SMART STROKES 2014
28 – 29 August 2014
Sheraton on the Park Sydney, NSW, Australia

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

CLOSING DATE: MONDAY, 3 MARCH 2014

INVITATION

Abstracts are now invited for SMART STROKES 2014 to be held at the Sheraton on The Park in Sydney. This is the 10th anniversary of the Australasian Nursing and Allied Health Stroke Conference.

SMART STROKES is a not-for-profit conference that is organised by your peers and colleagues. They are clinicians and/or researchers who are focussed on improving outcomes in people at risk of, or diagnosed with, stroke.

The SMART STROKES Conference aims to showcase the work of all clinicians and researchers, in particular we actively encourage and support clinicians and/or researchers who are first-time presenters.

The SMART STROKES 2014 Conference aims to:

- Provide a forum for stroke clinicians to network, collaborate and share knowledge
- Showcase emerging stroke research
- Highlight the application of evidence into clinical practice
- Showcase innovative clinical practice in stroke
- Raise community awareness of stroke

The theme for SMART STROKES 2014 Conference is “10 years of Smart Strokes: Are we fit for the future?” This was chosen as it can apply to many aspects of stroke including:

- Highlighting emerging evidence
- Applying new evidence to standard care
- Sustainable change in clinical practice
- Looking after our clinicians so they can in turn be inspired and enthusiastic in their service provision
- Reflecting how far stroke care has come in 10 years

Abstracts may reflect this theme.

Abstracts will be published in the International Journal of Stroke:

SMART STROKES is delighted to be able to partner again with the International Journal of Stroke to publish abstracts accepted by the Scientific Committee for the conference. It is important that your abstract is original work that has not or will not be published in another peer-reviewed journal.
PRESENTATION OPTIONS

Authors can elect to submit their abstract as one of four presentation types:

1. **Oral 15**: This is a 12-minute oral presentation with an additional 3 minutes for questions, i.e., a total of 15 minutes.
2. **Oral 45**: This is a 45-minute session. Up to 5 presenters will use their expertise and/or experience to present on one topical theme. The presenters will seek to actively engage the audience, allocating at least 15 minutes for discussion and/or questions, and they will provide all the session's resources and materials.
3. **Oral 5 with Poster**: The poster will be displayed for the duration of the conference; however, one author will also present a 5-minute overview with no additional time for questions. This overview must show one slide of the poster to familiarise the audience with the poster’s appearance when they look for it on display.
4. **Poster Only**: This is a poster which will be displayed for the duration of the conference.

It is the role of the Conference’s Scientific Committee to objectively assess the merits of each abstract. As there are limited spaces for Oral presentations some abstracts that are nominated for an oral presentation may be offered an “Oral 5 with Poster” or “Poster Only” presentation.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS


Before you submit your abstract, please note:

- Abstracts may only be submitted online through “Currinda”, an online database management website.
- Authors will be asked to create a profile on Currinda. This profile will then also be your registration profile for the Conference and any other event or membership association using the Currinda database software.
- You must select the “SMART STROKES 2014” Conference and not the “Stroke 2014” Conference.
- You can submit multiple abstracts, one after the other.
- A “bio”, or brief introduction to the presenter, may be submitted on behalf of the abstract presenter.
- Whilst you can come back to your submission at any time, once you have finished entering all details, please ensure you proceed all the way to the end to COMPLETE your submission.
- An automatic acknowledgement email will be sent once your abstract submission is complete.
- Presenters whose abstract have been accepted must register for the conference and pay a registration fee.
- Authors may visit [www.smartstrokes.com.au](http://www.smartstrokes.com.au) for further information on preparing an abstract.
- The Conference Secretariat will notify all abstract submitters of acceptance via email by early March 2014.
- Amendments can be made to your abstract until the submission deadline. Simply log into your Currinda profile, select the abstract to amend and navigate through the top tabs to the sections you wish to change.
- All emails regarding abstracts will be sent automatically to the submitting author. If the submitting author is not the presenting author, it is his/her responsibility to pass on all relevant information to the presenter.

When you submit your abstract, please note:

Abstracts must:

- Be typed straight into the text field in Currinda. It is recommended that authors have this text ready.
- Have a title that is less than 150 characters with spaces.
- Not exceed 250 words, excluding the title, authors and institutions.
- Show one presenting author by ticking the appropriate box.
- Include the first name, surname and affiliation (institution) of all authors separately.
- Include a succinct overview of the intent and purpose of the presentation in the abstract body text.
- Only include abbreviations that are written in full first time.
- Not include any tables, figures or references (despite the reference fields being visible during submission).

Abstracts can:

- Use the format of Background/ Aims/ Methods/ Results/ Conclusion or Discussion.
- Describe case studies.

**ABSTRACTS NOT SUBMITTED IN THE CORRECT FORMAT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED/REMAIN INCOMPLETE.**
PRIZES

Winners of the below awards will be announced at the conclusion of the SMART STROKES 2014 Conference. When submitting your abstract, please indicate clearly if your abstract is a contender for the “New Investigator” award.

SMART STROKES Best Research Abstract Award
This prize will be awarded for the best abstract which makes a significant contribution to stroke research and/or practice.
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SMART STROKES New Investigator Award
This prize will be awarded for the best abstract whose first author (nominated presenter) has never before presented an abstract to a State or National Conference.
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SMART STROKES: Best Innovation/ Implementation of Evidence Based Care Award
This prize will be awarded for the best abstract highlighting improving services and/or care for the patient.
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SMART STROKES: Most Controversial Abstract Award
This prize will be awarded for the best abstract highlighting a controversial issue in stroke.

SMART STROKES Best Oral Poster
This prize will be awarded for the best poster abstract which is also presented in a 5 minute oral slot.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND
The SMART STROKES Committee has made available a Scholarship Fund to support Nurses and Allied Health clinicians to attend the conference. The Scholarship Fund is open to applications from across Australasia. Application will open in mid January 2014. For an application form and information, available in January, please contact the SMART STROKES 2014 Conference Secretariat or go to www.smartstrokes.com.au

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Screen shots on how to submit an abstract through Currinda are included in the next pages for your convenience.
Creating your profile on Currinda starts with “Begin here” (unless you have a profile already, in which case you simply log in). Sometimes, Currinda works more seamlessly and faster in a browser like Firefox or Google Chrome.

Fill in all required information (plus a postal address, very important for future tax invoices etc), agree to the Terms and Conditions and “proceed”.
Begin your abstract submission through “submit new”.

Make sure you read all instructions carefully, take note of them if need be, and consider yes/no for publication.

Select any number of presentation preferences you have for this particular abstract, as well as a discipline best suited for the content of your abstract (so that it can easily be matched into an oral presentation session, if accepted).
Tick the “yes” box if you would like this abstract to be considered for the New Investigator Award – conditions apply!

Type your abstract header into the “title” box and click “save title”. Do NOT use all caps, only regular sentence case.

If you are the presenting author, tick the “presenting” box. Your details will drop in as per your profile – if you would like to have different organisation details shown in the abstract book, please click the “x” next to your automated details and use the drop box menu to create a new organisation. You may add as many separate organisations as you need (please include “Australia” at the end of all of them).

This step is to be repeated for each author affiliated with this paper. In order for the papers to link through to the other authors’ profiles, please make sure you enter their email address – the same one which they have created/will create their Currinda profile with. That way, the abstract will show in their profile also, even though you have submitted it.

If at any time you need to return to the previous step, you may use the “back” button of your browser. However, you will be shown a full overview at the end before finalising your submission, and can navigate back at that time also.
Type in your abstract body text, or copy it from a pre-prepared word document. If copying from word, please use the “paste” button to avoid any text formatting to copy across (see red arrow above). Do NOT use the “add new references” option as this is not applicable for SMART STROKES 2014 abstracts. When done “save content and proceed” (ignoring the references).

If you have any conflicts of interest to report for this abstract please do so, otherwise write “none” and “save”.

Please review your final abstract overview carefully, and either navigate back to make changes, or click “finalise submission and return to dashboard”. YOUR SUBMISSION MUST BE FINALISED in order to be considered for the reviewing process.

You may return to your profile and each abstract as often as you need to until the closing of submissions on 3 March 2014. Any changes or withdrawal required thereafter must be emailed to the SMART STROKES 2014 Secretariat.