

Call for Abstracts



"Excellence in Psychosocial Oncology"

2011 Oncology Social Work Australia Conference

'Social Work impacting Cancer Care

Across the lifespan, across cultures, across the land'

PERTH

St Catherine's College,

University of Western Australia

Friday 18th and Saturday 19th November 2011

The 7th National Conference, hosted in 2011 by WA Oncology Social Work Australia will provide a unique opportunity for Oncology Social Workers and other health professionals who are associate members of OSWA to come together to learn and exchange ideas.

We invite colleagues to submit abstracts that demonstrate social work's current contribution to the care of patients with cancer & their families through tools for clinical care, models of practice, case studies and research. We welcome abstracts from clinicians who work with cancer patients of all ages and in all areas of care; major metropolitan hospitals, palliative care units and rural & regional centres. We encourage contributions around the challenges and rewards of working in rural and remote areas as well as with the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander population.

Objectives:

- **Explore, highlight and celebrate the impact social workers have in providing Cancer care**
- **Investigate and integrate psychosocial oncology research and social work practice**
- **Critically examine how we evaluate our practice, measure and improve outcomes.**
- **Explore creative, dynamic and innovative clinical practice and its impact on patients and their support networks**
- **Strengthen our knowledge of ethical issues as they relate to oncology social work**
- **To develop and encourage professional survival strategies**

Submissions:

An invitation is extended for submission of abstracts for oral presentations and/or posters. Please consider submissions in the light of the following question: What skills/knowledge will participants gain as a result of this presentation or poster?

Important Dates:

Final Submission Date: 16th July 2011. Acceptance Notification: after 16th August 2011

Abstract Submission Process:

- The abstract must be submitted as a word document via email to [**abstracts@oswa.net.au**](mailto:abstracts@oswa.net.au)
- The abstract title should be in Title Case, Arial, bold 14 pt size and centred
- The abstract should contain
 1. Paper's Title
 2. Full author list, department and organisation, presenting author/s underlined
 3. Text
- Abstract titles should be followed by author's first initial and last name
- Superscript numbers should be used to indicate the author's institution, followed by city and country (in this order). Do not include degrees or professional titles.
- Abstract text must be in Arial font 12 pt size, single space and justified. Leave a line between sections but do not indent
- Must be no more than 200 words
- The covering email must specify if the abstract is to be considered for an oral presentation and/or a poster.

Selection Process

Abstracts will be rated anonymously using the following criteria:

- Submissions should be relevant to the theme and objectives of the conference
- Clarity of presentation
- Contribution of new knowledge or practice models to the field

Note:

Presenters are required to officially register for either the day of their presentation or for the whole conference.

If you require further information please contact the Convenor of the Abstract Committee

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