

# Research Poster Sessions

## WHAT IS A RESEARCH POSTER SESSION?

The research poster is a presentation of an original research study. Posters incorporate visual media and original data that reflect an area of dental hygiene research significant to the participant or the dental hygiene profession.

The research study used for the poster session should include the following criteria:

1. Purpose of the study or hypothesis tested.
2. Statement of the problem and significance of the study.
3. Brief overview of the methodologies used (such as design, sampling and intervention).
4. Statistical tests employed.
5. Results of the study including statistical data analysis.
6. Conclusion.

As a presenter, you have an opportunity to expand your knowledge in a special area of interest and to arouse curiosity and awareness of others in your profession through your energy and creativity.

## CRITERIA FOR PREPARING YOUR RESEARCH POSTER SESSION

- Clearly define the purpose for the research study.
- State the problem and significance of the study.
- Identify and outline the research methodology (design, sampling and intervention).
- Describe the results, including statistical data analysis.
- Clearly state how the conclusions or findings are supported by the results of the research.
- Practice your presentation with friends and colleagues. Ask for constructive criticism.
- Be prepared for questions and discussions.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR RESEARCH POSTER SESSIONS

***Failure to comply with these rules and regulations will disqualify the clinic from active competition and it will not be judged.***

1. All clinicians must be student members of ADHA at the time of the application deadline to participate in the research poster session during Annual Session. Registered/licensed hygienists are not eligible to participate in the Student Research Poster Sessions. Up to four presenters are allowed for each presentation.

2. Presenters must have been directly involved in conducting the research study presented.

3. Professional attire is required. Uniforms and lab coats are acceptable.

4. No research poster session fee is required.

5. Presentations must not exceed **five** minutes.

6. Advertising matter, commercial promotion, and solicitation of sales of any type are prohibited.

7. Drugs must be identified by their generic or chemical formula, rather than by commercial trade name.

8. Presenters must supply all materials, except the billboard.

9. Charts/posters/diagrams must be constrained to the billboard provided. Note the billboard is 4'x8'. **Do not include dental hygiene program affiliation on any materials.**

10. Research posters will be judged by randomly assigned judges.

11. Handouts are not required for the Research Poster Sessions; however, they are not prohibited. If you choose to provide a handout please do not include dental hygiene program affiliation.

Award will be presented to 1<sup>st</sup> place winner.

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