



2018 BIENNIAL STATE CONFERENCE • 8-10 NOVEMBER, KIAMA

Challenging ideas • Meaningful reflections • Inspirational speakers

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Palliative Care NSW is hosting its biennial State Conference this year in Kiama from 8-10 November. The Scientific Committee warmly invites everyone who either works in or has an interest in palliative care to submit an abstract for consideration.

The theme 'Riding the Waves of Change' plays on the iconic coastal scenery and rolling waves of Kiama, encouraging delegates to pause and consider how palliative and end-of-life care has been provided in the past, what challenges us now, and how we can prepare to embrace opportunities in the future.

Palliative care waves have taken many forms: From the early days of legitimising basic pain management for dying patients, to the holistic approaches of today; or the resurgence of 'normalising death' and making death 'everybody's business', with the uptake of Advance Care Directives, Last Days of Life tools, contemporary literature, and communities initiating home hospices and death and dying awareness. We are now entering the next wave of contemporary issues including the use of cannabis as a medication, new models of care, and whether palliative care really is enough for people who are dying. Are we prepared to ride these waves?

Abstracts are invited to challenge delegates to recognise how we can respond to the waves of change, while being nurtured in the sun, sand and beautiful scenery of the fabulous south coast.

The conference seeks contributions that explore, inform or challenge around four themes:

- Changing role of clinicians (eg generalist care at end-of-life; prescribing by nurses; medication vs psychosocial symptom management; role of allied health)
- Changing role of partnerships (eg shared care arrangements; role of Ambulance; NDIS/My Aged Care; residential aged care; research; policy development and legislation; volunteers)
- Changing role of technology (eg assistive technology in the home or the ward; telehealth)
- Changing way of dying (eg recognising dying; non-malignant care; institutional or homeless dying; cultural considerations; voluntary assisted dying; support in bereavement).

Within each of those themes, one of the following sub-themes must be addressed:

- Primary Health Care
- Allied Health
- Specialist Palliative Care

IMPORTANT DATES

Call for abstracts open

5 February 2018

Registration Opens

5 March 2018

Abstract submission closes

5pm, 21 May 2018

Author notification

4 June 2018

Early bird registration closes

31 August 2018

ABSTRACT INSTRUCTIONS

Abstracts must:

- Address the identified conference theme/s (and state theme/s addressed by the abstract)
- Describe original work
- Be of interest to a wide audience
- Body of abstract to be no more than 250 words
- Be single spaced in 12 point Arial font
- Fit on an A4 page with 2.5cm margins on all sides
- Contain Title, Author(s) full name and title, underline presenting author, institution and address, email and contact daytime phone number
- Indicate preferred presentation type: Oral or poster
- Contain a short bio of the presenting author (this does not count towards the word count)
- If you specifically wish to submit for a poster, please clearly state this on the front page of your abstract. Poster size must not exceed 1 metre in width
- All abstracts will be printed in the conference program
- All research must clearly indicate whether it is in progress or complete. Abstracts that do not indicate this will not be considered.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Abstracts must be received by the Palliative Care NSW office by **5pm Monday 21 May 2018** to be considered for inclusion. All authors will be advised of their acceptance or otherwise by **Monday 4 June 2018**.

You can email your abstracts to info@palliativecarensw.org.au. No other form of submission will be accepted.

Please note: All presenters will be required to register for the conference and pay the registration fee. You must also arrange your own travel and accommodation.