

GUIDELINES & REQUIREMENTS FOR SCIENTIFIC POSTER PRESENTATIONS



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This document describes the requirements for those preparing scientific posters for the ASNR 45th Annual Meeting. These guidelines, requirements and clarifications have been developed to facilitate the preparation and delivery of quality presentations and to further enhance the learning experience of attendees viewing the Scientific Posters.

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Presentations given at the ASNR 45th Annual Meeting & NER Foundation Symposium 2007 should serve an educational purpose. They should not promote commercial products. Solicitation of sales is inappropriate and unacceptable in any scientific presentation.

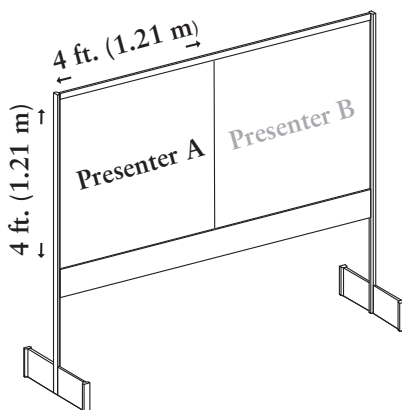
Scientific Poster

Description

The poster should be a visual presentation of scientific studies that summarizes the details of original investigative research.

The Scientific Poster format represents an alternative to verbal presentations. Scientific posters are sometimes selected from works initially submitted for presentation as scientific papers (oral presentation).

Presenter Requirements



All presenters are required to abide by the following:

Required Format:

- Purpose, Materials and Methods, Results, Conclusion.

Poster Display Board Dimensions:

- Four (4) feet (1.21 meters) high by Four (4) foot (1.21 meters) wide

Note: Two (2) posters are assigned to each poster display board.

Presenters are required to adhere to these limits. No exceptions can be made. It is suggested that the final poster size be slightly smaller than the board dimensions to avoid overlap and the possibility of the poster being too large for the allocated space.

Set Up, Display and Dismantle Times

Poster Set Up Time

Sunday, June 10, 2007 from 9:00am through 11:00pm

Monday, June 11, 2007 from 6:00am through 9:00am

Note: All posters must be set up by 9:00am on Monday, June 11, 2007. Exceptions to this policy must be requested in writing to ASNR and approved by the Program Chair.

Display Dates*

Monday, June 11, 2007 from 12 Noon through 9:00pm

Tuesday, June 12* - Wednesday, June 13, 2007 from 6:30am through 9:00pm

Thursday, June 14, 2007 from 6:30am through 6:00pm

*The Scientific Exhibits will be open during the "All That Jazz" Reception on Tuesday, June 12, 2007, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Poster Dismantle Time

Thursday, June 14, 2007 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Note: All posters must remain in place until 6:00pm, Thursday, June 14, 2007. Exceptions to this policy must be requested in writing and approved by the Program Chair. With written approval to ASNR from the author, posters can be set up/removed by someone other than the author/contributing authors.

Location

Hyatt Regency Chicago – Riverside Center East

Presentation Tips for Scientific Posters

The appearance of a scientific poster reflects on the authors and everyone wants to look their best when presenting a poster for review by their colleagues. Unfortunately, the quality of many scientific posters is often diminished by poor organization, lack of proper preparation and poor visual appeal. The presentation tips below address key areas of preparation and are designed to help authors develop a scientific poster that is both professional and eye-catching.

Organization

For an exhibit that is clear and readily understood:

- Organize and present content in a logical order. (See Presentation Outline below.)
- Everything presented should support the central points of the paper.
- Text and visual components should complement and reinforce one another.
- Be concise and to the point, highlighting key facts.

Presentation Outline

- State the major objectives of the author's work.
- Describe how findings were obtained.
- Discuss how findings are supported by the conclusions drawn from the data.
- Minimize discussion of Materials and Methods. Save the details on equipment used and methodology for publication.
- State Conclusions at the end.

Content

The content should flow in a rapidly digestible, visually oriented manner to facilitate the goal of rapid unequivocal understanding.

- Content must include: Purpose with Educational Objectives, Materials and Methods, Results, and Conclusion sections. A discussion section may be added if it provides further educational benefit.
- Clearly state the purpose and educational objectives.
- Use good descriptive acronyms (e.g., AChA for anterior choroidal artery or DRG for dorsal root ganglion) rather than non-descriptive letters or numbers.
- Reference figure and illustration numbers appropriately.
- Proofread all text, figures and illustrations for factual, grammatical and spelling errors.

Presentation Tips for Scientific Posters, cont.

Fonts

- Recommended fonts are **Times New Roman, Arial, Verdana, and Tahoma.**
- Use consistent font type throughout the poster. It is more visually appealing when the same font type is used for the entire poster.
- Make font size for main text and legends large enough to allow viewers to read text from a reasonable distance, usually three to four feet. A minimum of 20 point is recommended.
- Emphasize key points using a larger font size, bolding or highlighting in a different color.

Figures and Illustrations

- Place in logical order and in a consistent location to allow easy reference.
- Make illustrations large enough to easily demonstrate the findings from three to four feet away. A 5x7 inch print is a good standard.
- All text should be large and easily read from 3 to 4 feet away. A minimum font size of 20 point is recommended.
- Number the figures and illustrations with large bold fonts.
- Leave landmarks that enable orientation, or place directional letters (anterior, inferior, etc.) on the image. Do not overcrop. Clearly label key features with arrows, letters, or numbers in a logical, consistent manner.
- Label key findings and pathologic diagnosis in a bold font or highlighted so the viewer can understand the figure at a glance.

Legends

- Include interpretative legends separate from the body of the poster for all figures, illustrations, tables and graphs.
- Keep legends short and to the point, discussing the positive and pertinent negative findings relevant to their respective figures. An initial descriptive sentence or phrase is often helpful to orient the reader to the plane of section, type of study, use of contrast material and, if important, technical parameters.
- Place legends immediately adjacent to the respective figure (above, below, to the right or left).
- If descriptive acronyms are used, include a legend, in alphabetical order, at the side of the illustration.

Patient Confidentiality

Patient confidentiality must be protected. Names, dates of scans, birth dates, medical record numbers or identities must not be included on slides. By ASNR policy, the content of all educational presentations given at the ASNR meeting must be HIPAA compliant. Members of the ASNR Audio Visual, Scientific Exhibits, Program committees and ASNR staff will be monitoring HIPAA compliance by presenters.

Tables and Graphs

- Only data should be displayed. If there are multiple data points, summarize them for clarity.
- Label all coordinates (x, y, and, if applicable, z).
- Highlight key data points, columns, or rows with different colors.

Visual Presentation

- At least 50% of the surface area of the poster should be made up of illustrations, tables or graphs.
- Color figures are preferable to black and white. Line drawings may be necessary for orientation of very complex anatomy.
- Artistry should not impede the educational objectives.
- Softer colors with good contrast between the print and background are recommended. Pure red and green can be difficult for some people to see and should be avoided.
- Firm cardboard or plastic professional backing is recommended as it not only adds artistic quality, but also improves durability. Avoid thin paper or plastic as wrinkles can make an exhibit very difficult to read.
- Handouts are strongly recommended as useful adjuncts to a scientific poster. These should be offered on-site. Alternatively, one may provide a place for viewers to leave their business cards so the instructional written material can be mailed to them after the meeting.

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Compliance

By ASNR policy, the content of all educational presentations given at ASNR meetings must be in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services regulations implementing this act. To comply with HIPAA regulations, patient confidentiality must be maintained in all educational presentations (oral, printed or electronic). Members of the ASNR Audio Visual, Scientific Exhibits, Program Committees and ASNR staff will monitor session and exhibit hall presentations to identify ways to improve overall presentation quality and HIPAA compliance throughout the programming. For inquires about this policy, contact ltannehill@asnr.org.