



ADVANCE NOTIFICATION – INTERNATIONAL CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Improving Patient Flows for Elective Surgery 7-8 August 2008 Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia

Change Champions invites participation in its Toolkit Seminar, **Improving Patient Flows: Elective Surgery** by submitting an abstract to present at the seminar.

Seminar Aims

- Inform clinicians and clinical managers about strategies to improve patient flows for elective surgery
- Showcase models of care/service delivery/financing and innovations projects with demonstrated outcomes that have resulted in an improved access, throughput and the journey for patients undergoing elective surgery
- Showcase systems/ redesign projects that have demonstrated effectiveness in improving patient flows for elective surgery.

Audience

- Admissions and bookings teams
- Allied health professionals
- Clinicians and clinical managers
- Clinical governance professionals
- Clinical practice and quality improvement professionals
- Consumers/carers
- Day surgery managers
- Divisions of General Practice
- Elective Surgery Managers/Co-ordinators
- General practitioners
- Health consultants
- Health service executives
- Information technology professionals
- Management consultants
- Patient flow managers
- Patient liaison managers
- Patient safety, quality and risk managers
- Policy makers
- Project managers involved in planning, clinical redesign, care co-ordination, benchmarking, performance assessment
- Private and public hospitals

Call for Papers

Submissions are invited for abstracts that demonstrate outcomes of innovative approaches to improving patient flows for elective surgery.

Topics can include: access to specialities, admission/preadmission strategies, ambulatory/stand alone elective surgery, assigning clinical priority, audit, bed management, benchmarking, care co-ordination, clinical redesign, communication, extended day surgery, improving efficiency, infection control, information technology, integration, length of stay, models of care/service delivery, long wait patients, models of financing, patient flows, patient safety and outcomes, performance, quality improvement, referral, resourcing, semi-urgent patients, scheduling, variability, waiting time and wait list management, workforce.

Guidelines for Abstracts

Abstracts should be presented in Microsoft Word format and submitted electronically

Author Information

- Include the title of the proposed paper, each author's name with the name of the presenting author underlined, position title, organization and contact details ie telephone, email and mailing address.

Brief Biography

- Include a 6 line biography for the presenting author
 - Must be written in sentences and in the 3rd person
 - Should focus on relevant professional experience

Abstract

- Focus on the practical implementation of a project/case study where the outcomes/results have led to changes
- State what your presentation adds to what is already known ie how/why is your work innovative?
- Be no more than 250 words in length
- Please check spelling and grammar before you submit.

Additional Information

- Theoretical papers will not be considered
- Submissions from commercial organizations will only be considered if an innovations program with results is described
- International speakers are asked to provide a statement that they have access to funding to be able to present in Queensland, Australia
- Please check that you have provided all of the requested information and that the information you are providing is accurate.

Presentation Format

Abstracts accepted will be presented at the seminar as a PowerPoint presentation.

Presenters will be allocated a 20-minute timeslot, plus 5 minutes for discussion.

Important Dates

11 April 2008 – submission of abstracts

Presenting authors will receive **one complimentary registration** to both days of the seminar only. Please note that **travel and accommodation expenses to the seminar will be at the presenter's expense.**

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