

Call for abstracts

Deadline: Monday 28 February

Contributions are invited for abstracts addressing one or more of the conference themes. You may choose to submit your abstract for either an oral presentation in a formal concurrent session or a poster presentation. Posters will be on display at the conference and authors will be allocated a time to discuss their work with delegates. If you wish to submit an abstract for consideration by the Scientific Committee, you must also intend to register for the conference. Please note – abstracts should have an emphasis on ideas for action and tools for implementation.

Who should submit?

Building on the success of 2004, we wish to hear from:

- general practice, primary and aged care
- community and mental health
- consumers
- clinicians and health managers from all sectors of the health system.

Abstract submission

On-line submission is the only method of receipt of abstracts – please visit www.sapmea.asn.au/aaqhc2005. All general abstract requirements and instructions for the submission can be viewed on-line. If you experience technical difficulties with on-line submission please email your query to: aaqhc05@sapmea.asn.au

Confirmation of receipt of abstracts

Immediately following submission, you will receive a confirmation of receipt on your computer screen, including a submission reference number and confirmation of your personal password. These details should be used if you wish to edit your abstract up to and no later than the submission deadline of 28 February 2005. No changes will be possible after this deadline.

Abstract notification

The main contact person for the presentation will be informed via email as to the outcome of the assessment process six weeks after the closure of abstract submission.

Audiovisual equipment

Computer projection, overhead projection and video will be available for presentations. Please indicate your requirements on the on-line submission. Speakers will be required to bring to the conference their own disks or CD's containing the full presentation.

Consumer scholarships

The Australian Council for Safety and Quality in Health Care is offering a limited number of scholarships for consumers to attend the 3rd Australasian Conference on Safety and Quality in Health Care. The scholarship will cover the costs of travel, registration and accommodation. Further information can be found in the events section of the Council's website: www.safetyandquality.org

Themes of the conference

The conference will provide an opportunity to showcase strategies, process and system redesigns, innovation in information management, technologies and education initiatives that have led to improved safety and quality of health care. The program committee are keen to receive abstract submissions from people demonstrating achievements within or in partnership with individuals or organizations within the Asia Pacific Region. Abstracts are invited for all topics related to the following themes:

Theme 1: Leadership and governance – will it take a revolution to make healthcare safe?

This concurrent session aims to address the following key issues:

- Clinical governance as a vehicle for change
- Corporate governance and its impact on the safety and quality agenda

- Empowering multidisciplinary teams to effect quality and safety
- Quality and cost – are they competing goals?
- The role of accreditation/certification systems as incentive for improvement
- The role of policy and legislation
- Practical methods for safety improvement.

Theme 2: Quality – are we on the right track?

This concurrent session will have a strong consumer focus and target specific interest areas including:

- Indigenous health care
- Aged care
- Partnerships – acute, primary and “self-care”
- Mental health
- Empowering consumers
- Personal and organisational experience and response when medical error occurs – including open disclosure, effective communication and support.

Theme 3: Reducing patient harm – have we been revolutionary enough?

This concurrent session aims to address the following key issues:

- Learning from system failure
- Integrated risk management systems
- Redesigning care
- Information systems for improvement
- The role of research
- Data and information management
- Practical methods for safety improvement.

Sponsorship and exhibition

A wide and varied exhibition will be coordinated by the conference organising committee. The exhibition will be held in the exhibition hall of the Adelaide Convention Centre. Exhibitors are assured of high level exposure to conference delegates during the exhibition. Expression of interest in participating in the exhibition will be welcomed by the conference secretariat at any time. Please contact Sonya Altschwager on aaqhc05@sapmea.asn.au



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Invitation

The **Australasian Association for Quality in Health Care** (AAQHC) and the **Australian Healthcare Association** (AHA) are co-hosting the 2005 3rd Australasian Conference on Safety and Quality in Health Care in Adelaide on 11-13 July. Both organisations invite all health care providers and consumers to submit abstracts for the scientific section of the conference program.

This important conference will attract policy makers, managers and clinicians of all disciplines working at various levels in all areas of healthcare in both the public and private sectors. The program will also be attractive to consumers through the strong consumer focus.

The conference builds on the success of the 2nd Australasian Conference on Safety and Quality in Health Care held in Canberra in 2004 and provides further opportunity to showcase innovative strategies that have led to improvements in governance and service delivery flowing through to better safety and quality in health care provision.

This important annual event is the result of continued strategic partnerships that enable delegates to access the most up-to-date knowledge, theories and tools on issues of critical importance in the health care industry.

We look forward to welcoming you to Adelaide in July 2005.

Christine Dennis and Prue Power
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Adelaide – Your host city

The conference city, Adelaide, the capital of South Australia, is one of Australia's best kept secrets. This cosmopolitan city is renowned for its beautiful parklands, beaches and wineries. It provides the perfect combination of business and pleasure offering a variety of hotel rooms, from luxury five-star to unique heritage cottages, all within walking distance of our major convention facilities. The wide variety of holiday experiences on offer in this state is quite astounding. From rugged outback areas to the vibrant atmosphere of the city, South Australia really does have it all.



Conference secretariat

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Venue – Adelaide Convention Centre

The Adelaide Convention Centre is part of a unique business and entertainment precinct – the Adelaide Plaza, on the banks of the picturesque River Torrens. It incorporates the Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide Casino, Hyatt Regency Adelaide and the Adelaide Festival Centre. This unique precinct is a place that reflects success, achievement and pride.

