

REVIEW PROCESS

The MDA Poster Award of Excellence recognizes quality posters at the MDA Annual Meeting. All “blind” abstracts are peer-reviewed by a panel of three or more MDA dietetics professionals. Reviewers may not score/evaluate any abstract with which they have affiliation, prior knowledge, or personal commitment. Priority will be given to original research abstracts. Abstracts are evaluated on the following:

- Research Abstracts are reviewed on the basis of the following: introduction (focus, clarity, clear statement of purpose of research); methods (adequacy of research design and analysis to meet objectives); results (summary of data, results, and evidence is included and is consistent with research objectives); and conclusions (scientifically sound, valid interpretation of the results).
- Program or Project Report Abstracts are reviewed on the basis of the following: relevance (clear purpose stated, appropriateness, timeliness, audience intrigue); priority (recognized precedent; cutting-edge concern); originality (uniqueness of topic or format); and synthesis (evaluation of report results, findings, or applications).
- Case Report Abstracts are reviewed on the basis of the following: introduction (context of the case); case presentation (history and results of examinations, working diagnosis); management and outcome (course of patient’s complaint, any outcome measures, progression of condition); discussion (correlations and inconsistencies, lessons to be learned).

The posters of the top five abstracts will be judged and the winners chosen during the MDA poster session on April 27th. The winners will be announced at the Meeting on April 27th. In addition, an announcement of the award will appear on the MDA website and in the Chesapeake Lines.

The first place winner receives \$100 and a Certificate of Achievement.

The first runner-up is awarded \$50.

Monetary prizes will be awarded to the first author; sharing of the monetary award will be at the discretion of the first author.

Posters will be evaluated on the following criteria: use of headings and subheadings; legibility of the text (can text be read from 2 feet away?); flow (uncluttered and easy to follow); use and quality of graphs and charts; and appearance (neat and proportional). Poster presentations also will be judged on oral presentation and discussion by the presenters (easy for the audience to comprehend, knowledge of the subject matter).

For additional information on abstract writing and poster session displays, refer to “Getting Your Abstract Accepted: The Key to Success!” by Melinda M. Manore, pages 1410-1411, December 2001 issue of the Journal of the American Dietetic Association, available at www.adajournal.org.

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