

Call for Abstracts- Scientific Poster Presentations 2012 AOCPMR Mid Year Meeting and Scientific Seminar

The American Osteopathic College of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AOCPMR) is currently accepting abstract submissions for Scientific Display Posters for the 2012 AOCPMR Mid Year Meeting and Scientific Seminar, April 19-22, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Those medical students, residents and physicians intending to submit abstracts should read and abide by the guidelines and application process described in the *Abstract Submission Guidelines* section below. In addition to reviewing the guidelines, there are two other important documents that must be submitted with the abstract. Lastly, for those authors that had their abstract accepted, please refer to the *Author Guidelines for Accepted Abstracts* for details regarding the publication of the abstract and scientific poster guidelines.

- I. For Abstract Submission**
 - a. Abstract Submission Guidelines** (below)
 - b. Abstract Submission Application** (obtain at aocpmr.org)
 - c. Author Disclosure and Copyright Agreement Form** (obtain at aocpmr.org)
- II. For Accepted Abstracts**
 - a. Author Guidelines for Accepted Abstracts** (obtain at aocpmr.org)
 - i. Including details on preparing your AOCPMR Mid Year Meeting Scientific Poster**

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Stephanie Wilson, AOCPMR Executive Director, at stephanie.wilson@aocpmr.org.



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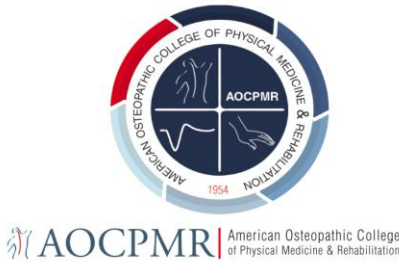
Abstract Submission Guidelines

Overview

The American Osteopathic College of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (AOCPMR) is currently accepting abstract submissions for Scientific Display Posters for the 2012 AOCPMR Mid Year Meeting and Scientific Seminar, April 19-22, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Specifically, the scientific poster session will take place on Saturday, April 21, 2012. The scientific poster presentation provides a forum for researchers to discuss the objectives, methods, results and conclusions of a specific study with individuals in the field of PMR.

Submission Policies and Procedures

1. Individuals submitting abstracts to the AOCPMR must be available, if selected, to discuss the poster display with interested participants at the AOCPMR Mid Year Meeting Scientific Poster Session on April 21, 2012, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Individuals who are selected but are not present at their designated time in front of their display will not be eligible for future participation in AOCPMR-sponsored scholarly activities.
2. All deadlines, requests for communication and correspondence must be adhered to in order to ensure inclusion in the session.
3. Primary responsibility for compliance with any disclosures or other requirements resides solely with researchers and/or research sponsors.
4. Three documents must be submitted:
 - a. Abstract Application (by email)
 - b. Abstract (by email)
 - c. Assignment of Copyright and Author Disclosure Form (by fax or scanned and emailed)
5. Submit the abstract as an email attachment (.docx preferred; .doc accepted)
 - a. Title the file "Submitting Author Last Name-Title," e.g. Jones-RehabilitationofABC.docx



Abstract Content

1. The abstract must report original material that has not been published or presented elsewhere prior to the 2012 AOCPMR Mid Year Meeting.
2. No identifying author information and no mention of any location or institution within the abstract text.
3. Where human or animal subjects were involved, Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval must be obtained and noted.
4. Abstract text should be a minimum of 150 words with a maximum of 400 words. Tables and Figures may not be included in the abstract submission but may be included in the scientific poster presentation.
5. Abbreviations (unless spelled out first), acronyms, footnotes and references may not be used in the abstract.
6. All abstracts submitted for research studies must be structured to summarize the research **Objectives, Design, Results and Conclusions**. The objectives should contain the background and purpose of the study. The design section should explain key methods, procedures, interventions and any controls in the study. This allows the reader to infer limitations of the data. Abstracts containing statements such as “data to be presented” or “the significance of the findings will be discussed” are not acceptable. The conclusions should explain the meaning and importance of the results and perhaps state any new question identified. Abstracts for Case Reports must be structured in the following four categories: **Case Diagnosis, Case Description, Discussion and Conclusions**. Brief Reports and “Other” categories such as reviews or commentaries must be submitted in a single paragraph traditional format.

Review Process

1. Abstracts will be blindly reviewed and rated by a committee of physiatrists, researchers and educators. Ratings will be separately tallied. From those submitted abstracts meeting appropriate research standards and all AOCPMR policies and procedures for submission, abstracts will be accepted for poster presentation at the AOCPMR Mid Year Meeting.
2. The criteria for reviewing abstracts include: scientific merit, relevance, originality and clarity.
3. Abstract decision letters will be sent via email to the submitting author.



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Publication

The abstract will be considered for publication on the official website of the American Osteopathic College of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Abstracts not accepted for presentation will not be published, will not be disclosed outside of AOCPMR and persons associated with the selection process. Authors should proofread abstracts carefully to avoid errors before they are submitted. Editors make needed typographical changes to the abstract.

Deadlines/Timeline

1. ~~September 15, 2011, 4pm EDT~~ *Deadline Extended to December 1st, 2011*
 - a. Abstracts, Abstract Application, and Copyright/Disclosure form Due
2. ~~October 1, 2011, 4pm EDT~~
 - a. AOCPMR will notify primary authors of acceptance/non-acceptance
3. **December 1, 2011, 4pm, EST**
 - a. Accepted authors, if necessary, must submit edits/updates to their abstract, which will be published on the AOCPMR website
4. **April 21, 2012: Scientific Poster Session**
 - a. All presenters must arrive, register and set-up their posters as instructed