

# CHALLENGES AND CHOICES IN OBSTETRIC ANAESTHESIA

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

### Instructions for authors

The Organising Committee invites prospective authors to submit their abstracts for presentation at the Obstetric Anaesthesia SIG meeting on 3-4 May 2023. The meeting will be held in-person in Sydney, supported by virtual elements.

### Submissions are invited in the following categories:

- **Audit, quality improvement or critical appraisal of a topic**
- **Case reports**
- **Original research**
- **Survey**

**Authors must ensure information regarding ethics approval and patient consent is included with your abstract submission.**

Authors are requested to submit their abstract online in electronic format. The online abstract submission system will allow you to type or copy and paste the abstract information into a specific field. You will **not** be able to upload your word/PDF formatted abstract into the system. It is not possible to include tables or graphs in your abstract.

### Important notes:

- **Abstract submissions will close at 11.59pm (AEDT), Sunday 15 January 2023. Please note we are unable to accept any abstract submissions after this date. Please ensure you submit your abstract well in advance of this date to ensure you complete the submission process and have sufficient time to clarify any queries prior to the call for abstracts close.**
- **Accepted authors will be required to present in person as part of the meeting. \*If the meeting format requires a change to a virtual delivery authors will be required to present in a virtual capacity.**
- 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.
- You may be asked for more information during the assessment of your abstract. If you do not have the required consent or approvals, your abstract will not be accepted to the meeting.
- Abstracts will only be considered for the Michel Paech Prize if they have not previously been presented orally at a scientific meeting or published in a journal.
- Notification of acceptance will be sent to the presenter via email late February 2023, to allow accepted presenters to register prior to close of early-bird registration.
- All presenters must register as a paid delegate before **Friday 3 March 2023** (close of early-bird registration) for the meeting. Your abstract will **NOT** be included in the final program if you fail to register by this date.
- Your abstract should not exceed 3500 characters including spaces (approximately 600 words) including references. A maximum of three (3) references are allowed and are included in the word limit. **Tables, graphs, diagrams, symbols, scientific characters, or internet links are not accepted.**

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## Abstract category

- Obstetric Anaesthesia

## Submission guidelines

**Number of submissions:** Authors may submit more than one paper.

**Eligibility:** Abstracts will only be considered for the Michael Paech prize if they have not been orally presented or published in a journal. Your abstract remains eligible for submission if it has been displayed at a scientific meeting i.e. as an ePoster.

**Language:** English is the official language of the meeting and should be used in all abstract submissions, publications, and presentations.

**Acknowledgement of receipt:** Upon submission, authors will receive confirmation by email. Please contact the ANZCA ASM team at [asm@anzca.edu.au](mailto:asm@anzca.edu.au) or +61 3 9510 6299 if you do not receive this email.

**Changes after submission:** You can update your abstract/s at any time through the abstract submission portal prior to the close date, **Sunday 15 January 2023 at 11.59pm AEDT**. No changes to abstracts will be accepted after this date.

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

**Mode of presentation:** All presentations will be ORAL presentations. Full details of oral presentation format will be supplied after acceptance is confirmed.

**Notification of acceptance:** Authors will be notified if their abstract has been accepted in late February 2023, prior to the close of early-bird registration.

**Registrations:** All presenters are required to register and pay the registration fee by **3 March 2023** (close of early bird registration). Failure to do so will result in exclusion from the final program. **Please note: If an author submits an abstract for both the ASM and Obstetric Anaesthesia SIG satellite meeting and it is accepted for both, the author will be required to register as a paid delegate for both meetings.**

**Publication:** Abstracts will be published on the Obstetric Anaesthesia SIG Meeting app. Abstracts may be submitted for publication in the 'Pain Medicine Journal' or 'Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Journal (A&IC)' (if this was selected at the time of submission, and if the abstract is relevant). **Authors MUST include their ethics approval number, Clinical Trials Registry (if applicable) and note if they have a conflict of interest in the body of their abstract if they wish for it to be considered for publication.**

All abstracts submitted for publication to the A&IC Journal must comply with the journal publication requirements. It is the submitter's responsibility to ensure that their abstract is not published by more than one source. Abstracts cannot be published if they have been previously published in a journal, letter, or other online source. You **MUST** declare if your abstract has been submitted to another conference or meeting and confirm if it has or will be published by another source.

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Authors submitting an abstract for the Michael Paech Prize and if accepted wish for their abstract to be considered for publication, must review the publication requirements for the relevant journal prior to submitting their abstract for The Michael Paech Prize. Authors must review the [Pain Medicine Journal requirements](#) and the [A&IC Journal requirements](#).

**Conflict of interest:** As per the [A&IC author guidelines](#), authors must declare in their abstract whether or not they have a conflict of interest, ie: personal, professional or business affiliation relevant to the paper. This should be noted in the body of their abstract if they wish for it to be considered for publication.

## **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). In MS Word, this count can be determined from the 'tools menu'. Any references must be included in this allowance. If you exceed this limit, the excess text will NOT appear in the published abstract.

**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

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

- **Audit, quality improvement or critical appraisal of a topic, original research and survey** 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 report** 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.

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Please do not type in your abstract within the submission page. Being internet based, each page on the submission site only remains open for 15 minutes before automatically closing. Type your submission on a text document (e.g. MS Word) and copy and paste it into the abstract text field.

## Michael Paech Prize:

The Michael Paech Prize recognises excellence in either original research, service evaluation, or quality improvement relevant to obstetric anaesthesia and analgesia. A prize of A\$1000 will be awarded to the author of the abstract judged to be the best of those submitted in terms of originality, scientific rigor, and quality of presentation. The abstract will be published in the meeting app.

## Important note:

The submitting author of an abstract will ALWAYS receive email confirmation of receipt of the abstract into the submission site. Please check your junk folder and contact the ANZCA Events team at [asm@anzca.edu.au](mailto:asm@anzca.edu.au) should your email not have been received.