



# In-Person Poster Presentation Instructions

These instructions will help you prepare your printed poster for the Poster Hall at the Hyatt Regency Chicago so that you and your colleagues receive the most benefit from your presentation.

## Poster Hall Location

In-person poster presentations with printed posters will take place in the Riverside Center (Exhibit Hall Level) and Grand Hall GHI (Ballroom Level) in the East Tower of the Hyatt Regency Chicago.

## What will you need?

You will be provided a space **approximately 4 feet high x 4 feet wide (121 cm x 121 cm)** for your printed poster. Prepare your printed poster so that it makes the most of this space, but does not exceed the area. We encourage you to bring 50 copies of a handout of your poster that includes your full contact information so your colleagues have access to your important ideas after the conference. You are not required to bring 50 copies, it is strictly optional.

Bring your own push pins to mount your printed poster. ASTMH will not provide push pins.

**Please note:** Due to fire regulations, we are unable to place any tables or chairs in front of the poster boards, and electrical hook-ups are not allowed.

## New Abstract Presentation Number

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

## Set-Up, Viewing, Presentation and Dismantle Schedule

<i>All times are U.S. Central Time Zone</i>	<b>Poster Session A Thursday, October 19</b> -Presentation #5090 - 5687 -Late-Breaker Abstracts	<b>Poster Session B Friday, October 20</b> -Presentation #5792 - 6403 -Late-Breaker Abstracts	<b>Poster Session C Saturday, October 21</b> -Presentation #6526 - 7112 -Late-Breaker Abstracts
<b>Set-Up</b>	9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
<b>Morning Viewing</b>	10:15 a.m. – Noon	10:15 a.m. – Noon	10:15 a.m. – 11 a.m.
<b>Presentations (Presenters in attendance)</b>	Noon – 1:45 p.m.	Noon – 1:45 p.m.	11 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
<b>Afternoon Viewing</b>	1:45 p.m. – 3 p.m.	1:45 p.m. – 4 p.m.	12:45 p.m. – 3 p.m.
<b>Dismantle</b>	3 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	4 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.	3 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

## Poster Dismantle -- **Important information! Dismantle your poster on time!**

Presenters are responsible for dismantling posters. Posters left behind at the close of the dismantle period will be disposed of and are not the responsibility of ASTMH nor the Hyatt Regency Chicago.

## Submit a Digital ePoster to the Poster Submission Portal

To ensure equity and inclusion and provide access to poster content for Annual Meeting attendees who are unable to attend in person, all in-person poster presenters are expected to upload a digital file of their poster by Wednesday, September 27 for On-Demand viewing in the ePoster Hall Gallery. Digital Poster Presentation Instructions with specifications for preparing your digital poster can be found in the Poster Abstract Session Assignment Letter.

## What is a Poster Presentation?

Your printed 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 and crowded 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. You can convey details via discussion when you are standing by your poster.

## Format

- Bring a printed poster to make your in-person poster presentation.
- Use bullet points to simplify sections like the introduction and conclusions.
- Use large type, such as 36-point type for section headings, and 24-point type for text. Never use type smaller than 18 point for any reason.
- 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 in a large font on the upper left corner of your poster so attendees can easily locate your abstract.

## Questions?

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