

Themes: Please submit your abstract under either basic science or clinical research streams.



The aims of the conference are to:

- Provide information about neuromuscular conditions to health professionals (doctors, allied health, scientists and nursing), educators (teachers, teacher's aides and special needs educators), parents and affected individuals.
- Deliver a stimulating and progressive conference program that translates only the most up to date research in the field of neuromuscular disorders
- Provide an exciting poster session where up and coming researchers will have an opportunity to present their research to the neuromuscular community.

Call for Abstracts- Open 7th September 2009

Proposals for abstracts related to the themes of the conference are invited to be submitted to the conference scientific committee; by Friday 23rd October 5pm. Accepted abstracts will be notified prior to December 31st 2009.

The Towards a Brighter Future (TWBF) conference has allocated a display area that will draw special attention to poster presentations. Posters will be placed in the foyer for the duration of the conference however there will be a dedicated poster session to enable presenters to provide a brief description of their research and answer questions from the delegates.

At the end of the conference, the poster panel may at their discretion, award invitations to speak at international conferences of UPPMD affiliates to the best poster/s. We gratefully acknowledge the sponsorship of DPP Italy and PPMD, USA in providing this award.

Share Your Insights

The aim of the poster session is to provide an additional forum for sharing information.

We welcome submissions that showcase solutions to common problems, patient/practice management techniques, innovative uses of technology and research related to the conference theme. All poster proposals should describe specific case studies, programs, innovations or research to pursue quality and quantity of life for those affected by a neuromuscular disorder.

Please note the following:

Your submission to the TWBF Conference Committee assumes that we have permission to publish your abstract, paper and/or work on the conference web site for up to two years following the conference.

Submission Deadlines

Proposals must be submitted online no later than **Friday 23 October 5pm.** Notifications by the panel will be made by December 31st 2009.

Poster Proposals

- Poster proposals should be submitted online at www.towardsabrighterfuture.org.au
- Use 12-point Times New Roman font in your proposal.
- Proposals should include a title, author(s), their affiliation, contact information and the theme supported by the proposal. This should be followed by an abstract proposal of no more than 250 words.
- **Please read the abstract submission guidelines prior to submitting an abstract.**

Guidelines for Approved Posters

To facilitate easier processing and reviewing, authors are encouraged to adhere to the following guidelines. Although details of the content of the poster are left to the discretion of each author, they should not deviate from the accepted proposal or abstract.

Abstract

Poster presenters will be required to register for the conference in order for the presentation abstract to be displayed and to present their poster.

Presentation & Set up

Posters should be designed and presented in a manner that stimulates discussion. Posters will be displayed in the conferencing venue and should be displayed by the author, on their allocation poster board. Poster authors are required as a minimum to be available for presentation of their poster. Authors may find it advantageous to monitor their posters and engage delegates during coffee breaks and non-scheduled breaks in the program.

Dimensions

Posters must fit within the dimensions of the poster board and not exceed 180 cm vertically and 120 cm horizontally.

Mounting

Please bring sticky-back Velcro to attach your poster to the poster board. Spray adhesives, rubber cement, push pins and tape are not acceptable mounting methods.

Copy of Text

Handouts of your poster session abstract and/or poster paper .pdf should be available for interested observers. Bring a supply of business cards to hand out at your poster session. Have a sign-up pad available to record names and addresses of individuals wanting more information.

Preparation Tips

- Posters should be easily read at distance of 1.5 to 2.0 metres.
- Avoid putting too much material and text on the poster.
- Avoid making your poster look excessively busy by concentrating on two or three main points.
- Graphics should be self-explanatory.