



ANZSHM Biennial Conference, Innovation in Health and Medicine
1-4 December 2021, University of Newcastle

Call for papers extended to 30 APRIL 2021

The 17th Biennial Conference of the Australia and New Zealand Society of the History of Medicine will be held at the City campus of the University of Newcastle and local venues, with traditional in-person sessions and some dedicated online streams for presenters and audiences who cannot travel. These sessions will attract a different and more modest conference registration fee. For organisational purposes, abstract submissions should indicate whether the presentation will be **in person** or via **online stream**. We will work on the online stream based on the COVID impact and any special requests from presenters, allowing us to open the online stream to new registrants at a later date. Registration costs and processes will be posted before the middle of 2021 on the ANZSHM website.

We thank you for your patience as we navigate the planning for this special conference in 2021!

We invite scholars working on social and cultural histories of health and medicine to contribute papers that specifically address past, present or future innovation. In the Australia and New Zealand Society of the History of Medicine's first conference since the 2020 COVID-19 global pandemic, we particularly encourage papers that address urgency and innovation related to the identification, diagnosis and management of disease in a transnational context, the health implications of climate change and environmental modification, indigenous health or the intersection of health and medicine with social issues. We are also interested to encourage dialogue between practitioners and historians where possible.

Other topics broadly related to the central theme might include:

- Medicine in public life and policy
- Healthcare and heritage - Museums and the body
- Histories of diabetes and its treatments, including insulin
- Indigenous health and medicine
- Gender and sexualities in health
- Historical methodologies and practices (including nursing histories; hospital histories; and community health)
- The future of Medical Humanities

- Epidemics, pandemics and vaccines in history
- Telemedicine and other health communication technologies
- Medicine and technology
- Histories of disability
- Planetary health
- Trauma and resilience

The conference will feature three invited international keynote speakers, two plenary speakers/panels, and a Witness seminar marking the centenary of the discovery of insulin, situating it in the changing cultural, health and medical environments of the past century.

We seek papers (20 minutes) and panels from all periods and regions that address these themes. We particularly welcome submissions that highlight inclusivity and diversity. Submissions from scholars across the range of career stages are welcome. ANZSHM offers competitive travel grants to postgraduate students and early career researchers to attend the conference. Information about the grants and application forms will be available in due course on the ANZSHM website <https://www.anzshm.org.au/>

Proposals for papers should be in a single Word document, including 250-word abstract and a short CV/biographical statement. Panel proposals (3 papers) are also welcome, and should include the same information plus a statement of the panel's aims. Send these to ANZSHM2021@newcastle.edu.au by Friday 30 April 2021. You will receive confirmation of the outcome of your submission by June 2021. We will share information about registration during May, and registrations will open in July 2021. A final conference program should be available at least one month before the conference.