



# 2017 Victorian Renal Clinical Network Conference: High quality, safe renal care, improved by information

## Call for Abstracts

The VRCN conference is organised around the theme: High quality safe renal care, improved by information. This one-day conference will include a number of concurrent sessions, with presentations focusing on this theme.

## Abstract submission is now open

We are now inviting abstracts of **up to 400 words** that address the key conference themes. Abstracts can be submitted on the attached form

## Key dates

Deadline for receipt of abstracts	Monday 24 July 2017
Authors notified of acceptance	Friday 11 August 2017
Conference	Friday 15 September 2017

## Key themes

Presentations may include topics such as:

- Clinical best practice
- Facilitating high quality, safe renal replacement therapy
- Facilitating high quality, safe renal supportive care
- Education / communication
- Workforce models – medical, nursing, allied health to enhance quality safe renal care
- Infection control
- Medication safety
- Errors in patient safety
- Clinical outcomes, patient safety and patient experience
- Measuring and monitoring
- Innovation and quality improvement

Some ideas to focus your thoughts are included below.



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## High quality, safe renal care

- Reducing variation and improving quality, safe care
- Improving high risk situations such as, medication information , care transitions
- Collaboration (e.g. across organisations, between clinical disciplines, between primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare organisations) to improve patient outcomes and health service efficiency
- Empowering patients and their families and carers to engage in patient safety
- Better together: clinicians, patients, cares as partners in care
- Capability and capacity building in healthcare improvement
- Embedding and sustaining improvement
- Lessons from other industries / healthcare sectors

## Informed by information

- Clinical outcomes, patient safety and patient experience
- Great ideas...innovation in delivery of high quality safe care
- The challenges in translating evidence into clinical practice
- Achieving real and lasting outcomes
- Measuring and monitoring high quality, safe care
- Innovation, research & creative practice
- From clinical trials to clinical practice
- Reducing variation whilst encouraging innovation
- Enabling technology / telehealth to sustain high quality safe care

## Oral presentation

Time allocated is 15 minutes per presentation. Times will be strictly adhered to.

## Submission guidelines

You are required to read the following guidelines and instructions before submitting your abstract:

- All submissions are to be lodged via email to the VRCN. A valid email address is required.
- There will be no hard copy submissions.
- There is no fee for submitting an abstract.
- Multiple abstract submissions are welcome.
- All abstracts will be reviewed by the VRCN Management Team and invited evaluators.
- Abstracts are to be submitted no later than **Monday 24 July 2017**.
- Authors will receive an email notification from the Conference Managers informing about the status of their submission by **Friday 11 August 2017**.
- Presenters whose abstracts are accepted within the Conference Program must confirm the offer to present their paper by registering for the Conference.



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- Presenting authors must attend the Conference to deliver the presentation otherwise the paper will be withdrawn.
- Presenters are responsible for their own travel, accommodation and incidentals in respect to attending the Conference.
- Successful abstracts will have **ONE nominated presenter and only in exceptional circumstances will there be more than ONE PRESENTER** approved for each presentation. The abstract must be presented by the specified presenting author. Proxies will not be permitted except in an emergency such as illness.
- The submitting author should be the presenting author. The person lodging the abstract will be the main point of contact for any correspondence regarding the presentation he/she has submitted.
- The presenter's name only will be included in the program.
- Should co-authors require a confirmation email regarding their paper being presented, they can request a letter from the Conference Managers.
- By submission of an abstract, the author(s) transfers copyright ownership to the Conference Managers for publication by the VRCN in Network publications such as newsletters, website or other media.
- No full papers are required.
- All oral presentations must be in English.
- The VRCN Management Team reserves the right to accept or refuse any abstract.
- The VRCN Management Team reserves the right to allocate a session time or a presentation type.