

AMA National Conference 2026 – Call for Abstracts

Theme: *Leading Change in a Connected World*

Dates: 28 & 29 August 2026

Location: Pullman on the Park, Melbourne, Victoria

Purpose of the Call

The AMA National Conference 2026 will bring together medical professionals, policy makers, researchers, and health leaders to explore how we can lead meaningful change in an increasingly connected world.

We invite abstract submissions from AMA member who wish to share insights, research, case studies, or practical innovations that align with the conference theme.

Conference Streams / Sub-Themes

Abstracts should address the overarching theme and should align with at least one of the following sub themes:

1. Leadership & Advocacy

- Driving change through medical leadership
- Advocacy in a digitally connected society

2. Clinical Innovation & Research

- Advances in medical practice and patient care
- Translating research into practice

3. Health Systems & Policy

- Connected health: integration across systems and services
- Policy reform to support a sustainable and equitable healthcare system in Australia
- Public health: prevention, occupational health, priority groups and other key public health matters

4. Technology & Digital Health

- AI, data, and digital solutions in healthcare
- Telehealth and virtual care models

5. Workforce & Education

- Supporting doctors across their career journey
- Future-ready workforce development

6. Wellbeing & Professional Sustainability

- Doctor wellbeing and resilience
- Building sustainable, supportive work environments

Submission Guidelines

- **Abstract length:** Maximum 500 words
- **Format:** Word or PDF, structured with:
 - Title
 - Background / context
 - Aim / purpose
 - Key findings / learnings
 - Implications and relevance to theme
- **Deadline for submission:** 6pm AEDT, 31 January 2026
- **Notification of acceptance:** 2 March 2026

Presentation Types

Each abstract session at the conference will be allocated roughly 30 minutes. Submitters may nominate their preferred presentation format.

a. Oral Presentation

- 12-minute presentation + 3 minutes Q&A.
- The presentation can refer to a poster or an abstract.
- Presenters must be available for the full session to participate in discussion.

b. Poster Presentation

- Posters provide a visual and interactive format for sharing work.
- Posters should include title, author(s), background, aim, key findings, implications, and conclusions.
- Use visuals, charts, and images to improve clarity and impact.

Review Process

Abstracts will be reviewed by the AMA 2026 National Conference committee or panel, against the following selection criteria:

- Relevance to the conference theme “*Leading Change in a Connected World*” and selected sub themes (30%)
- Innovation and originality (30%)
- Potential impact on practice, policy, or leadership (30%)
- Clarity and quality of the abstract (10%)

Key Dates

- **Call for abstracts opens:** By 31 October 2025
- **Submission deadline:** 31 January 2026
- **Notification of outcome:** 2 March 2026
- **Conference dates:** 28 & 29 August 2026

Conditions of Submission

- Members submitting an abstract agree to adhere to all submission guidelines, including formatting, length and content structure.
- At least one author must register for and attend the conference to present, should their abstract be accepted.
- All costs associated with preparation, travel and ticket costs are the responsibility of the presenter.
- By submitting an abstract, authors give permission for the AMA to publish the abstract in conference materials (printed and digital).
- If the abstract includes identifiable patient information, you must confirm that written informed consent has been obtained.

How to Submit

Abstracts should be submitted via the [online abstract submission portal](#).

For enquiries, please contact events@ama.com.au

Benefits of Submitting and Presenting Abstracts

1. Professional Development

- Builds skills in academic writing, research translation, and scientific communication.
- Enhances presentation and public speaking skills.
- Provides experience in summarising complex ideas in a clear, concise format.

2. Career Advancement

- Strengthens CVs and résumés with conference presentations and publications.
- Can contribute to specialist training requirements or professional college portfolios.
- Demonstrates leadership in thought, research, or practice innovation.

3. Networking and Collaboration

- Connects doctors with peers, senior clinicians, researchers, and policymakers.
- Opens doors for collaborations, mentorship, and research opportunities.
- Builds visibility in the broader medical community.

4. Knowledge Sharing & Influence

- Provides a platform to share new research, case studies, or innovative practice.
- Contributes to the collective knowledge base of the profession.
- Helps influence policy, clinical guidelines, or service design.

5. Recognition

- Offers the chance to be recognised for contributions through awards or program highlights.
- Establishes credibility as an emerging leader or subject matter expert.

6. Contribution to the Profession

- Showcases commitment to advancing medicine and healthcare.
- Inspires peers and future doctors by sharing successes and challenges.
- Strengthens the profession's ability to lead change in a connected world.