

# Exploring Innovative Solutions for Rural Health!

## 22nd - 25th September 2017

### Taung - North West Province



## RURAL HEALTH CONFERENCE 2017

### INFORMATION FOR ABSTRACTS

Dear Colleagues,

we welcome abstracts of all types and from all members of the multidisciplinary team and NGOs.

**General Points** to note before submitting an abstract:

- This is a rural conference so the presentation should be **applicable to rural** situations
- Oral presentations are 15 minutes with 5 minutes discussion or time for questions
- Oral Posters are for 10 minutes
- Oral and Poster Presentations can be about case studies, descriptions of programmes, formal research projects, ethical issues, highlighting service related problems, new ideas in prevention or care, etc.
- Workshop times are either 60 or 90 minutes. It is possible to have 2 workshop times back to back but this can only be confirmed once the draft programme is developed.
- Workshop presentations should always include *active participation of the delegates* and so need to be either developing a skill, group exercises to understand concepts/issues, strategic planning etc. A series of oral presentations on the same topic is NOT a workshop.
- Longer Pre-Conference Workshops are possible but require separate CPD points and must have a confirmed delegate list. Extra payment or sponsorship is needed for venue and catering costs. Pre-Conference Workshops must be in partnership with one of the Conference Partners (RuDASA, RuReSA, PACASA or RuNurSA). These workshops can be attended by a wider range of people who do not have to sign up for the entire conference i.e. they can just attend the Pre-Conference Workshop.
- If you think your presentation fulfils the criteria for ethics points, please note this in the title or abstract
- Maximum words for the Abstract = 300
- Person presenting at the conference should be the first name if there are several authors
- Contact details should be for the person presenting the paper
- Abstracts must be submitted by the Due Date
- All abstracts go through a peer review system in the month after the due date
- A draft programme is developed after all abstracts are reviewed
- The authors will be contacted to confirm their abstract has been accepted and for them to confirm they will attend once the draft programme has been developed.
- If there are still spaces in programme at this point there will be a 2nd Call for Abstracts

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## SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR RHC2017

### ***Theme: Exploring Innovative Solutions for Rural Health!***

This year we are developing a “story line” for the conference. The story line will move from recognising current rural problems and challenges, to learning about best practice models or current research that could be used to overcome the problems and challenges, and concluding with identifying work that has to be done by the organisations the delegates represent in order to create long term solutions. Each conference day will represent one of the components in the story line.

**Opening Ceremony and Day 1 (22nd & 23rd):** “Setting the scene. Policy imperatives and local realities: Doing more with less?”

Abstract submissions on current economic restraints, current health policy, current human resource limitations, the urban-rural divide, the manager-coal face worker divide; and the impact that this is having on services, health workers, health care users, and the health of the Nation.

**Day 2 (24th):** Innovations that can impact on service delivery

Abstracts submissions on best practice, alternative human resources (e.g. midlevel workers), core services, multidisciplinary work and trans-disciplinary work to cut costs/increase access to service, or improve service delivery skills, technology that can cut time/develop skills/improve compliance/improve communication between health workers

**Day 3 (25th)** “Priority-Setting in Health Care in a Resource-Constrained Environment”

Abstract submissions on possible solutions for “the future” including the training of health workers to “work rural” and to be able to cope with rural challenges.

The Final Day will also include a workshop or debate to draw together the various strands of the conference and develop “key take home” messages for delegate