

# Table Clinics

## WHAT IS A TABLE CLINIC?

A table clinic is an informal table top presentation using oral communication and visual media to inform, clarify, and/or review material on a specific topic. You may call it a mini refresher course.

A table clinic presents useful and timely information in an original, interesting manner. This information may be a technique; theory; service; trend; or expanded opportunity in the practice of dental hygiene and/or the broader realm of oral and systemic health. Your table clinic should be simple and direct with an element of action to stimulate attention and interest.

## CRITERIA FOR PREPARING YOUR TABLE CLINIC

- Determine a theme for your clinic and work toward developing it.
- Research your topic thoroughly and have reference documentation available.
- Be prepared for questions and discussion.
- Practice your best communication skills.
- Use visual aids effectively to reinforce what you are saying.
- Prepare handouts to outline, summarize, or supplement your clinic.
- Practice your presentation with friends and colleagues. Ask for constructive criticism.

REMEMBER: A table clinic is not merely an exhibit of materials.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR TABLE CLINIC PRESENTERS

*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 for the table clinic program during the ODHA Annual Session. Registered/licensed hygienists are not eligible to participate in the Student Table Clinics program. Up to four presenters are allowed for each clinic.
2. A table clinic registration fee is not required.
3. Professional attire is required. Uniforms and lab coats are acceptable.
4. A minimum of **25** handouts must be available and include title of clinic, date and bibliography. Please do not include dental hygiene program affiliation on the handout.
5. All clinics are conducted at individual tables.
6. Only one 6' x 2.5' table will be permitted for each table clinic.
7. Advertising matter, commercial promotion, and solicitation of sales of any type are prohibited.
8. Drugs must be identified by their generic or chemical formula, rather than by commercial trade name.
9. Trade names on products and or instruments must be covered.
10. Clinicians must supply all presentation display equipment, except the table, tablecloth, and clinic identification sign. Order forms for electrical outlets, AV equipment and additional supplies will be forwarded to each accepted presenter. Clinicians requiring additional equipment must place their orders directly with the conference center. Charges for additional equipment are the responsibility of the clinicians.
11. The use of patients or live models for treatment or demonstration purposes is not allowed.
12. The use of sound devices of any type is prohibited.
13. Charts, diagrams and display materials must be limited to the table top and their height must not exceed 48". Easels are not permitted. Display materials are not allowed in the aisles. **Do not include dental hygiene program affiliation on any materials.**
14. Presentations must not exceed **five** minutes.
15. Table clinics will be judged by randomly assigned judges.

Awards will be presented to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners.

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