



National Immunohaematology Continuing Education 2026 Meeting Information



NICE 2026: Cairns, Queensland

Friday 14 – Sunday 16 August 2026

Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort

112 Lake St, Cairns

Queensland 4870

The NICE conference has been held annually for over 40 years and is a scientific meeting where immunohaematology enthusiasts meet to share information, experiences and opinions in a friendly and relaxed environment.

All attendees **must** present a short scientific talk

- **Single presentations: 10-min** total time allocation
5-min presentation + 5-min questions/discussion
- **Joint presentations: 15-min** total time allocation
10-min presentation + 5-min questions/discussion

All attendees must provide a presentation abstract, participate and are involved in the sharing of interesting and practical information.

If discussion time runs out during a session, then ample opportunities exist to catch up over coffee or a meal to discuss the issues in detail.

Schedule

The NICE conference is short, sharp and economical.

Friday begins with lunch prior to an afternoon session of scientific presentations. The day concludes with an informal social gathering followed by a buffet dinner.

Saturday is a full day of scientific presentations, followed by a themed dinner.

Sunday features another half day of presentations and NICE concludes at Sunday lunchtime. Lunch is included.

Registration options

- **Full Registration** includes all meals and accommodation
- **Local delegates** can register without accommodation included, upon request

Registration cost and payment terms

- Registrations are not confirmed until payment is made
- All registrations will be secured on a first-paid, first-secured basis
- If conference capacity is reached prior to payment being made, you will be notified your registration cannot proceed
- All payments must be made by **30 June 2026**. No late payments will be accepted
- Delegates must **register and pay on/before 30 April 2026** to receive the **early-bird registration discount**
- Day registrations (for local delegates) are limited. Once capacity is reached a waitlist will apply
- Once conference capacity is reached, a waitlist will apply

Early-bird registration	Payment before/on 30 April 2026	\$1050
Full registration	Payments between 1 May – 30 June 2026	\$1200
Local delegates (accommodation not req'd)		Enquire

NICE in a nutshell

- NICE stands for 'National Immunohaematology Continuing Education'
- Informal scientific meeting where students, scientists and clinicians meet, present and share information on:
 - Case studies/lessons learned
 - Emergency and overseas experiences
 - Open forum discussions on how to solve operational or serological problems
 - Any other topic related to transfusion science
- Full registration includes conference program, abstract booklet, attendance certificate, accommodation and all meals including a welcome Friday dinner and a themed Saturday night dinner with entertainment
- A great opportunity to meet friends and network with like-minded people!



Date and Times

Times will be confirmed prior to the conference once registration numbers are final.

Friday 14 August 2026	Lunch from approx. 12pm Scientific program 1pm to 5:00pm (approx.) Welcome 'get to know you' dinner
Saturday 15 August 2026	Scientific program 9:00am to 5:00pm (approx.) Themed dinner from 6.30pm
Sunday 16 August 2026	Scientific program 9:00am to 12:30pm (approx.) Lunch and departure from 12.30pm (approx.)

Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort

Your Tropical Escape in the Heart of Cairns

Escape to Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort, a tropical paradise in the heart of Cairns. Relax by the lagoon-style pool with a swim-up bar, indulge in delicious dining, or explore the Great Barrier Reef and Daintree Rainforest just moments away. With modern accommodations, family-friendly amenities, and vibrant city attractions nearby, your perfect getaway awaits. Whether for leisure or business, experience the best of Cairns in a lush, resort-style setting.

Transfer from airport

The resort is located just **6 kilometres** from **Cairns Airport (CNS)**.

By Car or Taxi:

The drive takes approximately **10 minutes**. Taxis and rideshare services such as Uber are available directly outside the terminal. Simply head southeast on Airport Avenue, continue onto Sheridan Street, turn right onto Florence Street, then right again onto Lake Street — the resort is located at **122 Lake Street**.

By Airport Shuttle:

Several airport shuttle services operate between Cairns Airport and central hotels, including Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort. These can be pre-booked online or arranged upon arrival at the airport.

By Public Bus:

Sunbus Route 110 operates between the airport and Cairns City. While less direct, it offers a budget-friendly option. Disembark at Lake Street and walk a few minutes to the resort.

Parking

Parking is available for hotel guests and conference delegates at \$10 per day (payable to the venue).

Accommodation and meals

Full Registration includes 2 nights' accommodation and all meals:

Friday	Lunch, afternoon tea, dinner
Saturday	Breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner
Sunday	Breakfast, morning tea, lunch

Contact the organising committee if you are a day delegate not requiring accommodation.

Please advise of **any special dietary requirements** on the registration form, so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Alcoholic beverages are not included in the cost and are to be paid for by delegates.

Additional nights' accommodation and guests

Full registration includes accommodation for Friday and Saturday nights.

Additional nights may be booked directly with the hotel, but please advise both the hotel and NICE Committee if additional nights are booked. You may otherwise have to change rooms, including checking out and back in again.

Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort can accommodate up to two adults with no extra accommodation cost. Limited rooms can accommodate one additional adult guest and up to two additional children at no extra accommodation cost. Family rooms are secured on a first-paid, first-secured basis.

Room rates include breakfast for one person.

Meal inclusions for additional guests must be paid upfront to the Organising Committee:

- Breakfast \$28 per adult (\$0 for children)
- Friday evening meal \$65 per adult (\$45 for children)
- Saturday evening meal \$80 per person

Lunches are not provided for additional guests.

Additional guests (along with their meal requirements) **must** be registered with the Organising Committee to be included on the hotel rooming list.

Further registration and payment information

Please complete [the 2026 NICE Conference registration form](#) to register for the conference.

Remember the number of attendees is **limited**; registrations are not confirmed until payment is made, and will be secured on a first-paid, first-secured basis.

Final registration (and payment) is due by 30 June 2026. Registrations may close earlier if full capacity has been reached.

Payment can be made by **credit or debit card at the time of registration** (no fees apply). Alternatively, you can opt for an invoice to be generated for payment by **bank transfer** by the due date (no fees apply).

- Delegates must **register and pay on/before 30 April 2026** to receive the early-bird discounted registration rate

- All payments must be made by **30 June 2026**. No late payments will be accepted
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A workplace contact can be given for billing details, but it is your responsibility to follow up payment with them.

As a non-profit organisation, registration fees are calculated to cover the expenses of the conference. Any excess funds are reinvested to support future NICE meetings. Refunds will only be given at the discretion of the NICE Committee, after all costs are covered.

Receipts will be issued upon receipt of payment.

Social Program

Friday night

There is a welcome '*get to know you*' dinner on Friday night.

Saturday night – Transfusion goes Tropical

Escape to the tropics for an unforgettable conference dinner where warm holiday vibes set the scene. Relax, connect, and celebrate together as the evening unfolds in true tropical style.



Scientific Component

One of the founding principles of the NICE Conference is **that all attendees must present during the meeting.**

- Every speaker is allocated a *maximum* of 10 minutes, which requires a **5-minute presentation**, followed by 5-minutes of question/discussion time.
- **10-minute joint presentations** may also be made by two speakers, followed by 5-minutes of discussion.
- The Organising Committee reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of any proposed presentation topic.
- All content must be appropriately referenced. The Australian Institute of Medical and Clinical Scientists (AIMS), provides [instructions on appropriate scientific referencing](#).

Abstracts to be emailed by Friday 3 July

All attendees must email abstracts to NICE_Conference@outlook.com by Friday 3 July.

To ensure the abstract booklet is printed on time for the conference, we cannot accept any extensions on this date.

- Your abstract should be a succinct summary of your talk including data, outcomes and conclusions. References

are not required in the abstract but should be listed at the end of your presentation.

- Should be a maximum of 1 page (half to three-quarters of a page is ideal), in a Microsoft Word (or Word compatible) document format.

Further information and examples are provided in 'Abstract Guidelines for NICE 2026 delegates' which will be sent to delegates. None of us are experts at abstract writing, give it your best shot to be coherent and concise. Ask for help from the NICE Committee if you need it.

In attending the NICE Meeting, participants are consenting to having their abstract and presentation published for access by other participants at NICE. Abstract booklets will be provided at the meeting.

Presentations to be emailed by Friday 7 August

- All presentations should be in Microsoft PowerPoint (or PowerPoint compatible) format. A laptop and data projector are available at the conference.
- **Presentations must be emailed to NICE_Conference@outlook.com before Friday 7 August.** All attendees should also bring their presentations on a USB as a backup.
- Unfortunately, due to time constraints we will be unable to update presentations at the conference, so please make sure your presentation is **final** prior to sending.

Suggested Topic Categories

NICE is open to any topic of relevance to immunohaematology. Some examples of the presentation categories over the years have been:

- Transfusion medicine and clinical case studies
- Quality and safety
- Blood and blood product use and stewardship
- Automation
- Crossmatching
- Computer and software
- Antibody case studies
- Trials of new techniques
- Blood grouping issues
- Lessons learned
- I need help with this issue (peer and expert advice on a specific issue to your laboratory)

Need help with your abstract?

We are always very happy to discuss any issues you may have or answer any questions. We can also help you with your abstract and make sure it is of a suitable standard. Feel free to **email us at NICE_Conference@outlook.com**

Contact Details

For information or advice on scientific content contact the organising committee: NICE_Conference@outlook.com

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Checklist - Task	✓
Early-bird registration and payment due by 30 April 2026	
Standard registration and payment due by 30 June 2026	
Note: registration is secured on a first-paid, first-secured basis	
Abstract due by Friday 3 July 2026	
Presentation due by Friday 7 August 2026	
Meeting starts Friday 14 August 2026	