AzPA Pharmacy Association Annual Convention Abstract/Poster Contest
Saturday, 6/29/13 – Westin La Paloma, Tucson, AZ

POSTER SESSION REQUIREMENTS

The Arizona Pharmacy Association Annual Pharmacy Convention is excited to include a poster session during the exhibit hall on Saturday, 6/29/13. Individuals interested in presenting a poster must submit a 250-word abstract. Abstracts must be emailed to Laura Tsu at ltsu@midwestern.edu before June 1, 2013. To be eligible to present a poster you must be an AzPA member and be a registered attendant at the meeting. Presenting a poster is a voluntary effort and AzPA cannot pay expenses for participation. The designated representative must be available for questions during poster session. The 1st place contest winners receive $300 and the 2nd place contest winners receive $100.

Posters may cover a variety of topics, including evaluative studies of new services, roles for pharmacists in institutional, community, managed care or ambulatory practices, descriptive reports about therapeutics (case reports), clinical research, outcomes research, or any other innovative reports (i.e. documentation of clinical services, implementation of new management or clinical programs, etc.). Please see required content below. Poster board specifications: 44” (height) x 91” (width).

We also need volunteers to evaluate posters for the awards. If you will not be submitting a poster this year and are interested in being a poster judge, please let us know. Please contact Laura Tsu via ltsu@midwestern.edu for more information.

Required content to be considered for the cash prizes:

ABSTRACT REQUIRED CONTENT
Title
Primary author’s mailing address & email address
250-word maximum
Do not include tables, figures or graphs. Organize the abstract of research presentations as follows: Primary objective, Methods, Results, Conclusions. Each heading should be followed by colon; the headings are strictly enforced.

POSTER REQUIRED CONTENT
Primary objective
Methods
Results
Data
Conclusion
Applicability to pharmacy practice

GUIDANCE
Search the web for “ACCP’s Abstract Writing and Poster Presenting Webinar” for additional details about how to develop an abstract and develop a great poster.

Primary objective
The introductory sentence(s) may be stated as a research hypothesis, purpose, or objective. Alternatively, the sentence may state the current evidence for a particular finding. A hypothesis is a supposition or conjecture used as a basis for further investigations. The purpose is a statement of the reason for conducting a particular project. The objective is the end result that the scientist is trying to achieve by conducting a particular experiment. This part of the abstract should be limited to one to three sentences.
Methods

The methods section is possibly the most difficult section to write in a condensed form as it should be limited to no more than two to three sentences. Briefly describe the objectives and methods of the study, if pertinent. Included in these sentences may be a description of the study population (e.g., human or animal [species]) and outcome variables (e.g., pharmacodynamic or pharmacokinetic variables). Analytical techniques (e.g., HPLC, microbiological assay, in vitro system), as well as frequency and collection procedures for sample procurement, should be described. A brief description of statistical methods used may be included.

Case studies may state over what period the cases were collected and which patient characteristics were used as inclusion and exclusion criteria. For a retrospective trial, the authors may describe enrollment procedures including selection and exclusion criteria.

Results

The results should be stated succinctly to support only the research hypothesis or conclusions made. Most scientists choose a numerical presentation of the results with statistical significance indicated by p-values. Standard deviations, standard errors of the mean, or ranges should be presented where appropriate.

Conclusions

The conclusion(s) should be brief, highlight the impact of the research, and follow the methods and results in a logical fashion. A common mistake is to restate results in this section.