

# Missouri Psychiatric Physicians Association

## Fall Conference Poster Session

### **Poster Guidelines:**

Posters allow the presentation of research information by an individual or representatives of research teams. They may also be used to describe an illustrative case/case series and brief review of the relevant literature.

Posters that have been previously presented within the last year, or that represent work that has been submitted for publication elsewhere will be accepted.

The poster session will be during the MPPA fall conference. At least one author is required to attend and be present throughout the session to discuss the poster with attendees/judges.

Posters will be accepted from the following categories of attendees:

1. Medical Student (trainee)
2. Psychiatry Resident (trainee)
3. Psychiatrist
4. Allied Health Professionals (Nurse practitioner, Physician Assistant, Social Worker, Nurse etc)

### Trainee Posters:

To be considered a Trainee Poster and be eligible for a Trainee Poster Award, a trainee (Resident/Medical Student) must be a substantial contributor to the work, the first author on the abstract, and the presenter of the poster at the APM meeting.

### Poster Format:

Posters are to be 4ft wide x 4ft tall.

The title of the poster should be at the top of the poster, printed in capital letters, and the names of the presenter and co-authors should be printed in the line below it with the degrees of each and the academic affiliation of the presenter (when appropriate).

### **Deadlines:**

- **July 23, 2019: MPPA begins accepting submissions**
- **August 15, 2019: Submissions close**
- **August 31, 2019: Authors informed of acceptance of posters for presentation**
- **September 28, 2019: MPPA Fall conference**

### **Abstract Guidelines:**

Word Limit: 250 words (including references, excluding title and author information)

MPPA recommends the following organization and section headings for oral papers/poster abstracts, but you may supplement these sections with others of your own. Do not include author details in the body of your abstract.

- **Background:** One or two sentences to set the context of your work and justification for why the project was necessary. Refer to published work, e.g. (Levenson, 2011). Full references go at the end of the abstract (see below). The aim should be clearly stated at the end of the background, not in the methods.
- **Methods:** Describe what you did clearly and concisely. If applicable to your work, describe the study design (e.g. randomized controlled trial, cross-sectional survey, etc.); give subject details and how they were recruited; and explain what methods and statistical tests you used. There should be a statement about ethical approval if appropriate.
- **Results:** Write two or three sentences on your main findings. Address the statistical significance of your data.
- **Discussion:** Discuss your findings in a brief narrative, ideally of no more than five sentences. Explain the meaning of your results, or say how they compare with what you expected, or how they compare with other people's work. **Conclusion:** Give your final conclusion(s) in as brief a narrative as possible. Avoid sweeping conclusions that cannot be supported by your findings.
- **References:** In general, an abstract should need no more than 2 or 3 references. These should be cited in the text using the first author's name and year. At the end of the abstract, give the full reference for any publications.

### **Poster Selection Process:**

#### **Poster Session Sub-Committee:**

A subcommittee of the MPPA Scientific Program Committee will review poster abstract submissions.

#### **Poster Selection Criteria:**

Posters will be selected based on the following criteria:

1. Research posters: Importance of question being studied, quality of study design and analysis, clarity of conclusions and discussion.
2. Case Presentations/Case Series: Does the case illustrate an important learning point about a common problem, or describe an unusual case or novel treatment approach? Has the relevant literature been appropriately cited?

Every attempt will be made to support those who submit posters. The committee may suggest revisions or questions to the presenting author to help clarify any questions that might prevent acceptance. In the event of the number of submissions being greater than the available space, preference will be given to trainee submissions and higher quality submissions, as judged by the Sub-Committee members.