



## RESEARCH POSTER INSTRUCTIONS

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### **CALL FOR RESEARCH POSTERS**

A Call for Research Posters is being issued for presentation at the 2025 DAFP Annual Meeting. This event will provide an opportunity to exhibit a clinical or research project to our DAFP family physicians attending this event. The research must be of interest and educational value to the specialty of family medicine.

***Anyone wishing to submit a research poster must be registered to attend the 2025 DAFP Annual Meeting***

DAFP will provide recognition awards to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place posters.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Membership in DAFP for the primary or secondary author
- Original clinical inquiries, community projects, educational programs, or research that has been completed in the past 2 years are eligible for presentation
- The work must have been conducted by a DAFP Physician member, Resident member, or Medical Student member, with "Student" and "Resident" defined as the status of the investigator when most of the work was done.

***Please do not submit previously published papers.***

To become a member of DAFP, please go to <https://www.aafp.org/membership/join.html>

### **CATEGORIES**

**Research** – Summarize the results of a well-defined basic or clinical research project, including a hypothesis, dependent and independent variables, tests for measures of association, succinct discussion of data, etc. All work should be original. Projects may involve observational or interventional studies.

**Clinical Inquiry/Vignette** – Present a clinical scenario with discussion of an actual patient presentation or review current evidence-based recommendations for a clinical topic. A clinical case presentation must include an introduction, case description, and discussion of current practice guidelines for the management of the patient. An evidence-based review need not be based on an actual patient presentation but must provide a systematic review of the current best research evidence to answer a clinical question. The presentation should provide an evidence-based answer on a topic relevant to family medicine in common everyday practice and include an evidence summary, recommendations from others, and clinical commentary. For a current list of AAFP resources visit <http://www.aafp.org/cme/faculty/resources.html#ebcme>.

**Community Project** – Describe personal experience working on a community-based initiative to improve the health of a specific population (e.g., providing adolescent AIDS education, working with school nurses to develop asthma action plans, establishing a health care for the homeless program, etc.). Student/Resident applicant(s) must have served in a leadership role in the planning and execution of the project. The description should include an evaluation of the project.

**Educational Program** – Describe an educational program or curricular innovation that has been evaluated for its impact on medical student or resident training. Student/Resident applicant(s) must have played a substantive role in the creation, implementation and/or evaluation of the target program. This may have been done in collaboration with faculty. An applicant(s) needs to state specifically the role they played in the program.

## **OBJECTIVE OF THE POSTER SESSIONS**

The purpose of the poster session is to stimulate interest in Family Medicine research and to provide an opportunity for the program participants to become acquainted with your specific study quickly and easily. The Poster Session is also an opportunity to engage in networking with fellow physicians.

## **ETHICAL CONSIDERATION**

The material presented must be up-to-date and presented in an ethical manner. Comparisons of efficacy, contraindications, modes of administration, etc. between competitive products should be fully presented. Editorial conclusions should be made with ethical restraint. If the poster deals with a pharmaceutical product, medical device or any product that is sold on the open market, the content of the poster must not be promotional. If applicable, please provide a copy of your letter of approval from your Institutional Review Board (IRB), confirming that you have designed your project so as to protect the rights and welfare of your research subjects.

## **DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

If financial support has been provided for the preparation of the poster, it must be indicated on the application form. The AAFP, as well as the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), requires all presenters to sign a disclosure statement indicating whether or not financial support was provided. The disclosure statement must be submitted with the application. Failure to disclose financial support will result in the application being disqualified.

## **POSTER CONTENT**

The primary and/or secondary author must be the presenter of the poster or the person(s) responsible for the content, arrangement, and presentation of the data on the poster. Commercial product names should not be used in the poster title or body of the poster. Only generic names of drugs and other products may be used in the abstract poster presentation. The first use of the generic name may be marked by an asterisk with the trade name as a footnote at the bottom of the poster. All generic designations of competitive products should be equal in emphasis. Company logos should not be used in any part of the poster. If financial support has been received, a credit line indicating support must be included at the bottom of the poster.

## **POSTER SIZE AND MATERIAL**

Poster dimensions should be no larger than 3.5' high x 6' wide' (horizontal), or vice-versa, and produced on a sturdy heavy-weight cardboard or foamcore stock so it can be displayed on an easel. Lamination may be necessary. The author is responsible for the printing, posting and dismantling of their poster. **Posters left on-site at the end of the presentation period will be discarded.**

## **POSTER DESIGN TIPS**

Include the title of your poster and authors. Posters typically use six panels to explain the research project. Design your poster to highlight the major points of your research. Major components of an effective poster presentation include:

1. Statement of the problem
2. Materials and methods
3. Results
4. Conclusion and/or recommendations.

Typically, one panel each is required for the problem, methods, and conclusion. As many as three to four panels may be used showing graphs or figures depicting results.

Other suggested formats include:

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| 1. Research objective | 5. Conclusions                                   |
| 2. Study design       | 6. Implications for policy, delivery or practice |
| 3. Population studied | 7. Primary funding source.                       |
| 4. Principal findings | 8. Use the format best suited to your study.     |

**Graphics:** Remember that the presentation is primarily a visual one so make maximum use of figures, graphs, diagrams, and flow charts on the panels used.

- Use graphs to clarify and emphasize the key relationships between figures. Be sure graphs are precise, clearly labeled and placed near the companion text.
- Select the type of chart that best illustrates your point. For example, pie charts compare relative parts that make up a whole, and line charts are ideal for depicting trends over time.
- If using tables, make sure columns and rows are easily read.

**Arrangement:** Design the flow of information from left to right. Number each panel of your poster so sequence for viewing is clear to viewer. Be sure the connection of ideas and progression of thought is clear from one panel of the poster to another. Use a minimum of text. As a general rule, the total length of text for a poster presentation should not exceed 25 lines.

### **AWARDS**

Posters will be displayed at the 2025 DAFP Annual Meeting. Posters will be judged by a volunteer DAFP member committee on the following criteria:

- Originality
- Quality and clarity
- Organization
- Creativity of presentation
- Scientific merit
- Relevance to family medicine

- **Bonus:** Relevance to Family Medicine and Technology (Conference theme)

**Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:**

Practicing Physician <i>1st place</i>	\$100	Practicing Physician <i>2nd place</i>	\$75	Practicing Physician <i>3rd place</i>	\$50
Resident <i>1st place</i>	\$100	Resident <i>2nd place</i>	\$75	Resident <i>3rd Place</i>	\$50

Student members receive certificates of merit.

### **GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION**

Applications should be reviewed and approved by your institution's program director(s) and/or program faculty. To help DAFP prepare, please provide a 50-word abstract (description) of your poster. The description should be brief, factual, and non-commercial. Include title and all authors, as well as accurate contact information for the primary author. Email your abstract to [Candida@delfamdoc.org](mailto:Candida@delfamdoc.org) no later than April 1, 2025. You will receive confirmation from DAFP that your abstract has been received.

**Poster Setup, Visitation and Staffing:** Posters may be set up on Saturday, May 17, between 7:00am – 7:30am at the Margaret H. Rollins School of Nursing at Beebe Healthcare located at 424 Savannah Rd, Lewes, DE 19958. Poster judging will take place between 11:45am and 12:30pm on May 17 (authors are asked to stand by their posters during this time). Posters will remain on display until the conclusion of the conference at 5:00pm.