



Call for Abstracts

2021 Dietitians NZ Conference – Ngā Pukenga Kai Ora o Aotearoa Wananga 8th - 9th September 2021, Christchurch Town Hall

Dietitians NZ – Ngā Pukenga Kai Ora o Aotearoa, invites the submission of abstracts for the 2021 Conference to be held on the 8th & 9th September 2021, at the Christchurch Town Hall.

Our 2019 theme is: ***Te Anga Hou – Changing of the seasons***, focuses on the changing healthcare landscape and the role dietitians may play in embracing and addressing the challenges and opportunities to meet the health needs of New Zealanders. Other streams will include, but are not limited to:

- Allergy
- Mental Health
- Gerontology
- Nutrition in Intensive care
- Public Health & Food Industry
- Gastroenterology
- Diabetes & health technology

Dietitians NZ – Ngā Pukenga Kai Ora o Aotearoa encourages all recent graduates to submit their thesis Abstract for presentation at Conference. This is a great opportunity to share the wonderful mahi you have completed, and we will once again be running the competition for the best student presentation.

Submission of Abstracts

Please ensure your Abstract submission includes the following –

- Equity/ equitable health outcomes are considered.
- Typed in English with a 12-point Arial Font
- Maximum 250 words, excluding title, authors and institutions
- All abbreviations should be given in brackets after the first use of the word
- Title: The abstract should be in initial capital/lower case, not all capitals.
- Abstract text: Sub-headings may be included if required e.g. Introduction/Background, Aim (or Hypotheses), Method, Results, Conclusion/Discussion etc
- References: (optional) References can be included in the abstract or as a list following the abstract. Any references included in a reference list must be cited

within the abstract text. Please follow Nutrition and Dietetics referencing style if including references. References included in the abstract text are included in the word count.

- No tables or figures are permitted

Please provide the following when submitting your abstract:

- Authors names
- Affiliation: All affiliations should contain institution, city and country.
- Corresponding author's email
- Corresponding author's contact phone number

All Abstracts will be reviewed by two Registered Dietitians using the British Dietetic Association's Guidance for peer review of Abstracts detailed below.

Please submit the abstract to admin@dietitians.org.nz

Closing date: Friday 18th June 2021

Guidance for Peer Review of Abstracts

Title	Does the title describe the work well? Is it too long or too brief?
Background	Is the background clearly described? Does it provide a reasonable justification for undertaking the work? Is the research area of interest to dietitians?
Aim	Is the aim of the research clearly stated with a definite, measurable outcome?
Method	Have appropriate methods been used to achieve the aim? Are the methods used clearly described? Is the structure and terminology appropriate?
Method – quantitative	Is the study design clearly described? (e.g. sample size, recruitment, observational (retro/prospective), randomised controlled (blinded) etc. Were appropriate statistical tests used and described?
Method – qualitative	The study sample and research setting should be described. Has consideration been given to a theoretical framework? Has the appropriate analysis been conducted? Was it based on a personal intuitive interpretation or were some formal procedures applied? Was a computer aided software package used?
Ethical approval	Has any necessary ethical approval been obtained?
Results	Are the results presented clearly? Do the results correspond with the aim? Are the results given in enough detail to allow understanding?
Results – quantitative	Descriptive statistics; continuous data should have some measure of distribution e.g. mean (SD) or median (IQR), ordinal data should be presented as frequencies or percentages. Comparisons should be appropriate to the form of data (e.g. t-test, ANOVA, chi-squared etc) Appropriate use of figure and tables without duplication in the text

	<p>Agreement of text with figures and tables</p> <p>Significance reported appropriately</p>
Results - qualitative	<p>Are illustrative quotes used? Is there an explanation of how the quotes were chosen or whose views they represent?</p> <p>Is it possible to see a relationship between the data and the interpretation of the data?</p>
Discussion	<p>Does the discussion draw appropriate assumptions from the results (e.g. doesn't say that differences exist when P values are not significant)</p> <p>Does the discussion relate the results to other work and comment appropriately?</p>
Conclusions	<p>The results should support the conclusions (e.g. supplementation with fish oils reduced ADHD in children who were supplemented. Therefore omega 3 fatty acids can help to reduce behavioural problems in children)</p>
References	<p>Are all citations appropriately referenced?</p> <p>http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/%28ISSN%291365-277X/homepage/ForAuthors.html</p> <p>Are all of the references necessary?</p>
Presentation	<p>Are sections clearly described?</p> <p>Does information flow in a logical manner?</p> <p>Are data well presented, i.e. tables and figures appropriate?</p> <p>Do all sections of the abstract use appropriate scientific terminology?</p> <p>Are all sections well written?</p> <p>Has the author followed the guidelines?</p>