

CALL FOR RESEARCH ABSTRACTS FOR THE 2010 ANNUAL MPTA CONFERENCE



Last year's research poster and platform presentations were a great success. We plan to be even better this year. The MPTA Institute for Education and Research, Inc. encourages you to share your research findings at the 2010 Annual MPTA Conference, October 15th-16th, 2010. Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants are invited to present their research findings with a poster or platform presentation at the 2010 Annual MPTA Conference. Research posters that have recently been presented at other conferences are also welcomed. As with last year, there is an award (\$75) for the best clinician/academician poster and an award (\$75) for the best student research poster. The credential of the first author determines whether this is a student or clinician poster. In addition to the posters, nine platform presentations will take place.

Abstract Submission Instructions:

Your abstract must meet all the requirements listed below to be considered for review:

1. PREPARING THE ABSTRACT

- All abstracts must be typewritten or printed single-spaced with one inch margins, a 12-point font (Times Roman)
- Do not center the title
- Immediately following the title, type each author's last name and initials. Do not include titles or degrees. Underline the name of the one author who will present the poster.
- Immediately after the author name(s), place a semicolon, and then type in the name of the facility or university in which the work being reported was conducted, and the city and state where the facility or university is located. Leave one blank line between this identifying information and the text of your abstract.
- Limit the abstract to one page (8.5 x 11 inches). If graphs or charts are included with the abstract all must fit within the margins.
- The content of the abstract must follow the form and sequence outlined below:

TITLE OF STUDY IN BOLD AND CAPITAL LETTERS. Author 1 (last name, initials), author 2, author 3, etc; Facility/University, City, State, leave a line as space. **INTRODUCTION/ CLINICAL RELEVANCE:** Introductory sentence(s) of why this research question is important for clinical practice followed by an explicit purpose or hypothesis statement. **METHODS:** Specify research design. Subjects: Describe the number and relevant characteristics of sample. Methods/Procedures: including instruments used in data collection. Statistical Analysis: statistical tests used and alpha level. **RESULTS:** Briefly summarize the results that relate to the purpose(s) of the study. **DISCUSSION:** Briefly discuss the results that relate to the purpose(s) of the study. **CONCLUSIONS:** Summarize important results and state the conclusions from your results indicating the clinical relevance of the findings. **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.**

2. ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

- All submissions will be taken electronically only. Submit your abstract and all identifying information (in MS Word). Also submit a blinded abstract without identifying information that will be used by the review committee. One original abstract with identifying information will be printed, as submitted, in the conference supplement. Please check spelling and grammar and make sure the original abstract is clear and legible.
- With submission of the abstract include a cover memo listing the full names and titles of each author. Please include an address and telephone number where you can be reached during the summer months (June-August). Include also an email address where you can be reached.
- Specify whether this is a poster or platform submission and whether you are willing to accept assignment to either a poster or platform. Specifications of the poster will be emailed to you during the Summer, if you are accepted for a poster presentation. A sample abstract can be sent to you or if you have any questions regarding abstract format contact Lynn Millar, PT, PhD, Research Committee by phone (269-471-3588) or email lmillar@andrews.edu

- Please save your abstract as follows: Last name of first author, followed by the word “poster” or “platform” eg. Goldberg poster, or Jones platform.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Friday, June 18, 2010.

Submit electronic copies (only) of abstracts and cover letter to: Lynn Millar, PT, PhD at lmillar@andrews.edu

You will be notified by e-mail letter by August 27, 2010 regarding your presentation and provided with further instructions for your presentation.