

‘We are pleased to announce that the Call for Abstracts is now open for the 42nd World Hospital Congress to be held in Brisbane next October’, Alison Verhoeven, Chief Executive of the Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association said today.

Australian and international health sector leaders wishing to present their work, orally or as a poster, at the Congress are invited to submit abstracts of **no more than 500 words by 15 January 2018**, using the [online submission form](#).

Abstracts for oral and poster presentations should respond to the overall Congress theme:
INNOVATE|INTEGRATE|INSPIRE — How can healthcare evolve to meet 21st century demands?

‘Globally health systems are in transition’, Ms Verhoeven said. ‘New technology, changing demographics and disease profiles, funding pressures, and new models of care are the main driving factors.

‘Through the World Hospital Congress 2018 we want to explore how, at this critical point, we harness the benefits and overcome the obstacles offered by these developments that are occurring not only in Australia, but around the world.’

The following three tracks are available:

1. From volume to value

- Value-based care
- Patient-reported outcome and experience measures
- Achieving funding value
- Preparing for transformational change

2. From four walls to the neighbourhood

- Integrated health care (hospital and primary care) case studies
- Funding and structural support systems for integrated care
- Universal health care
- Developing partnerships and relationships between health providers

3. From information to intelligence

- Health technology and security
- Use of ‘big data’ and artificial intelligence
- Personalised medicine
- Data-informed decision-making

‘Although the deadline is mid-January 2018, we are urging prospective presenters to provide their submissions before the Australian holiday season begins on 25 December 2017’, Ms Verhoeven said.

The official Congress host in Australia is the Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association, working together with Queensland Health. For more information on the Congress and Call for Abstracts visit <http://event.icebergevents.com.au/whc2018/call-for-abstracts>.

The Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association (<http://ahha.asn.au/>) is the national peak body for public and not-for-profit hospitals, community and primary healthcare services.