

Neurosurgical Society of Australasia Annual Scientific Meeting



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Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort
Port Douglas, Queensland



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On behalf of the Neurosurgical Society of Australasia, it is our pleasure to invite you to attend the 76th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Neurosurgical Society of Australasia, to be held from Wednesday 30 September to Friday 2 October 2020 at the Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort in Port Douglas, Queensland. This is during school holidays, so delegates are encouraged to bring their families.

The Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort Port Douglas is a luxury resort situated on Four Mile Beach. Surrounded by 147ha of tropical gardens, 2ha of saltwater lagoon pools and an 18-hole golf course, the 5-star resort amenities represent the resort's fresh beachside nature inspired by the Tropical North Queensland lifestyle. Located within easy access to the UNESCO world heritage listed marvels, The Great Barrier Reef and Daintree Rainforest.

This is the principal scientific meeting for neurosurgeons in Australia and New Zealand. The Meeting is attended by neurosurgeons, neurosurgical trainees, nurses and other medical professionals from both Australia, New Zealand, South-East Asia and other countries.

The organising committee has put together a fantastic scientific program which will continue to evolve over the coming months. We also have some exciting announcements regarding international and Australasia keynote speakers coming soon so please continue to check our website for details.

We look forward to welcoming you to Port Douglas and to your involvement in this exciting program.

With kind regards,

Sarah Olson

President



Draft Provisional Program

Wednesday 30 September	Thursday 1 October	Friday 2 October
7.00am – 8.30am Registrations	7.15am – 8.15am Breakfast Session	7.15am – 8.15am Breakfast Session
8.30am – 9.30am Evidence based treatment plans for malignant brain tumours	8.30am – 9.30am Contemporary management of spinal fractures	8.30am – 9.30am Difficult Cranial Cases: What have I learnt?
9.30am – 10.00am Eccles Lecture	9.30am – 10.00am Spine Keynote Presentation	9.30am – 10.30am Advances in Neurotrauma Care
10.00am – 10.30am Morning Tea	10.00am – 10.30am Morning Tea	10.30am – 11.00am Morning Tea
10.30am – 11.30am Controversies, complications indications and advances in minimally invasive spine surgery	10.30am – 11.30am Advances in neurosurgery for brain tumours	11.00am – 12.00pm Challenging aneurysm cases: tips and traps for general neurosurgeons!
11.30am – 12.30pm The latest updates in stereotactic and functional neurosurgery	11.30am – 12.30pm Techniques to handle complex vascular/neoplastic lesions	12.00pm – 1.00pm Difficult spinal cases: What have I learnt?
12.30pm – 1.30pm Lunch	12.30pm – 1.30pm Lunch	1.00pm – 2.00pm Lunch & End of Meeting
1.30pm – 2.30pm Controversies in cerebrovascular and endovascular neurosurgery	1.30pm – 2.30pm Advances in spinal surgery including free papers	
2.30pm – 3.30pm Smart management decisions for spine disease in the elderly	2.30pm – 3.30pm Advances in neurosurgery including free papers	
3.30pm – 4.00pm Afternoon Tea	3.30pm – 4.00pm Afternoon Tea	
4.00pm – 5.00pm Paediatric neurosurgery: Using “big data” to guide management of common problems in small people	4.00pm – 4.30pm Protecting your practice from cyber strike	
	4.30pm – 5.00pm Avoiding medical marketing mistakes	
5.15pm – 6.00pm Annual General Meeting	5.00pm – 5.30pm Free Papers	
6.00pm – 7.30pm Welcome Reception	7.00pm – 10.30pm Members Dinner	



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Accommodation

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Delegates are advised to book early as the Meeting is during school holidays.

Special accommodation rates have been secured for delegates at the Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort in Port Douglas. This five-star Resort, which will host the Meeting, is situated on Four Mile Beach, surrounded by tropical gardens and features saltwater lagoon pools and an 18-hole golf course.

The special accommodation Meeting rate can be secured via Ozaccom below:

Accommodation Rates	
Mirage Resort Room (King or Twin)	\$385, per night room only
Mirage Villa (2 Bedrooms)	\$750, per night room only

Social Program

Welcome Reception

Wednesday, 30 September, 6.00pm to 7.30pm

Join us poolside at the Sheraton Mirage resort for the Welcome reception. Cocktails and delicious canapes will be served to conclude the first day. One ticket is included in each delegate registration and accompanying partner or children tickets can be purchased at the time of registration. Partner tickets will be \$35 and children will be free.

Members Dinner

Thursday, 1 October, 7.00pm to 10.30pm

The Members Dinner will be held under the stars in the Sheraton Grand Mirage's beautiful tropical gardens. Delegates and guests will enjoy a buffet dinner with beverages whilst taking in the sunset and night sky. The dinner is open to delegates, their accompanying partner and children. Tickets are essential. Members tickets and Member Partner tickets will be \$130. Children's tickets (under the age of 12) will be \$55. Non-member tickets (industry representatives are not permitted) will be \$150.



Registrations

Registrations open - 2 December 2019

Early bird registration closes – 15 July 2020

Registration fees are quoted in Australian dollars and include GST. Registration fees include the final program, admission to all scientific sessions, morning and afternoon teas and lunches as scheduled. Registration also includes one ticket to the Welcome Reception. For early registrations your payment must be received on or prior to 15 July 2020. Registrations received after 15 July 2020 will be charged the standard fee.

Registration Rates	Early Fee (Ends 15 July 2020)	Standard Fee (From 16 July 2020)	Day Only Fee
NSA Full Members	\$955	\$1,155	\$575
NSA Provisional Members	\$755	\$955	\$475
NSA Associate Members	\$755	\$955	\$475
NSA Senior Members	\$455	\$655	\$325
Medical Students <small>This rate is limited to full time students only. Proof of full-time student registration must be emailed to administration@nsa.org.au following your registration.</small>	\$455	\$655	\$325
Junior Doctors and Nurses <small>This rate is not available to SET Program trainees or those undertaking fellowship positions.</small>	\$555	\$755	\$375
Non-Member Medical Specialist <small>Non-member neurosurgeons, those undertaking fellowships in neurosurgery and specialists in related disciplines.</small>	\$1,155	\$1,355	\$675
Industry Representative Exhibiting Company <small>These are registrations in excess of registrations included as part of the exhibition package</small>	\$1,155	\$1,355	\$675
Industry Representative Non-Exhibiting Company	\$1,855	\$2,055	\$1,025



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Abstract Submissions

Abstract submissions open - 3 February 2020

Abstract submissions close - 20 April 2020

Abstract announcements – 5 June 2020

Abstracts for poster presentations and free papers in all areas of neurosurgery are welcome and must be submitted no later than close of business on Monday 20 April 2020. Abstracts must be submitted via the link on our website at www.nsa.org.au. No other forms of submission will be accepted.

Please note the following Submission Guidelines and Terms & Conditions:

1. Abstracts should not exceed 275 words (excluding the title, author(s) and presenter's name).
2. Any references must be included in this allowance. If you exceed this limit, the excess text may not appear in the final program.
3. Include author(s) and indicate presenting author.
4. Include details of main institution.
5. Research papers should follow the format: Purpose, Methodology, Results and Conclusion.
6. Tables, diagrams, graphs and the like cannot be accepted in the abstract.
7. Conflicts of interest must be declared at the time of the abstract submission.
8. A 50-word Curriculum Vitae is required from each presenter to facilitate their introduction by the Chair.
9. All successful abstracts may be published in the final program.
10. If selected for a presentation or poster, the presenter/author must register as a delegate for the Meeting no later than 15 July 2020.
11. Amendments to abstracts after submission is not guaranteed.
12. The timing (presentation and discussion) of all papers is at the discretion of the organising committee.