



**Australian Asthma & Respiratory
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Inspiration for Life

Australian Asthma and Respiratory Educators Association Conference

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The Sebel Albert Park, Melbourne

Poster presentation guidelines



Poster presentations are invited from health professionals involved in the specialised field of asthma and respiratory health education and management. The poster may relate to research or the development and assessment of a clinical or education service. The AAREA poster prize is available for any poster with content applicable to health professionals working in the field of asthma and respiratory education. The entrant is to be the chief investigator. Both qualitative and quantitative presentations are invited.

The content of the posters should be both current in nature and addressing current clinical or education issues.

The marking criteria reflect the areas that need to be addressed in each poster. Please note that presenters are required to be by their poster during the assessment times to allow the markers to discuss the posters.

The criteria are:

- 1. Overall presentation:** The poster should attract and hold people's attention while being free of unnecessary and distracting detail. There should be no spelling or grammatical errors and the text should be clear enough to read from 1 metre. Are the colours used appropriate? Is there a balance between text and graphics?
- 2. Content:** Is the poster logically organised? Is it clear and easy to understand? Is it relevant and current? Is the purpose and method stated? Do the results make sense? Are the implications for asthma or respiratory education discussed? Are future areas of work identified?
- 3. Oral presentation:** Is the presenter able to respond to the audience questions? How knowledgeable is the presenter on the subject matter? How well does the presenter disseminate information? The presenter will need to be available to discuss the poster during afternoon tea on Thursday, morning tea on Friday and lunch on Friday.

Generally posters need to be large enough to impart an overview of the work undertaken. They should not exceed 2m by 1m. The posters should be reasonably self explanatory. This may be augmented by diagrams or images which explain complex issues.

All posters should have:

Title: This should describe the objectives and outcome of the work, such as; “*Asthma training of aboriginal health workers reduces asthma morbidity in indigenous children*”

Authors: List those involved (the presenter should be the primary author) and the professional designation and workplace of each

Text: This should address directly the marking criteria.

Graphics: These should be clearly labeled and reasonably self explanatory.

Aims: Clearly state the purpose and context of the project

Methods: Which research construct was applied? Succinctly summarise how the project was conducted and the research tools and methods of analysis used.

Results: The results need to be clearly stated in either a qualitative or quantitative manner and relate directly to the aims

Statistics: Statistical methods and results are to be clearly and concisely explained if used.

Conclusion: The conclusion should briefly summarise the aim of the project, the results, the implications for asthma and respiratory education practice and your recommendations.

Project support: Both financial and “in kind” support should be acknowledged.

References: This should be limited to work that directly relates to the project and should be limited to allow room for the results to be clearly displayed.

Submission of Abstracts

Deadline for submission of abstracts is **August 7th 2009**.

The abstract should be a summary of the poster, up to one A4 page. Use Times New Roman 12 point font, appropriate headings, single spacing with a blank line between paragraphs and 25 mm page margins

Please e-mail your abstract to the AAREA Secretariat at memberservices@aareducation.com

The abstracts will be replicated in the conference proceedings (both hard copy and electronically).

Notification of acceptance will be sent to the presenter by **August 21st 2009**.

Yours sincerely,

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