2021 Scientific Poster Abstracts
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. When/where is AAPM 2021?
AAPM 2021 will be held February 3-7 in Phoenix, AZ, at the Phoenix Convention Center. A block of rooms will be held at The Renaissance Phoenix Downtown Hotel, until mid-January, at a special group rate.

2. Who can submit a Scientific Poster Abstract?
Only lead authors may submit Scientific Poster Abstracts. Lead authors must alert all authors named on a given abstract in advance of submission, including the individual who will present the poster onsite.

3. What information do I need to include with my Scientific Poster Abstracts submission?
Abstract title and category, lead author contact information, bio, photo, and disclosures; co-author names and emails; and 250-word-maximum abstract text body, with up to three references, are required for submission. Funding of the project also must be listed. AAPM will not accept any previously published, previously accepted for publication, or previously presented abstracts (see #7).

4. What information should I include in my Scientific Poster Abstracts abstract text body?
We encourage you to consider using the STROBE recommendations in structuring and preparing your abstract. Recommended abstract format: Introduction/Statement of the Problem, Materials and Methods, Results, and Conclusions. A statement regarding the protocol used to recruit human subjects and obtain appropriate IRB approval should be included in the Materials and Methods section.

5. What are the clinical categories for Scientific Poster Abstract submissions?
Basic science, epidemiology/healthcare policy/education, pharmacology, procedures, psychosocial, rehabilitation, translational.

6. Can my scientific poster abstract promote a commercial product?
Generally, abstracts submitted for Scientific Poster Abstracts must free of commercial bias. Any information regarding commercial products must be based on generally accepted scientific methods. Any discussion of pharmaceuticals or devices will use generic names, when possible, and will be in the context of a review of the full range of therapeutic options. These abstracts will undergo a committee-based review process.

However, Scientific Poster Abstracts which are submitted on behalf of a commercial interest (e.g., any entity producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing health care goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients) will incur a $2500 fee invoiced under separate cover. This fee includes one Annual Conference registration. Scientific Poster Abstracts submitted by or on behalf of commercial interests are automatically accepted and will be featured in a unique space within the AAPM Resource Center.
(Exhibit Hall) and will not be intermingled with Scientific Poster Abstracts that have NOT been submitted on behalf of a commercial interest.

7. Can I submit a Scientific Poster Abstract that has been previously published?
   No. AAPM will not accept any previously published, previously accepted for publication, or previously presented Scientific Poster Abstracts. Abstracts must summarize an original contribution and must not have been presented, published, or submitted for presentation or publication elsewhere.

8. Can I submit a Scientific Poster Abstract if I represent or want to submit on behalf of a commercial interest (e.g., any entity producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing health care goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients.)?
   Yes. There is a $2500 fee for Scientific Poster Abstracts submitted by or on behalf of commercial interests which will be invoiced under separate cover. This fee includes one Annual Conference registration. Scientific Poster Abstracts submitted by or on behalf of commercial interests are automatically accepted and will be featured in a unique space within the AAPM Resource Center (Exhibit Hall.)

9. My project was funded. What should I do?
   Please list any funding received for the research your abstract represents.

10. Can I include charts, graphics, or images on any of my posters?
     Yes. Charts, graphics, or images up to 15MB in size may be included in your submission for review committee consideration only. Images will not appear alongside the abstract if published in Pain Medicine.

11. Do I have to present my findings in person?
     Yes. Currently, AAPM is still planning for live presentations of posters in 2021. We will alert selected authors if plans are modified amid our rapidly changing healthcare environment. By submitting a Scientific Poster Abstract intended for 2021, you are agreeing that you, or a co-author designated by you at the time of submission, will present the abstract in poster form during the Annual Meeting. Poster presenters must register for the entire Annual Meeting and are responsible for all expenses incurred in registering for, traveling to, and attending the Annual Meeting.

12. Does AAPM present any poster awards?
     Yes. The Scientific Poster Abstract Committee may select up to 6 abstract submitters to present their research during a live educational session at AAPM 2021. Winning abstract faculty are entitled to all benefits provided to Annual Meeting speakers. Other types of awards may also be granted within the purview of the review committee.

13. My research is not quite ready for submission. Will there be another opportunity to submit an abstract for the 2021 Annual Meeting?
     Yes. AAPM will open a call for Late-Breaking Abstracts in mid-November. Late-Breaking Abstract submissions are limited to highly significant and newsworthy research abstracts unavailable at the time of the original 2021 Call for Scientific Poster Abstracts. Patient-specific case studies & case reports cannot be submitted as Late-Breaking Abstracts.

14. When/where will I present my poster?
     Scientific posters are typically displayed in the AAPM Resource Center Thursday through Saturday of the Annual Meeting. A specific 2021 poster presentation schedule will be shared with presenting authors.
15. Will my abstract be published?
Currently, only abstracts that are presented in-person, in poster form, during AAPM 2021 will be published in *Pain Medicine*. AAPM will maintain the copyright for all abstracts published in *Pain Medicine*.

16. What if I need to withdraw my abstract and/or change presenter after submission?
Contact AAPM Director of Education, Jennifer Westlund, immediately.

17. I have a question not answered above, who should I contact?
Contact AAPM Member Services by email or by phone at 847-375-4731 during normal business hours.