



# 2020 ANNUAL MEETING

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## ***Poster Presentation Instructions for Late-Breaker Abstracts***

These instructions will help you prepare your poster so that you and your colleagues get the most benefit from your presentation.

### **Poster Hall**

Poster presentations will be accessed via the Poster Hall on the virtual Annual Meeting platform.

### **e-Poster Format for Virtual Meeting**

Poster presentations will be presented in a digital format through the virtual Annual Meeting platform with a real-time chat (typed question-and-answer function) during the poster sessions. We encourage presenters to participate in the question-and-answer period using the real-time chat function, whereby presenters and attendees will communicate with each other via typed chat messages. There is no audio component to the poster presentation.

Attendees will also have the option to contact poster presenters through an email system embedded in the e-Poster platform.

While there is not a size limit for the .pdf file of your poster, please note that the larger the file, the greater amount of time required for download when an attendee accesses your poster presentation.

During the week of October 26, you will receive a link to upload your poster as a .pdf (PDF) file to the Poster Submission Portal. You will be required to provide your Registration Order ID Number in order to submit your poster. The Registration Order ID Number can be found on the confirmation letter that you receive once you register.

The deadline to submit your poster to the Poster Submission Portal is Thursday, November 5.

### **New Abstract Presentation Number**

Include your new abstract presentation number in a large font in the upper left corner of your poster.

## Viewing and Presentation Schedule

During the week of October 26, Late-Breaker poster presenters will receive a schedule assignment for either Poster Session A, Poster Session B or Poster Session C. Watch your email in late October for your schedule assignment.

The Poster Session schedule is as follows:

	<b>Poster Session A Monday, November 16</b>	<b>Poster Session B Tuesday, November 17</b>	<b>Poster Session C Wednesday, November 18</b>
<b>Viewing</b>	Midnight – 1:30 pm U.S. Eastern Time Zone	Midnight – 11:45 am U.S. Eastern Time Zone	Midnight – 11:45 am U.S. Eastern Time Zone
<b>Presenters in attendance for real-time chat with attendees</b>	1:30 pm – 3 pm U.S. Eastern Time Zone	11:45 am – 1:15 pm U.S. Eastern Time Zone	11:45 am – 1:15 pm U.S. Eastern Time Zone
<b>Viewing</b>	3 pm – 11:59 pm U.S. Eastern Time Zone	1:15 pm – 11:59 pm U.S. Eastern Time Zone	1:15 pm – 11:59 pm U.S. Eastern Time Zone
<b><i>Beginning Thursday, November 19, registered attendees will have access to all poster presentations through February 28, 2021.</i></b>			

### What is a Poster Presentation?

A poster is a visual presentation of your research or clinical project. Use schematic diagrams, graphs, tables and other strategies to direct the visual attention of the viewer, rather than explaining it using text as you would in a journal article. A poster addresses one central question. State the question or hypothesis clearly in the poster and use your presentation to provide a clear and explicit take-home message.

### Content

Posters usually have a similar structure to a research paper or journal article: an **abstract, introduction** (i.e., brief rationale or review of relevant research), **method** section, **results** section, and a **conclusion** or summary. You may also want to list key **references**. If your poster is more clinically-oriented, you may elect to use a different format, but breaking things down into clear sections with headings will help your colleagues understand your poster easily and quickly.

In the busy environment of a poster session, most people do not have the ability to read and process long sections of text. Therefore, keep text to the bare essentials and focus on the most important ideas.

- Use bullet points to simplify sections like the introduction and conclusions.
- Make effective use of underlines and **boldface**.
- Use graphs and figures whenever possible.
- Make your poster visually pleasing and attractive.
- Include your new abstract presentation number on the upper left corner of your poster.

### Questions?

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