



Health Information Management Association of Australia (HIMAA) 2022 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

**Hilton Adelaide, South Australia
26-28 October 2022**

“Health Information Management: keeping health information human”

Abstracts and conference paper submissions are invited for the 2022 National Conference of the Health Information Management Association of Australia (HIMAA).

To borrow from our US colleagues, the theme of the HIMAA Conference for 2022 is ‘*keeping health information human*’. It is appropriate because behind every health statistic – rates of prevalence, incidence, nativity, morbidity, mortality, management (curative, palliative, or preventative) – is a person. The information recorded in our health systems about these people during their time as ‘patients’, will be coded, interrogated, analysed, triangulated and reported for myriad purposes, to improve the health outcomes of the individual and the wider society. It is health information management professionals that always strive – and are trusted by care providers and patients – to ensure that the information needed for clinical, legal, academic, financial, and other reporting purposes, is accurate, complete, reliable, and secure.

Maintaining recognition of patients as people seems so obvious that it needs no explanation. However, the ‘human’ factor seems increasingly lost in the world of Big Data. In the enthusiasm for accumulation of larger and more complex datasets, the human factor – the people about whom those data were created – is becoming less visible. Health information management professionals continually recognise patients as ‘people’, for whom their duty of care incorporates the reliability and protection of their always personal, often sensitive, health

¹ ‘*Keeping Health Information Human: AHIMA celebrates 32nd Annual HIP Week.*’ Available from: <https://www.ahima.org/news-publications/press-room-press-releases/2021-press-releases/keeping-health-information-human-ahima-celebrates-32nd-annual-hip-week/> (Accessed 11/2/22)

information. With the rapid expansion of online access to, and delivery of, healthcare, the skill set of health information management professionals is ever more critical to ensure data quality, patient safety, and protection of health information, across the wider health sector: **to keep health information human.**

Please consider submitting a paper or an abstract to the 2022 HIMAA Conference to share your research, knowledge and experiences with your colleagues, and the wider community who rely on the information you manage and protect. Your specialist skills provide reliable data as a trustworthy evidence base for other research, and to guide decisions about policy, planning, funding, education, and continuity of patient care.

Session Topics

1. **eHealth/digital Health** – Health Informatics, EMRs, health information systems development and implementation, personal health records including the My Health Record, consumer health informatics, aged care health informatics, primary care health informatics, mHealth (mobile technologies in health), health information and social media.
2. **Health Classifications and Clinical Coding** – health classification, coding quality, activity-based funding and casemix, clinical costing, applications of coded data.
3. **Clinical Documentation Integrity/Improvement** – best practice strategies, program development and evaluation, quality measures, advancing CDI through technology.
4. **Health Data Quality and Analytics** – health data standards, data quality, clinical data management, data analytics, business intelligence, applications of health data.
5. **Health Information Governance** – Medico-legal issues and practices, ethical governance, privacy, confidentiality, health data and information security policies and practices, cybersecurity and protection of health information.
6. **Health Information for Patient Safety and Quality of Care** – recording strategies and formats for patient safety, clinical indicators, patient outcome measures, data for value-based healthcare, health data underpinning models of care.
7. **Health Information Leadership and Management** – strategic planning, change management, human resource development and management, staff engagement, accreditation.
8. **International Health Information Management** - practice and perspectives, comparative systems.
9. **Education and Training** – professional pathways, scholarship of learning and teaching, workforce, approaches to staff training, professional development.

Conference formats and guidelines

1. **Research paper** – submissions are welcome for both new research findings, and for smaller scale, narrower questions that focus on a process and early effects of interventions relevant to the session topics. Specific guidelines for research papers are:
 - papers are to be between 2,000 and 3,000 words (excluding title and references), prepared as a word document following the template accessible [HERE](#), with the following structure:
 - i. Title of the paper
 - ii. A structured abstract, including headings: Introduction, Aim, Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusion
 - iii. The body of the paper should be structured according to the headings presented in the abstract (Introduction, Aim, Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusion)
 - iv. Reference list
 - v. Acknowledgements (if relevant). **NB:** If acknowledgements could identify the authors or affiliations, please DO NOT place them here. Insert ‘to be advised’ under the Acknowledgement heading
 - text should be double-spaced, and margins should be 2.5cm on all sides
 - Australian spelling should be used, conforming to the Macquarie Dictionary
 - Referencing should employ the Harvard (Author, date) style. For further details see: <https://libguides.library.usyd.edu.au/c.php?g=508212&p=3476130>
 - Papers should be submitted through the submission portal available [HERE](#)
 - Nominate the most relevant **session topic** from the list above, and that the submission is a **research paper** (see ‘**General submission guidelines**’ below for further information)
 - Do not list authors or affiliations on the paper. Author details should be provided via the online submission portal only (this is to accommodate the double-blind peer-review process)
 - Nominate the presenting author, who should provide contact details and a 50-word biography, to be included in the submission form. The number of presenters is limited to one.
 - Selected papers will be allocated 15 minutes presentation time with an additional 5 minutes to address questions from delegates.
2. **Research abstract** – 650-word submission: 10-minute presentation (+5 mins questions). Abstracts should be structured and must include: Title of the presentation; Introduction, including aims; Methods; Results; Discussion; and Conclusion. The abstract should be prepared on the template accessible through the submission portal (available [HERE](#)) and saved as shown below under ‘**General submission guidelines.**’ These abstracts are for

work that will be completed in time for presentation at the conference, but not for a full-length paper to be prepared by the submission deadline.

3. **Professional practice abstract** – 650-word submission: 10-minute presentation (+5 mins questions). Abstracts should be structured and must 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 the template accessible through the submission portal (available [HERE](#)) and saved as shown below under ‘**General submission guidelines.**’
4. **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 the template accessible through **either the ‘Research abstract’ portal (at point 2 above) or the ‘Professional practice abstract’ portal (at point 3 above)**, as appropriate to your topic, and saved as shown below under ‘**General submission guidelines.**’
NB – you will be able to identify that your submission is for a poster at the top of the abstract template.
5. **Workshop** – 650-word abstract submission. Workshops will be of 90 minutes duration. Abstracts should be structured and must include: Title of the workshop; Target audience (HIMs Clinical Coders, SIG members, etc); Learning objectives; Intended outcomes; Evaluation. 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. The abstract should be prepared on the template accessible through the submission portal (available [HERE](#)) and saved as shown below under ‘**General submission guidelines.**’

Students are encouraged to participate by submitting abstracts in **categories 2-4** above, where they have topics appropriate to a category and to the Conference theme. **NB** – you will be able to identify that your submission is for a Student abstract at the top of the abstract template.

Abstract review process

All papers and abstracts will be double-blind peer-reviewed. The review process will be undertaken by the HIMAA Conference Academic Panel.

Research papers will be double-blind peer-reviewed by two-three independent reviewers. The review process will be coordinated by the HIMAA Conference Academic Panel. Papers will be assessed on originality; rationale; relevance to the conference theme; clarity, description and suitability of the Methods, Results and Discussion.

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.

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

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

Notification

Authors will be notified of the outcome of their submissions via email by **Friday 27 May**.

Revisions may be required, 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 papers and abstracts

Papers and abstracts will be published in the Conference Proceedings. During the submission process you will be asked to provide your consent for the abstract to be published if selected. Conference Proceedings will be published on the HIMAA website and indexed with an International Standard Book Number (ISBN).

General submission guidelines

All abstracts should be created in the formats as described above. When creating your paper or abstract, please use the filename structure of:

Conference2022_format category_topic.docx

For example: Conference2022_ProfPrac_medico-legal.docx

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 entered into the online portal when you are submitting your paper or abstract.

Number of submissions per author

Authors may submit more than one paper/abstract, however the Conference Committee reserves the right to limit the acceptance of papers/abstracts per author. Should this occur, the Conference Committee will consider the author's preference in this decision.

Submission deadline

Papers and abstracts should be submitted through the 2022 HIMAA submission portal on the HIMAA website, available [HERE](#).

The submission portal will be open from Friday 18 February 2022 and closes on Monday 2 May 2022.

Key dates

Call for submissions	Friday 18 February 2022
Papers/Abstracts due for submission	Monday 2 May 2022
Notification of outcome	Friday 27 May 2022

Closing date for submission of abstracts is 5.00pm (AEST), Monday 2 May 2022.

Registration of presenters

Successful presenters are responsible for meeting all costs associated with attending the conference and the presentation of their research paper, abstract, poster or workshop. A discounted rate on conference registration is offered for presenters of research papers, professional practice abstracts, posters and workshops. The exception is successful student posters, whereby the student is not required to attend the conference.

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

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