

ABSTRACT/POSTER GUIDELINES

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You are invited to submit an abstract for poster presentation at the Maryland Dietetic Association (MDA) Annual Meeting. This year's meeting will be held at the Maritime Institute, MD, on April 27, 2012. All abstract submissions are expected to present a poster at the Annual Meeting on Friday, April 27th.

WHAT IS AN ABSTRACT?

An abstract is a brief, written summary (no more than 250 words) of the specific ideas or concepts to be presented, and a statement of their relevance to practice or research.

The following three types of abstracts are presented:

1. Research abstracts include a brief description of the author's original research methodology including design, subject characteristics and procedures, major findings, and conclusions or implications for dietetics practice.
2. Project or program report abstracts contain information about the need or purpose for such a program, project, or tool development; the theory or previous research upon which it is based, or setting for its use, if appropriate; the unique characteristics of the project, program, or tool; the characteristics of subjects or the target audience involved; and the type of evaluation or proposed use for the tool or instrument developed.
3. Case report abstracts include detailed analysis of a person or group with a particular disease or condition, noting characteristics of the disease or condition.

Research abstracts, project or program reports, and case reports in all Learning Need Codes are encouraged.

ABSTRACT GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

1. Provide your name, affiliation, and phone number.
2. Abstracts should be no greater than 250 words in length. Abstracts should be formatted as follows:
 - a. Title:
 - b. Authors(s): first and last name of each author
 - c. Affiliation(s):
 - d. Learning Outcome:
 - e. Text:
 - i. For research abstract, include introduction, methods, results and conclusions.
 - ii. For case report abstract, include introduction, case presentation, management and outcome, and discussion.
 - f. Funding Disclosure
3. Abstracts may have been previously published, printed, or presented before the 2011 MDA Annual Meeting.
4. Abstracts will be accepted from MDA members and non-members. More than one abstract submission per author is permitted.
6. Indicate the type of abstract: research abstract, project or program report abstract, or case study abstract.
7. Submit electronically to Dr. Meena Somanchi (drsomanchimda@gmail.com)
8. Abstract deadline is March 26, 2012.

POSTER

Poster presentations offer content using charts, graphs, illustrations, and/or photographs. Posters allow for informal, one-on-one or small-group discussions with the presenter about the issue, problem, project, or research addressed in the poster.

POSTER GUIDELINES

1. Posters must be mounted to a flat or tri-fold poster board. Presenters must provide their own freestanding foam board that will fit on a 3'x6' table, or a flat foam board that can rest on an easel, provided by presenter.
2. Presenters are expected to give a 2-3 minute presentation of poster to those showing interest in poster.
3. Presenters are required to attend the Annual Meeting and be present throughout the assigned session.
4. Poster layout:
 - a. Title and Authors with their affiliations should be mounted at the top of the poster.
 - b. Sections should be arranged to lead the eye from top to bottom and then left to right, with the most important material at eye level.
 - c. Use charts, graphs, illustrations, and photographs to portray data as appropriate.
 - d. Use color to provide visual interest. However, red and green on the same poster should be avoided, since about 5% of the population is red/green colorblind. Also, be sure color selections enhance readability.
 - e. Text should be easily read from 2 feet away.
5. Handouts may be distributed at the meeting.

6. Presenters are responsible for expenses incurred for their presentation, for paying the appropriate meeting registration fee for the day they are scheduled to present, plus all personal expenses, travel, etc.