Abstracts are invited for the 2018 National Conference of the Health Information Management Association of Australia (HIMAA) and the National Centre for Classification in Health (NCCH). Now in its fifth year, this exciting collaboration between Australia’s two national leaders in health information management and clinical classification offers the defining annual opportunity for professional update and networking.

Health information management professionals have assumed the lead roles in the introduction of scanning and digital health solutions in health institutions, public and private, around the country. They are not just responding to a changing landscape in health service provision, they are creating and challenging it to perform effectively and efficiently, and then some. The integration of health care across the primacy and tertiary health care divide, and the dual benefits this will bring in improving quality of patient care and containment of costs, is now not just a goal, it is imminent.

The theme this year reflects the need for the profession to engage the next generation of health information management professionals to take us into the future. Therefore, this year’s conference is aptly titled:

Health Information Management: Engaging the Next Generation.

Whilst health is not the final frontier, we want to hear about your voyages in health information management. We heard in 2017 about the need for the profession to transform, and in 2018 we seek submissions that reflect our continuing mission: describe the future and the strange new world of HIM, seek out new information and practices, and engage our next generation to join us as we boldly go where our profession’s sustainability needs us to go.

The HIMAA and NCCH National Conference is an annual event which allows the sharing of knowledge and experiences gained from health information related projects and research. If you have been working on a project or undertaking research involving health information, do not keep this information hidden – share it with your colleagues! The conference will allow you to publicise how you and your organisations are meeting the current challenges in the management and use of health information. Please consider submitting to our conference and share your knowledge and experiences.
Session Topics:

1. Digital Health/Health Informatics – EMRs, personal health records, telehealth, consumer health informatics, mobile technology in health, implementation of health information systems, social media and health.


5. Health Services Management – human resource management, change management, strategic planning, accreditation, leadership.


9. Health Analytics - data analytics, business intelligence, predictive analytics.

10. Student Presentations – an opportunity for health information students to present their work.

Conference Formats

Submissions can be in four formats

1. Research paper – 2,000 – 3,000 word submission. 15 minutes (+ 5 mins questions) presentation

2. Professional practice abstract – 650 word submission. 10 - 15 minutes (+ 5 mins questions) presentation

3. Student abstract – 500 word submission. 10 minutes (no question time) presentation

4. Poster – 250 word abstract submission. A2 sheet display at conference. 5 minutes informal presentation opportunity at conference

5. Workshop – 650 word overview submission. 1 – 1.5 hours conference workshop.

Research papers should include the following headings:

- Title of the paper in sentence case
- Structured abstract (with headings: introduction, method, results, discussion, conclusion)
- Body of paper with headings as in abstract (introduction, aim/objectives, method, results, discussion, conclusion)
- References
- Acknowledgements (if relevant)

Research paper review process

Research papers will be double-blind reviewed by two independent reviewers. The independent peer review process will be coordinated by the HIMAA NCCH Conference Committee’s Academic Panel. Papers will be assessed based on: originality; relevance to conference theme and session topics; clarity of description of method, results and discussion; and clarity of writing.

Publication of research papers

Selected research papers will be published in the conference proceedings. During the submission process, you will have an opportunity to provide your consent for the paper to be published if selected. The conference proceedings is a peer-reviewed publication and is indexed with an International Standard Book Number (ISBN).

Notification

You will be notified via email by 31 May 2018 if your paper is accepted for presentation and publication. If your paper is accepted, you will be required to revise and resubmit based on reviewers’ comments. If the Academic Panel is not satisfied with the revisions, your paper will not be given final acceptance for presentation or publication.

2. Professional practice and student abstracts

Professional practice or case study abstracts are designed to provide conference delegates with practical information from ‘real-life’ examples in health information management and classification/coding. They provide a forum to present and obtain feedback from peers regarding relevant problems and how solutions have been devised and implemented, lessons that have been learnt, and how could things have been done differently?

The student abstracts are an opportunity for health information students to present their work from their studies, such as research or professional practice findings, or a significant assessment result.

Abstract submission guidelines

- Abstract to be a maximum of 650 words (professional practice) / 500 words (student) (excluding title and references) using the template available HERE.
- Australian spelling should be used, and conform to the Macquarie Dictionary.
- If references are used in the abstract, these should be according to the Harvard (Author-Date) referencing style. For details, please refer to the Style Manual for Authors, Editors and Printers, Revised by Snooks & Co. (6th edition), 2002, Milton, QLD: John Wiley & Sons. The following website is also a valuable resource: http://libguides.library.usyd.edu.au/citation.

- Choose a session topic from the list above that is most relevant to your abstract.
- Nominate that the submission is a professional practice abstract or a student abstract.
- Do not list author(s) or affiliations on the abstract. Author details should be entered into the online submission portal only.
- Indicate the presenting author, with contact details and a 50 word biography to be included in the submission form. Number of presenters is limited to one.

Research papers submission guidelines

- Paper to be between 2,000 - 3,000 words (excluding title and references) using the template available HERE. The attached IOS Instructions for Authors provides guidance for how to use the template available HERE. The attached IOS Instructions for Authors provides guidance for how to use the template available HERE.
- Australian spelling should be used, and conform to the Macquarie Dictionary.
- Authors should prepare manuscripts according to the Harvard (Author-Date) referencing style. For details, please refer to the Style Manual for Authors, Editors and Printers, Revised by Snooks & Co. (6th edition), 2002, Milton, QLD: John Wiley & Sons. The following website is also a valuable resource: http://libguides.library.usyd.edu.au/citation.
- Choose a session topic from the list above that is most relevant to your paper.
- Nominate that the submission is a research paper.
- Do not list author(s) or affiliations on the paper. Author details should be entered into the online submission portal only.
- Indicate the presenting author, with contact details and a 50 word biography to be included in the submission form. Number of presenters is limited to one.
Abstracts should include the following headings (although you may add other headings suited to your topic or delete those not suited):

- Title of abstract in sentence case
- Introduction (background, setting, problem to be addressed)
- Professional practice/case study description
- Implementation/experiences
- Conclusion – lessons learnt
- References

Abstract review process

Abstracts will be double-blind reviewed by two independent reviewers. The independent peer review process will be coordinated by the HIMAA NCCH Conference Committee and its Academic Panel. Abstracts will be assessed based on originality, innovation, relevance to the conference session topics, and clarity of writing.

Notification

You will be notified via email by 31 May 2018 if your abstract is accepted for presentation. If your abstract is accepted, you will be required to revise and resubmit based on reviewers’ comments. If the Academic Panel is not satisfied with the revisions, your abstract will not be given final acceptance for presentation or publication.

Publication of abstracts

Selected abstracts will be published in the conference proceedings. During the submission process, you will have an opportunity to provide your consent for the abstract to be published if selected. The conference proceedings is a peer-reviewed publication and is indexed with an International Standard Book Number (ISBN).

3. Posters

Posters are invited detailing research, process or practice improvements, and education and training relevant to health information professionals and clinical coders. This medium ideally suits work in progress or presenters who prefer one-on-one communication of information.

Poster submission guidelines

- Abstract to be a maximum of 250 words (excluding title and references) using the template available [HERE](https://himaa.eventsair.com/2018-himaa-ncch-national-conference/abstract2).
- The poster abstract should include headings appropriate to the study for example: introduction/background, aim/objective, method, results, discussion, conclusion, references
- Australian spelling should be used, and conform to the Macquarie Dictionary.
- If references are used in the abstract, these should be according to the Harvard (Author-Date) referencing style. For details, please refer to the Style Manual for Authors, Editors and Printers, Revised by Snooks & Co. (6th edition), 2002, Milton, QLD: John Wiley & Sons. The following website is also a valuable resource: [http://libguides.library.usyd.edu.au/citation](http://libguides.library.usyd.edu.au/citation).
- Nominate that the submission is a poster.
- Do not list author(s) or affiliations on the abstract. Author details should be entered into the online submission portal only.

Poster presenters will have 5 minutes allocated during a poster presentation session to speak to their poster. Posters should be on one sheet of A2 size. Graphic design is encouraged. Electronic copy should be submitted to [events@himaa.org.au](mailto:events@himaa.org.au) by 31 August 2018.

Poster review process

Poster abstracts will be double-blind reviewed by two independent reviewers. The independent peer review process will be coordinated by the HIMAA NCCH Conference Committee and its Academic Panel. Poster abstracts will be assessed based on originality, innovation, relevance to the conference session topics, and clarity of writing.

Notification

You will be notified via email by 31 May 2018 if your poster abstract is accepted for presentation. If your poster abstract is accepted, you will be required to revise and resubmit based on reviewers’ comments. If the Academic Panel is not satisfied with the revisions, your poster abstract will not be given final acceptance for presentation or publication.

Publication of abstracts

Selected poster abstracts will be published in the conference proceedings. During the submission process, you will have an opportunity to provide your consent for the poster abstract to be published if selected. The conference proceedings is a peer-reviewed publication and is indexed with an International Standard Book Number (ISBN).

4. Workshops

Professional development is not just about imparting information and sharing ideas. It is also about learning new skills and knowledge that you can apply in practice.

Workshop abstract submission guidelines

- Australian spelling should be used, and conform to the Macquarie Dictionary.
- If references are used in the workshop abstract, these should be according to the Harvard (Author-Date) referencing style. For details, please refer to the Style Manual for Authors, Editors and Printers, Revised by Snooks & Co. (6th edition), 2002, Milton, QLD: John Wiley & Sons. The following website is also a valuable resource: [http://libguides.library.usyd.edu.au/citation](http://libguides.library.usyd.edu.au/citation).
- Choose a session topic from the list above that is most relevant to your workshop abstract.
- Nominate that the submission is a workshop abstract.
- Do not list author(s) or affiliations on the workshop abstract. Author details should be entered into the online submission portal only.
- Indicate the presenting author, with contact details and a 50 word biography to be included in the submission form.
Workshop abstracts should include the following headings

- Title
- Target audience (HIMs, Clinical Coders, and special interest groups etc.)
- Learning needs/objectives
- Structure and learning strategies
- Intended outcomes
- Evaluation
- AV/room layout requirements

Workshop abstracts will be double-blind reviewed by two independent reviewers. The independent peer review process will be coordinated by the HiMAA NCCH Conference Committee and its Academic Panel. Workshop abstracts will be assessed based on originality, innovation, relevance to the conference session topics, and clarity of writing.

Notification

You will be notified via email by 31 May 2018 if your workshop abstract is accepted for presentation. If your workshop abstract is accepted, you will be required to revise and resubmit based on reviewers’ comments. If the Academic Panel is not satisfied with the revisions, your workshop abstract will not be given final acceptance for presentation or publication.

Publication of workshop abstracts

Selected workshop abstracts will be published in the conference proceedings. During the submission process, you will have an opportunity to provide your consent for the workshop abstract to be published if selected. The conference proceedings is a peer-reviewed publication and is indexed with an International Standard Book Number (ISBN).

GENERAL SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

How to submit a paper or abstract

Filename:

Use filename of Conference2018_authorsurname.doc (if submitting more than one paper or abstract use numbers to identify multiple abstracts, for example: HIMAANCC2018_authorsurname2.doc).

Papers and abstracts should be submitted through the 2018 HIMAA NCCH submission portals.

For research papers and professional practice/student abstracts:

For posters and workshops:

Enquiries regarding the submission process can be directed to Milla Krivozhnya, Marketing and Events Manager, HIMAA on +61 2 9887 5821 or email, events@himaa.org.au

Due date for accepting abstracts

Submissions must be received by 27 April 2018. All submissions will be acknowledged by email.