2026 CDI CONFERENCE ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstracts are invited for Australia's premier conference dedicated to Clinical Documentation Improvement (CDI)

CDI 2026 Conference - 'Advancing through Innovation'
26-27 March 2026
Adelaide Convention Centre

Australia's Clinical Documentation Improvement (CDI) journey has been remarkable. Since 2021, four successful national conferences have charted its evolution in ICD-10-AM countries and helped shape a strong, connected community of practice.

- **CDI 2021: Transforming Healthcare** introduced the bold idea that CDI could fundamentally reshape healthcare systems.
- **CDI 2022: Building Resilience** demonstrated how CDI strengthens organisational capacity to respond to external challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **CDI 2023: Harnessing Momentum** channelled the early enthusiasm into genuine change across hospitals and health services.
- **CDI 2025: Enabling Growth, Driving Sustainability** focused on embedding and sustaining those gains, turning initial successes into enduring programs and culture.

Now entering its fifth year, the CDI Conference stands at the forefront of the next chapter: *Advancing through Innovation*. Across Australia and other ICD-10-AM countries, healthcare organisations are moving from establishing CDI programs to reimagining what is possible. Technology, analytics, clinical engagement, and new models of care are accelerating the evolution of CDI, turning it into a driver of system-wide transformation.

As CDI matures, it is essential to keep challenging boundaries and cultivating creativity. CDI 2026 will explore how innovation - in clinical practice, data use, digital solutions, and program design - can propel the field forward, ensuring CDI remains dynamic, relevant, and impactful.

Diverse presentations, including professional practice presentations, digital posters, and interactive workshops, will share ideas, tools, and case studies that showcase innovative thinking and practical strategies for growth. Together, we will highlight how forward-looking CDI programs will strengthen data integrity, improve patient outcomes, and ensure health service providers remain sustainable.

As such the main session themes of interest are:

- **Advancing through Innovation** – showcasing creative approaches, cutting-edge technologies, and novel program designs that propel CDI into its next phase. This theme invites examples of how innovation, whether through digital tools, analytics, clinical engagement models, or new care pathways, can elevate CDI practice and deliver measurable improvements for health services.

- **Embedding and Evolving** – highlighting strategies that not only sustain established CDI programs but also enable them to continually adapt, scale, and mature. This theme explores how organisations build enduring CDI capability, foster a culture of continuous improvement, and respond to emerging healthcare challenges with agility and foresight.

Abstracts are invited for the following categories. Abstracts are encouraged to align with the conference theme *Advancing through Innovation*; however, all abstracts that fit into the categories below will be considered.

1. **Clinician Engagement** – strategies to engage clinicians, foster cultural and behavioural change, provide education and recognition, and strengthen multidisciplinary collaboration to drive accurate and complete clinical documentation.
2. **Innovation** – creative approaches and breakthrough ideas that expand the scope of CDI. This includes novel models of care, new areas of clinical focus, and fresh methods to integrate CDI within diverse healthcare environments.
3. **CDI Program Growth and Maturity** – experiences of establishing, scaling, and maturing CDI programs; sharing lessons learned in governance, workforce development, leadership, and long-term program sustainability.
4. **Leveraging Technology and Digital Transformation** – exploring how emerging technologies such as advanced analytics, AI-assisted tools, natural language processing, and electronic medical records can enhance CDI efficiency, accuracy, and clinical engagement.
5. **The CDI Specialist Role: Broadening Horizons** – examining the evolving responsibilities and opportunities for CDI professionals, including leadership roles, cross-functional collaboration, policy development, education, and adapting to new clinical and regulatory challenges.
6. **Quality, Patient Safety, and Data Integrity** – how CDI supports patient-centred care and health system priorities, including alignment with NSQHS standards, reduction of hospital-acquired complications, improved readmission documentation, and interdepartmental quality projects.
7. **Clinical and Coding** – in-depth case studies and analyses of specific diagnoses, specialties, or complex scenarios highlighting the interplay between CDI and coding practices.

Please indicate on your abstract submission form which theme is most relevant to your submission.

Abstracts must be submitted via an online form located on using the template provided. If you are having trouble submitting an abstract, please email events@tpmevents.com.au for assistance. Once you submit your abstract, you will receive a confirmation email acknowledging receipt of your submission.

Before you begin the application process, please note you will be required to provide key details including the **title of the abstract, biography, headshot, and audio-visual requirements** as part of your application process. All details and questions MUST be completed and submitted in full. Failure to answer or provide the details required may result in your application not progressing further.

By submitting an abstract, the presenter/author is consenting for their abstract to be published, and video of their presentation to be recorded.

Speakers are responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs, however, will be offered a **20% discount** applied to the early bird conference rate per successful abstract.

Submissions will close on Friday 7th November 2025.

Notification

Submission Format:

Submissions are welcome in the following formats:

1. **Professional practice presentation abstract submission (600-words):**
   The author aims to present a relevant presentation as part of the conference program. The presenter will be allotted 20-minutes for their presentation.
   The abstract submission should be structured to include: Title of the presentation, Introduction, Method, Results and Conclusion. Three learning objectives for the audience are also required (not included in the 600 words). Presentations will include a PowerPoint presentation to be submitted two weeks before the conference commences. The conference PowerPoint template must be used when developing the slides.
2. **Poster:** The author will have their digital poster displayed at the venue. The author will be able to discuss their poster during the breaks in the conference program. The abstract submission should include an overview of what the poster content will include.
3. **Workshop:** A workshop is an opportunity for a group of interested delegates to be engaged in intensive discussion and activity on clinical documentation improvement. A workshop can feature educational material with a focus on emerging trends, promising practices, applied research, and replicable programs. In addition to building new knowledge, workshops can educate delegates on skills that can be used in a practical setting such as program management, program development, and CDI leadership. These sessions may be structured in a form of a crafted panel, a dialogue or debate, case studies, and interactive activities. If the workshop is to include a PowerPoint presentation, this must be submitted two weeks before the conference commences via the conference PowerPoint template.

Preparing and Formatting an Abstract:

- Abstracts can only be submitted online using the specific Abstract Template
- Abstracts must be submitted in English
- No references, tables or graphics should be included in the abstract
- When using abbreviations within the body of the abstract, please spell out the name in full at first mention and follow with the abbreviation in parenthesis
- It is the responsibility of the author to ensure abstract text does not contain any typos or grammatical errors. The conference organisers will not be responsible for any errors published.

Learning Objectives

The professional practice presentation submission must include 3 learning objectives for the audience.

Professional Practice Presentation

A professional practice presentation refers to a developed academic topic, policy area, an ongoing project or program evaluation. Professional practice presentations will have the following characteristics:

- 20 minutes duration
- No more than 2 presenters per abstract submitted

Presentations may occur in blocks with up to 3 other presentations according to one of the key themes of the conference (see above)

Presenters/authors must specify the most appropriate theme that their presentation is relevant to. Candidates may wish to use the following structure:

Title:

Introduction: Specify the objective of your study, provide an overview of what you have done, and point out the significance and value of the research.

Method: Outline the methodology used.

Results: Indicate what your research or study has revealed.

Conclusion: Include an explanation of the ways the results satisfy the research objective.

Poster Presentation Submission

A poster presentation is designed to allow the presenter to have an image of text and graphics describing preliminary findings from research, description of programs, or their activities or other creative work completed in the CDI field related to the conference's topics of interest.

Work being submitted in a poster format must lend itself well to visual displays and representations. These sessions allow for engagement in informal discussions about the work with interested delegates throughout the conference.

This will allow delegates to browse and search online for specific posters and contact poster submitters via the conference app.

The poster submission should include a 300-word abstract which provides an overview of what the poster content will include.

Submission Rules of Poster Abstracts

Each poster abstract can only be submitted under one theme/topic.

No changes can be made to the submitted poster after the submission deadline.

Preparation of Posters

Posters may be displayed in either physical or digital format, depending on the number of submissions received. Final details regarding the presentation style will be communicated to accepted presenters once the submission review is complete.

The poster should provide clear information on

- Objectives
- The approach
- The main results and
- Major conclusions of the research.

NB: Once the Poster has been accepted, TPM will share the specific requirements related to the format being utilised.

Workshop presentation abstract submission (650 words):

Presenters/authors must specify the most appropriate theme that their workshop is relevant to.

These workshops may be structured in a form of a crafted panel, a dialogue or debate, case studies and interactive activities. The workshop will be 60 minutes duration and can include 2 or 3 speakers.

No changes can be made to the submitted workshop submission after the submission deadline.

Submission Forms

To complete your abstract submission, please utilise the appropriate link below to complete your submission.

Professional Practice Abstract Submission Form

Poster Presentation Abstract Submission Form

Workshop Abstract Submission Form