



Virtual Justice Health Conference 2021

Evidence, Accountability, Action

Wednesday 3 to Thursday 4 November 2021

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

INVITATION

We invite abstract submissions for long oral and rapid fire presentations at the Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) Justice Health Conference 2021, to be held as a virtual Conference on Wednesday 3 to Thursday 4 November 2021.

The theme for this two-day, virtual Conference is ***Evidence, Accountability, Action***.

The first PHAA Justice Health Conference, held in Melbourne in 2009, provided a much-needed platform for “sharing evidence and making recommendations for the way forward”. This focus on translating evidence and ideas into meaningful action remains at the core of the Conference objectives. This year’s theme takes direction from this notion of a ‘virtuous cycle’ between research evidence and meaningful action, but also focusses on the importance of accountability. Researchers must be accountable to the populations they study, including through co-design with those who have lived experience of the criminal justice system. Government and non-government agencies responsible for the health of people in custody must also be held to account against relevant national and international standards, and systems must be in place for routine, independent monitoring and surveillance. As the saying goes, “What gets counted gets done”.

Since the last PHAA Justice Health Conference, held in Sydney in 2019, the world has changed. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound impact on people living and working in custodial settings, and on healthcare delivery in these settings. United Nations agencies including the World Health Organization have drawn international attention to the health needs of people in custody, and the recently published UN System Common Position on Incarceration has further reinforced the principle that “prison health is public health”. The UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty, presented to the UN General Assembly in 2019, drew global attention to the health needs of incarcerated children, and made a compelling case for moving away from incarceration to more effective, therapeutic responses for children in contact with the criminal justice system.

In Australia, 30 years after the landmark Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in both prison and youth detention is at an all-time high. ‘Justice targets’ have been added to the bi-partisan Closing the Gap framework for achieving health equity between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and others in Australia, in an effort to reduce incarceration rates. Whether these targets are sufficient to not only reduce the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in custody, but also improve their health outcomes, remains to be seen. In 2020, the Commonwealth Government released its Indigenous Evaluation Strategy; outlining a commitment to greater accountability of all Commonwealth-funded programs to achieve outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Lastly, since the 2019 PHAA Justice Health Conference, there has been growing momentum behind calls to raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility, which in Australia is still 10 years old in all states and territories.

The PHAA Justice Health Conference 2021 provides a timely opportunity to explore these and other issues relevant to the health of justice-involved people in Australia. It is an opportunity to present the latest research and evidence, to share ideas and experience of working in or on the system, and to connect with colleagues across the country.

Abstract submission closes on Sunday 11 July 2021, at 11:59pm AEST



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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

We welcome submission of abstracts for presentations relevant to the Conference theme and sub-themes.

We encourage delegates to reflect on how their work aligns with the Conference Theme of Evidence, Accountability, Action, and to reflect on questions such as 'How is evidence best conveyed to drive action?', 'What informs evidence?', 'Whose evidence is good evidence?', 'How do we benchmark healthcare and health outcomes?', 'What mechanisms of accountability work?', 'What innovations in data collection and use are occurring, and how can these be harnessed to create positive change?', 'How can knowledge and policy making ethically and meaningfully include people with lived experience of incarceration?' and 'How does our work consider and help dismantle structural, health and justice inequities related to racism, sexism, classism, able-ism, homophobia and transphobia?'

All abstracts will be put through the filter of **Evidence, Accountability, Action**, with the expectation that at least two of those three will be prominent in every abstract.

Priority will be given to presentations that offer critical or reflective comment rather than purely program or descriptive papers.

Papers that have clear public health significance in association with the Conference theme will be considered.

Presentations by and with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are particularly welcome. Presentations by and with people who have lived experience of incarceration are also encouraged.

As is the case in most healthcare contexts, we expect presenters to use person-first language when referring to justice-involved people. Please refer to suggested terms below:

Terms to avoid	Preferred terms
Convict, Con, Inmate, Prisoner	Person who is incarcerated; person in prison/custody
Offender, Criminal	Person in pre-trial or with charge; justice-involved person
Parolee	Person on parole or probation
Ex-Con	Formerly incarcerated person
Ex-Prisoner	Person released from prison; person who has experienced incarceration

Abstracts submitted must clearly show how the virtual presentation will present key learnings and outcomes in association with the conference themes.

We encourage submitters to think about the story they are trying to relay, and how they will make the virtual presentation dynamic to keep the audience engaged.

All abstracts are to be submitted electronically using the online facility on the Justice Health Conference 2021 website. A manual abstract submission form has been provided on the conference webpage.

It is the submitting author's responsibility to ensure that the abstract uploaded to the server is the correct version.

PRESENTATION TYPES

Long Oral

Presenters have 10 minutes to present. Abstracts submitted must have clear learning objectives and outcomes. All presenters must provide a pre-recorded presentation. Presentations will be uploaded to the virtual Conference Portal for participants to view on-demand.

Rapid Fire (Short Oral)

Presenters have 6 minutes to present, using up to 6 PowerPoint slides (including title slide). All presenters must provide a pre-recorded presentation. Presentations will be uploaded to the virtual Conference Portal for participants to view on-demand.

There will be a dedicated time in the program for abstract presenters and delegates to connect in an informal Q&A session.

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CONFERENCE SUB THEMES

The two-day virtual program has been designed to provide lively and productive discussions and contributions from people engaged in the justice health area. This includes prisons and community corrections, the youth justice system, and policing. We invite you to submit abstracts related to evidence, accountability and/or action under the following session themes:

- Individual-level health issues;
- Family, peer, and community involvement;
- Service delivery;
- Evidence and research translation;
- System and workforce issues;
- Human rights and accountability.

This list of themes is not exhaustive, and is intended to convey the breadth of topics of potential interest to conference delegates. Please visit the www.justicehealth2021.com for a list of suggested topics within these sub themes.

ABSTRACT REQUIREMENTS

- All intended presentations require the submission of an abstract. All abstracts will be subject to peer review.
- Refer to the online abstract submission form or manual abstract submission form for requirements.
- The abstract title should be no longer than 12 words.
- The abstract should be a maximum of 250 words in simple text paragraphs without images or tables
- The abstract should include sub-headings where relevant, suggested headings are below:
 - o Background, Methods, Results, Conclusions, Learning Objectives
 - o Context, Process, Analysis, Outcomes, Learning Objectives
 - o Background, Body, Summary, Learning Objectives
- Abstract presenters must be able to provide a pre-recorded video presentation by the due date.
- A maximum of two (2) abstracts may be submitted per presenting author. All abstracts must be original work and submitted in English.
- Maximum of 2 presenters per long oral presentation. Maximum of 1 presenter for rapid fire presentation. If there is more than one author, all correspondence will be sent to the person whose name and email address is entered with the abstract.
- Presentation offers will be advised in late August 2021.

All presenters must register at the time of accepting their presentation offer and pay the Conference registration fee

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MORE INFORMATION

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