



## Call for Abstracts- Scientific Poster Presentations 2019 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 2019 AOCPMR Mid Year Meeting and Scientific Seminar, March 21 through 24, in Chicago, Illinois.

Specifically, the scientific poster session will take place on Saturday, March 23, 2019. Posters will need to be onsite by Thursday, March 21, 2019. 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. Monetary prizes will be awarded to the top three posters at the meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Bethany Steyer, AOCPMR Assistant to the Executive Director, [bethany.steyer@aocpmr.org](mailto:bethany.steyer@aocpmr.org).

### Abstract Submission Guidelines

#### Submission Policies and Procedures

- Only **one** abstract poster per author as “first author” will be accepted. No exceptions.
- Original abstracts that have been presented at other meetings will be considered. Prior published material will **not** be accepted.
- 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 Saturday, March 23, 2019 in Chicago, Illinois.
- Primary responsibility for compliance with any disclosures or other requirements resides solely with researchers and/or research sponsors.
- Three documents must be submitted:
  1. Abstract Application (must be submitted through online application form)
  2. Abstract (must be submitted through online application form)
  3. Assignment of Copyright & Author Disclosure Form (by fax or scanned and emailed)

#### Format

- **Research Studies**
  - Objectives: contain the background and purpose of the study
  - Design: explain key methods, procedures, interventions and any controls in the study
  - Summary of Results: adequate to support conclusions
  - Conclusions: explain the meaning and importance of the results and state any new questions identified



- **Case Reports**

- Case Diagnosis: introduction to the case
- Case Description
- Discussion
- Conclusions

**Abstract Content**

- No identifying author information, mention of any location or institution within the abstract text.
- Where human or animal subjects were involved, Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval must be obtained and noted.
- Abstract text should be a minimum of 150 words with a maximum of 450 words. Tables and Figures may not be included in the abstract submission but may be included in the scientific poster presentation.
- Abbreviations (unless spelled out first), acronyms, footnotes and references may not be used in the abstract.

**Review Process**

- Abstracts will be blindly reviewed and rated by a committee of physiatrists, researchers and educators.
- The criteria for reviewing abstracts include: scientific merit, relevance, originality and clarity.
- Abstract decision letters will be sent via email to the submitting author.

**Publication**

The abstract will be considered for publication in the Journal of Osteopathic Physiatry on the official website of the AOCPMR. 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. **January 10, 2019, 5pm EST:** Abstracts, Abstract Application, and Copyright/Disclosure form due
2. **January 16, 2019, 5pm EST:** AOCPMR will notify primary authors of acceptance/non-acceptance
3. **March 7, 2019, 5pm EST:** Accepted authors must submit edits/updates to their abstract and a PDF of their poster, which may be published on the AOCPMR website
4. **March 21, 2019, 12pm EST:** Posters must be on-site for display.
5. **March 23, 2019: Scientific Poster Session, 4:15pm EST:** All presenters must arrive, register and be present at their poster.