

2026 ANZAAG Symposium

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MALCOLM FISHER PRIZE - ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

The Organising Committee invites prospective authors to submit their abstracts for presentation at the ANZAAG Symposium 6-8 March 2026. The meeting will be held in-person in Queenstown New Zealand

Malcolm Fisher Prize:

The Malcolm Fisher Prize, worth A\$1000, recognises the best presentation of original research, service evaluation, quality improvement or case series relating to perioperative allergy/anaphylaxis. The prize will be awarded to the author of the best presentation judged in terms of originality, scientific rigor, and quality of presentation.

- Abstracts will only be considered for the Malcolm Fisher Prize if they contain novel data that has not been published in a journal at the time of abstract submission.
- The authors of the 5 best abstracts will be invited to present in person in the Malcolm Fisher Prize Session.
- Following the assessment of abstracts by the Abstract Review Committee, the authors will be notified by Friday 16 January if they are one of the 5 selected to present in the Malcolm Fisher Prize Session, or if they have been selected to submit an ePoster.
- Trainees, nurses and scientists are encouraged to submit an abstract. If they are selected to present, in person, at the Malcolm Fisher Prize Session they (one author only per abstract) will receive complimentary meeting registration and additional financial support to attend the meeting to a maximum of A\$500/NZ\$500 (determined on a case-by-case basis).
- To be eligible for the Malcolm Fisher Prize the presentation must be delivered in person at the meeting.

Abstract submissions are invited in the following categories:

- Original research
- Case series
- Service evaluation
- Quality improvement

Abstract format

Word limit: Excluding title, authors (full given first name and family name) and institution, the abstract must not exceed 3500 characters and spaces (approximately 600 words). Any references must be included in this allowance. The abstract should not contain images or tables.

Abstract title: The abstract title must be in sentence case (initial Capital followed by lower case, e.g. The online abstract submission). The title should be brief and descriptive.

Author information: Author and co-author names (full, given first name and family name), affiliations, cities, and countries.

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Abstract text: All abstracts must be written using the following format:

Original research, service evaluation, quality improvement abstracts should:

- Start with an untitled introductory paragraph and be followed by the following sub-headings (in bold)
- Methods
- Results
- Discussion
- Acknowledgements
- References (maximum of three). References should be cited within the body of the abstract, using the following format [1], [2, 3]. Superscript references should not be used.

A case series abstract should:

- Start with an untitled introductory paragraph and be followed by the following sub-headings in bold.
- Description
- Discussion
- Acknowledgements
- References (maximum of three). References should be cited within the body of the abstract, using the following format [1], [2, 3]. Superscript references should not be used.

You should ensure that you obtain the relevant consent and approvals before submitting your abstract and ensure your abstract meets all consent and ethics requirements applicable to your institution and location. Authors **MUST** include their ethics approval number, Clinical Trials Registry (if applicable).

Submission guidelines

Abstract submission: Submissions will close at midnight on Monday 15 December 2025. Please note we are unable to accept any abstract submissions after this date. **Authors are requested to submit their extract to ANZCA Events Team.**

Acknowledgement of receipt: Upon submission, authors will receive confirmation by email. If you do not receive a confirmation email please check your junk folder and then contact **ANZCA via the [Events team](#)** site or telephone +61 3 95106299.

Number of abstract submissions: Authors may submit more than one abstract.

Language: English is the official language of the meeting and should be used in both abstract submissions and presentations.

Review and selection: Abstracts will be reviewed by the Abstract Review Committee. Selection will be based upon; originality and interest; clinical and research content, and state of completeness.

Mode of presentation:

- the authors of the 5 best abstracts will be contacted and provided with details of the oral presentation format for the Malcolm Fisher Prize session.
- the authors of the abstracts selected for ePosters will be sent the ePoster format. ePosters will be available for viewing at the meeting as well as in the meeting app.

Notification of acceptance: Authors will be notified if their abstract has been accepted by Monday Friday 16 January 2026.