



ACNN 2012

7th Annual Conference

Great Beginnings, Greater Futures

Celebrating Achievements in Neonatal Nursing

and

Gravens Seminar on the Physical and Developmental Environment of the High Risk Infant

Friday 7 and Saturday 8 September 2012

CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, LOVEDALE, HUNTER VALLEY

NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA

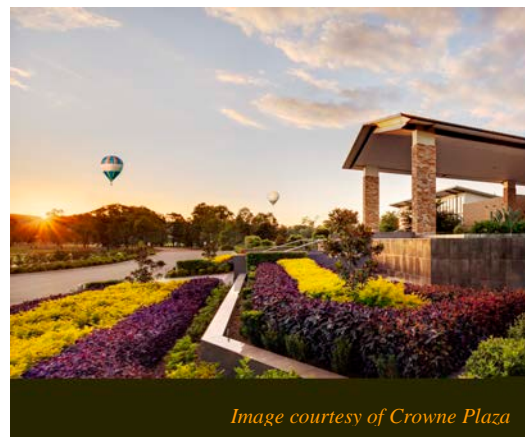


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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:

FREE PAPERS OR POSTERS FOR 7 SEPTEMBER ONLY

The closing date for submission of abstracts for oral and poster presentations will be 5pm MONDAY 2 APRIL 2012

The Australian College of Neonatal Nurses Inc. (ACNN) is delighted to host the 7th Annual Conference in the Hunter Valley, New South Wales, Australia.

The ACNN Conference Day and Gravens seminar will provide a forum for health professionals to explore the challenges we face in providing optimal care for our small clients, their families and their communities.

We invite you to attend this exciting conference and seminar to reflect on practice and to share innovative ideas and experiences with colleagues.

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Submission of abstracts

All abstracts will be subjected to review. Although authors must indicate their preferred form of communication (oral or poster), the type of presentation offered will be the decision of the organising committee.

It is a condition of submission that the presenting author of the abstract must register for the conference and pay the registration fee by the early registration deadline of August 5, 2012.

1. Abstracts must be submitted by **stipulated time and date**
2. Abstracts are to be submitted via email to conference committee at acnn@acnn.org.au
3. Please indicate on the covering email or letter accompanying the abstract your preference for either oral or poster presentation and if you would like to be considered for the New Presenter award (see below).

Abstract Guidelines

Before submitting, please ensure that your abstract adheres to the correct format as described below.

- Abstracts must be written in English.
- Abstracts are to be submitted as Microsoft Word documents only
- Use an A4 page size with margins of 2.5 cm on all sides.
- Use Arial 10 pt throughout.
- Length - up to a maximum of one A4 page will be accepted. Longer abstracts will not be accepted.
- Any tables and figures must fit within the one A4 page limit.
- Use the same font size in the tables and figures.
- The title should be at the top of the abstract.
- The author(s) name(s) with the last name first followed by all initials should be on a new line below the title.
- Underline the presenting author's name.
- Institution details should begin on a new line below the authors.
- For more than one institution, number each and place corresponding superscript numbers next to author names.
- Include the email address of contact author only, starting on a new line.
- Insert a space between paragraphs. Do not indent paragraphs.
- The abstract should be aligned left.
- Use single line spacing.
- Use only standard abbreviations.

Abstract Assessment Criteria

Presentations and posters will be assessed on the following criteria:

- Relevance to neonatal nursing
- Adds to the current state of knowledge
- Scientific content
- Structure and clarity of presentation

Abstract Structure

Scientific presentations (RCT, case control study etc) are to be structured using the following headings and will be judged on the inclusion and clarity of: background, aim, methods, results, and conclusion.

Other presentations (case studies etc) will be judged on the inclusion and clarity of the following: evidence of a literature review, substantiation of evidence based practice, discussion and conclusion.

AWARDS

Presenters Awards (oral & poster)

There will be up to two awards of \$500 each towards the expense of attending one of the next two annual conferences. Awards will be given to the best two presentations; one of which will be a new presenter. Judging will be based on the criteria for abstract assessment above.

Eligibility for presenter's awards:

1. A member of ACNN (including via a state association)
2. The paper or poster must be presented in person
3. New presenters must not have presented at a national or international conference previously



CHECKLIST

1. Abstract formatted as outlined in the guidelines (additional guidance available from the ACNN website)
2. Abstract is in MS Word
3. Preference for oral or poster presentation is indicated
4. Have indicated if you would like to be considered for a Presenters award

Email abstract to ACNN conference committee at acnn@acnn.org.au

If further information regarding writing or submitting your abstract please contact:

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