

- an opportunity for nurses to showcase their research
- building awareness about national and international issues, policies and strategies related to alcohol and other drugs
- increasing knowledge about current research and how this translates into best clinical practice

- increasing knowledge about the impact of alcohol and drug use
- an opportunity to network, engage and learn from consumers, colleagues, representatives from government and non-government agencies and key stakeholders
- strengthening the drug and alcohol nursing workforce.

Major themes

The Committee is calling for abstracts that relate to the theme, *'Looking forward / Looking back'*. 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

As we are building a program for all nurses, from foundation level to expert we ask you to indicate on the [DANA Abstract Submission Form](#) which section of the program your presentation would most suit, the General Program, or the Nurse Practitioner Program.

Authors are invited to submit an abstract for a 15-minute oral presentation analysing issues and solutions to problems in clinical practice, community engagement, education, health promotion and policy. Presentations should be well structured, rigorous and demonstrate a novel contribution to knowledge. A 5-minute discussion will follow the 15-minute presentation.

Abstract timeline: Note new dates

Call for abstracts open	11.2.2022
Call for abstracts close	29.4.2022
Authors advised of submission outcome	14.5.2022
Presenter to confirm acceptance	28.5.2022
Presenter registration due	24.6.2022
Submission of presentation due	8.7.2022

Abstract submission procedure

Abstracts must be submitted by email using the [DANA Abstract Submission Form](#) and accompanied by the [DANA Abstract Authors' Details Form](#). No other format will be considered.

When constructing your abstract please ensure that it:

- contains text only
- is structured to include a title, an introductory sentence, a description of pertinent research (if applicable), a summary and a conclusion
- contains 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)
- **is not** password protected or read only
- is a Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) file only
- does NOT have a header or footer on the page
- does not contain any author names or information (these are asked for on a separate form, [DANA Abstract Authors' Details Form](#), that is also to be submitted).

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 (*see below*).

Abstracts are to be submitted by **29th April, 2022**, to dana.mail2access@gmail.com and include the subject title '[DANA 2022 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 **14th May 2022**.

Presenter requirements

- All presenters, including co-presenters, will be required to register for the Conference and pay the registration fee by **24th June 2022** to confirm their place in the program.

- To enable delegates to interact with presenters, we encourage speakers to attend at least a 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 [conference website](#).

For enquiries, please contact the DANA Executive Officer, Colleen Blums, on dana.nurses@gmail.com