



## HIMAA 2020 NATIONAL VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

29-30 October 2020

### CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

#### “Health Information Management: enabling better health in a digital world”

The outbreak of COVID-19 brought sudden and significant changes to how our world now functions. Apart from the primary threat to human lives, there are secondary challenges that impact every level of society, both personally and professionally. The wider health profession faces particular pressure to adopt rapid changes to models of care delivery through telehealth, new mobile and other technologies, and the demand for digitised information. With no precedence or existing protocols for most of these novel situations, Health Information Management professionals must be adaptive and innovative to ensure that documentation, coding, governance, access, privacy and security of patient information are appropriate to each new component of this rapidly changing environment. The impacts of these changes involve every healthcare setting and have flow-on implications for staff management, training and education, and for those who cost, research and analyse the information in our guardianship.

One immediate impact of COVID-19 is the physical restrictions placed on personal gatherings. As a consequence, our usual HIMAA Conference cannot take place in its usual format this year. Instead, members will be offered a different experience for 2020 – a **virtual Conference** over two days – which will allow the opportunity to connect and exchange ideas through a virtual space that will still allow participation and networking.

The involvement of Health Information Management professionals is vital to **enabling better health in a digital world**. The challenges we face, and the initiatives adopted to resolve them, are of interest to our entire profession. Please consider submitting an abstract to the Conference to share your experiences, your knowledge and research projects, for the benefit of your colleagues.

#### Topics of interest

1. **Digital Health/Health Informatics** – My Health Record, EMRs, personal health records, telehealth, consumer health informatics, aged care informatics, mobile technology in health, implementation of health information systems, social media and health.
2. **Health Classifications and Coding** – activity based funding, casemix, clinical costing, coding quality.

3. **Clinical Documentation Improvement** – best practice strategies, program development and evaluation, quality measures, advancing CDI through technology.
4. **Information Governance** – data standards, data quality, clinical data management, data analytics.
5. **Medico-legal Issues** – privacy principles and policies, security.
6. **Leadership and Management** – human resource management, change management, strategic planning, accreditation, staff engagement.
7. **International Health Information Management** - practice and perspectives.
8. **Education and Training** – scholarship of learning and teaching, professional pathways, workforce, professional development.

## Conference formats and guidelines

1. **Research abstract** – 650 word submission: 10 minute presentation (+5 mins questions). Abstracts should be structured and include: Title of the presentation; Introduction, including aims; Methods; Results; Discussion; and Conclusion. The abstract should be prepared on a word document and submitted by email, to the email address shown below under '**General submission guidelines**'. Please include in the email heading 'Research abstract for presentation'.
2. **Professional practice abstract** – 650 word submission: 10 minute presentation (+5 mins questions). Abstracts should be structured and include: Title of the presentation; Introduction (background/setting); Professional practice/case study description; Outcome/experience; Conclusion – what was learned. The abstract should be prepared on a word document and submitted by email, to the email address shown below under '**General submission guidelines**'. Please include in the email heading 'Professional practice abstract for presentation'.
3. **Poster** – 250 word abstract submission. Posters are invited for any relevant topic, informing about: research being developed/in progress; process or practice improvements; education and training; other issues relevant to health information managers or clinical coders. Abstracts should be structured and include headings appropriate to the topic and formats for either a research or professional development abstract as set out above. The abstract should be prepared on a word document and submitted by email, to the email address shown below under '**General submission guidelines**'. Please include in the email heading 'Research abstract for poster'.
4. **Workshop** – 650 word abstract submission. Workshops will be of 60-90 minutes duration. Abstracts should be structured and include: Title of the workshop; Target audience (HIMs Clinical Coders, SIG members, etc); Learning objectives; Intended outcomes; Evaluation. The abstract should be prepared on a word document and submitted by email, to the email address shown below under '**General submission guidelines**'. Please include in the email heading 'Workshop abstract'.

**Students** are encouraged to participate by submitting abstracts in **categories 1-3** above, where they have topics appropriate to a category and to the Conference theme.

## Abstract review process



All abstracts will be double-blind peer-reviewed by two independent reviewers. The review process will be coordinated by the HIMAA Conference Committee and its Academic Panel. **Research Abstracts** will be assessed on originality; relevance to the conference theme; clarity, description and suitability of the Methods, Results and Discussion.

**Professional practice and student abstracts** will be assessed on originality; relevance to the conference theme; and clarity of writing.

**Poster abstracts** will be assessed on relevance to the conference theme; originality of design; and clarity of writing.

**Workshop abstracts** will be assessed on relevance to the conference theme; originality; capacity of structure to meet the stated learning objectives; and clarity of writing.

## Notification

You will be notified via email by Friday 28th August, if your abstract is accepted for presentation. You may be required to revise the abstract based on reviewers' comments, and these will be reassessed on resubmission. Final acceptance of the abstract is conditional on revisions being satisfactory to the review panel.

## Publication of abstracts

Abstracts will be published in the Conference Proceedings. During the submission process you will be given the opportunity to provide your consent for the abstract to be published if selected. Conference Proceedings will be published online.

## General submission guidelines

All abstracts should be created in the formats as described above. When creating your abstract, please name the word document using the filename structure of:

Conference2020\_format category\_topic.docx

For example: Conference2020\_ProfPrac\_medico-legal.docx

Abstracts should be submitted **by email** to **Milla Krivozhnya, Marketing and Events Manager, HIMAA**, at: [events@hima.org.au](mailto:events@hima.org.au)

**NB:** To enable a double-blind peer-review process, please **DO NOT** include any **author names or affiliations** in the abstract document (word file). These details should **ONLY** be included in the **body of the email**.

The **body of the email** should include:

- the names and affiliations of all authors
- the nominated presenting author – who will also supply a 50-word biography if the submission is accepted



- where your submission is for a workshop, please nominate a **preferred duration (60 or 90 minutes)**. Every effort will be made to accommodate your preference but the final time allocated will be determined based on the number of submissions and the Program capacity.

**Closing date for submission of abstracts is 5.00pm, Friday 31 July 2020.**

**Final presentation and poster slides are due by 5.00pm, Monday 19 October 2020.**

**PD points** will be available for Certified Health Information Managers or Practitioners attending or presenting. We look forward to welcoming you.

**Enquiries:**

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