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Poster Abstract Criteria

All submitted poster abstracts will be reviewed according to the criteria below. The deadline to submit a poster abstract is **November 13, 2023.**

The top scoring posters will be invited to share their findings during a 12-minute Poster Oral Presentation at the SGNA Annual Course!

Education Poster Criteria:	Evidence-based Practice/Research Criteria:
Each Education poster abstract will be evaluated according to the following areas for presentation at the Annual Course: - **Content:** Relevant to current GI nursing and endoscopy practice. Based on current best practices. Focused on key issues or trends. - **Clarity:** Title and abstract clearly describe the poster. - **Importance:** Depth, focus, level of audience interest. - **Applicability:** Content applicable to diverse tracks and practice settings (Levels: Novice through Expert; Settings: Hospital, ASC, Office; Roles: Nurse, Technician, Manager) - **Writing and aesthetics:** Clearly and professionally written (spelling, punctuation, grammar). - **Commercial Content:** Existence of brand names and/or the mention of specific products as the focus of the poster.	Evidence-based Practice/Research poster abstracts may be submitted for completed studies or those at least in the data collection phase that will be completed prior to the SGNA Annual Course. Evidence-based Practice/Research Poster Abstracts **must** include the following: - **Background/Framework:** State the aim, objective, or purpose of the study, briefly describe the problem that the research is designed to solve, provide the theoretical basis (if any) that justifies the approach. - **Significance/Purpose**: Demonstrate significance to gastroenterology nursing. - **Methodology**: Provide detailed instructions for completing the investigation. - **Results:** Describe results of the study. - **Conclusions/Implications:** Describe plans for data analysis and demonstrate how the analysis relates to the hypotheses or research questions. For Evidence-based Practice, did the practice change as a result? - **Clarity:** Title and abstract clearly describe the poster content. - **Writing and aesthetics:** Clearly and professionally written (spelling, punctuation, grammar). - **Commercial Content:** Existence of brand names and/or the mention of specific products as the focus of the poster.

Tips for Writing a Successful Poster Abstract

Writing a successful poster abstract may seem a daunting task but it doesn't need to be. You have exceptional practices and ideas and we encourage you to share them with your colleagues! The SGNA Annual Course provides a forum for this type of collaboration.

In an effort to assist you with this endeavor, please note the following tips for submitting a successful abstract:

1. Review the SGNA abstract criteria BEFORE you submit the abstract. Contact SGNA Headquarters at info@sgna.org with any questions or clarification you may need.
2. Develop the abstract in another document and review before attempting to enter the information.
3. Keep it concise; the abstract should provide major points and key content your poster will address.
4. Address the following: Why this topic? What is the purpose of this poster? What are the main findings? What is the key take home message(s) for the poster viewer?
5. References should be recent (at least within the past 5 years, 3 years is preferable).
6. Solicit the expertise of a trusted colleague and have them review the abstract to ensure its clarity.
7. Review the submission for any typos, punctuation and grammatical inconsistencies.
8. Limit the abstract to 200 words.

Frequently Asked Questions

I am employed by an ineligible company*. Can I still submit a poster abstract?

Yes, you may still submit a poster abstract. However, if an author (even one author out of multiple) is employed by an ineligible company*, the content of the poster is not eligible to be reviewed for nursing contact hours.

*Ineligible companies are organizations that are not eligible for accreditation (e.g., device manufacturers or distributors, pharmaceutical companies, reagent manufacturers of sellers).

The owners and employees of ineligible companies are considered to have unresolvable financial relationships and must be excluded from participating as planners or faculty, and must not be allowed to influence or control any aspect of the planning, delivery, or evaluation of accredited continuing education, except in the limited circumstances.

If my poster is accepted and I want to display it at the conference, do I have to register for the conference?

If your poster is accepted, you do not have to register for the conference to display it in the Poster Center. If your poster is a top scoring poster and you are selected for poster oral presentation, you do not have to register for the conference to present.

If my poster is accepted, how will I know where to hang my poster at the conference?

Each accepted poster is assigned a 'code' upon acceptance. The codes include a category i.e., E=Education, R=Research and I=Industry and a number. You will get a letter and a number assigned to your poster. (Example Code: E10, indicates that it's an Education Poster, and its number is 10).

Can I ship my poster to the convention center ahead of time?

There are no staff available to accept personal shipments at the site of the Annual Course. SGNA recommends presenters ship the poster to their hotel room and carry it to the convention center.

I'm not sure if my abstract should be submitted as Education or Research/Evidence-Based Practice. What should I do?

Contact SGNA (info@sgna.org) for further clarification.