

## A Call for Free Paper and Posters

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE 13 MAY 2013**

### Topic Areas

*Abstracts are encouraged from, but not restricted to the following topic areas:*

- ▶ Activity based rehabilitation
- ▶ **Movement analysis/ Gait**
- ▶ Mobilisation
- ▶ **TBI**
- ▶ Disaster Management
- ▶ **Trauma**
- ▶ Stroke Rehabilitation
- ▶ **Pain Rehabilitation**
- ▶ Prosthetics and Orthotics
- ▶ **Upper Limb**
- ▶ Restorative Therapies
- ▶ **Occupational Rehabilitation**
- ▶ Paediatric Rehabilitation
- ▶ **Spinal Cord Injury**
- ▶ Neuro-oncology
- ▶ **Spasticity Management**
- ▶ Health Care Services and Policy
- ▶ **Developmental Disability**
- ▶ Transition Care
- ▶ **Musculoskeletal Medicine**
- ▶ Measuring Outcomes

The AFRM program sub-committee will be responsible for peer reviewing submitted abstracts and responses will be sent by 12 June 2013. Selected poster presenters will be asked to join a Rapid Communications Sessions where they will have approximately 90 seconds to speak about their poster. Please indicate on the application form if you are willing to participate in this session.

Please note that if your abstract is accepted presenters will be expected to register for a minimum of one day of the Conference by the Early Bird Deadline of 2nd July 2013.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

#### 11 March

- On line abstract submission opens

#### 13 May

- Deadline for submission.  
On line submission closes
- Registration opens

#### 12 June

- Notification of acceptance as  
free paper or poster

#### 2 July

- Early Bird Deadline

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## Instructions to submit an abstract for a free paper or poster

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Submit your abstract on line at  
[www.dccconferences.com.au/afirm2013](http://www.dccconferences.com.au/afirm2013)

Only on line submissions will be accepted.

**Abstract title** should be short, informative and contain the major key words.

It should be in 12 points Times New Roman, UPPERCASE, **bold**, and justified.

**Authors' names** should be on the next line with authors' family name and then first initial and the presenting author in **bold**. Superscript numbers must be used to indicate the author's institution. See example below:

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**Authors' organizations/institutions** should appear on the next line and should include the city, state and country (in this order) of the organizations/institutions and appropriate superscript numbers. Do not include degrees or professional titles (eg: Dr, Prof etc)

### Abstract Text

- ▶ Abstract text must be in 10 point Times New Roman, single-spaced and justified.
- ▶ Abstracts are to be a maximum of 300 words, including references.
- ▶ There is to be a maximum of 2 references.
- ▶ Abstract should address:
  1. background and aim(s),
  2. method,
  3. result(s) and
  4. conclusion(s).
- ▶ Use standard abbreviations only within the body of the abstract.
- ▶ When using abbreviations spell out the name in full at the first mention and follow with the abbreviation in parenthesis. Abbreviations may be used in the title, provided the name in full is outlined in the body of the abstract. Capitalise the first letter of trade names.

*Care should be taken to ensure high quality English expression and grammar.*

Contents should include the following sections:

### Background and aims:

Include one or two sentences to introduce the broad topic area and provide a reason for the study then a clear statement of the study aim.

An hypothesis could be included in this section.

Reference word counts are included in the word limit and authors are advised to keep references to a minimum by using an abbreviated referencing system, i.e. First author et al., no title, year of publication, abbreviated journal title, volume, pages.

### Methods

In this section information on participants (and /or subjects) should be provided. Data may include the number of participants, demographic information such as age and gender as well as the method of recruitment. (ie a random sample or a convenient sample). Relevant inclusion and exclusion criteria, sample size calculation (if presenting a randomised clinical trial), measures and procedures used in the study are described in this section along with descriptions of analyses.

### Results

The purpose of the result section is to provide a description of the main study findings. Submitted abstracts must include actual results; Reference to inferred results that were unavailable at the time of submission is not acceptable, however, report data from additional recruitment or updated analyses after abstract submission is allowed. Results should be expressed as means or medians and the spread of the results indicated as ranges, standard deviations or 95% confidence intervals as appropriate. Probability values must be included, but are not sufficient of themselves without descriptive statistics (means, etc).

### Conclusions

In this section you should provide statements of interpretation and implication of findings, as well as comparison with previous literature. It should not be a simple restatement of the results.