Public Health Association AUSTRALIA

Screening Conference
Tuesday 2 to Wednesday 3 March 2027
Hotel Grand Chancellor Adelaide, SA

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

EXTENDED TO 28 OCTOBER 2026

'Shaping the Future of Screening in Australia'

Guidelines

We invite abstract submissions for long oral, rapid-fire, conversation starters, and poster presentations at the Screening Conference 2027. The meeting will focus on policy, implementation and new technology developments relevant to Screening of existing and proposed chronic diseases and will feature expert international and national speakers.

The 2027 Conference theme is: ***'Shaping the Future of Screening in Australia'***

All abstracts are to be submitted electronically using the Online Abstract Submission Portal. Click on the 'Submit an Abstract' button on the CFA page on the conference website and follow the prompts.

Before submitting, please read through the detailed guidelines outlined on this page.

You will receive a system-generated confirmation email after abstract submission. If you don't receive it, please check your spam folder, then contact us on events@phaa.net.au

All presenters must register to present at the conference and pay the conference registration fee.

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Theme

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Sub-themes

We welcome submission of abstracts for presentations relevant to one or more of the Conference sub-themes. Submission topics including, but not limited to:

- Screening across the life course and opportunities for integration of screening approaches.
- Approaches to building evidence and the challenges of establishing new screening programs.
- Emerging evidence - effectiveness, cost-effectiveness, technologies and approaches.
- Improving equity in screening, enhancing reach/coverage in screening and learning from lived experience.
- Moving toward risk based screening and person-centred approaches - progress and challenges.
- Multi-cancer and multi-disease detection approaches.

Domains

Research:	Intro, Methods, Results, Conclusion
Policy/Practice:	Problem, What you did, Results, Lessons

Abstract Requirements

We encourage submitters to think about the story they are telling, and how they will ensure the presentation is dynamic and engaging.

Presentations require the submission of an abstract and will be peer-reviewed. Please make sure that NO names and NO affiliations are included in the abstract text.

- All abstracts must be in original work and submitted in English, with a 300 word maximum.
- Abstracts submitted for presentation will be published exactly as received and should be checked for spelling and grammar prior to submission.
- It is the submitting author's responsibility to ensure that the abstract uploaded to the server is the correct version.
- If there is more than one presenter, all correspondence will be sent to the person whose name and email address is entered with the abstract.

We encourage abstract submissions on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' health.

- For these abstracts, first priority will be given to abstracts presented by an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person, followed by abstracts co-presented with an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person. Lower priority will be given to abstracts with no Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander authors.
- For abstract submissions on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' health, up to an additional 300 words will be permitted to outline the Aboriginal Governance structures used to ensure that Indigenous data sovereignty principles were adhered to in the research or program development and that the processes were culturally appropriate.
- We encourage presentations on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' health to be presented or co-presented with an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person. We also encourage abstracts submitted to note if authors identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

Abstracts should be submitted as a response to the following questions (maximum of 300 words) -
Please keep headings consistent for Abstract publication:

- What is the problem/issue that requires action? **[Under the heading: Background and Aim]**
- What do we know or have we learned to address this problem/issue, and how has this finding been derived? **[Under the heading: Methods and Analysis]**
- How has this been used in practice? **[Under the heading: Outcomes]**
- What actions should we take in the future to address the problem/issue? **[Under the heading: Conclusion and Future actions]**

Abstract Publication

If accepted, your abstract will be published exactly as received in:

- The Conference Online Program
- The Abstract Book published on the conference website

Presentation Types (Face-to-Face and Pre-recorded)

We are asking abstract submitters to express interest in your preferred presentation method. *Whilst every effort will be made to accept an abstract for the nominated presentation format, the Scientific Advisory Committee reserves the right to allocate a different presentation type if appropriate.*

Please note, concurrent session presentations will only be available to view by face-to-face delegates at the venue.

Long Oral Presentation (Face to Face or Pre-recorded): Presenters have a total of 10 minutes to present. Abstract submitted must have clear learning objectives and outcomes. Please note, places are limited.

Rapid-Fire Presentation (Face to Face or Pre-recorded): Presenters have a total of 6 minutes presentation time using up to 6 PowerPoint slides (title slide, conflict of interest, and reference slide are not included in your 6-slide limit). There may be time at the conclusion of the session for audience questions.

Conversation Starters (Face to Face or Pre-recorded): Presenters have a total of 3 minutes presentation time using up to4 power point slides (title slide, conflict of interest, and reference slide are not included in your 4-slide limit). Each session will have up to 28 presenters. All presenters are encouraged to give the ultimate elevator pitch with a brief and clear overview. Think about how to best engage the audience to want to continue the conversation with you out of session.

Poster Display (Face to Face Only): Presenters will need to provide a one-page A0-sized physical copy of their poster for display at the conference. A digital copy of the poster may also be uploaded.

Target Audience

Target audience is current and future leaders in population screening coming from sectors including:

- Research
- Civil society
- Government
- Program delivery
- Policy
- Consumers
- Clinicians

Conference Objectives

The objectives of the conference are to:

- Learn from community-led projects to improve equity of access and culturally safe screening practices across screening programs.
- Highlight key current and future advances in population screening and identify how evidence might be gathered to support implementation so as to improve outcomes.
- Explore mechanisms to better assess emerging evidence allowing a policy response that achieves best possible health outcomes within resource constraints.

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