Missouri Psychiatric Physicians Association

Poster Submission Form

Guidelines

Posters allow the presentation of research information by an individual or representatives of research teams. They may also be used to describe an illustrative case/case series and brief review of the relevant literature.

Posters that have been previously presented within the last year, or that represent work that has been submitted for publication elsewhere will be accepted.

Posters will be accepted from the following categories of attendees:

1. Medical Student
2. Psychiatry Resident
3. Psychiatry Fellows
4. Medical Graduate applying for Residency

Format

- ◊ The title of the poster should be on the poster, along with the names of the presenter/co-authors with the degrees of each
- ◊ Max poster size is 36" x 48" or picture for computer
- ◊ Must be a tabletop poster, If an easel is needed, you will need to provide your own

Deadlines

July 15: MPPA Begins Accepting Poster Submissions
AUGUST 31: SUBMISSIONS CLOSE
Sept. 10: Poster Judging (virtually by subcommittee)
Sept. 26: MPPA Fall Conference and Poster Awards

Abstract Guidelines

The word limit is 250 words (including references, excluding title and author information). MPPA recommends the following organization and section headings for oral papers/poster abstracts, but you may supplement these sections with others of your own. Do not include author details in the body of your abstract.

- ⇒ **BACKGROUND:** One or two sentences to set the context of your work and justification for why the project was necessary. Refer to published work, e.g. (Levenson, 2011). Full references go to the end of the abstract (see below). The aim should be clearly stated at the end of the background, not in the methods.
- ⇒ **METHODS:** Describe what you did clearly and concisely. If applicable to your work, describe the study design (e.g. randomized controlled trial, cross-sectional survey, etc.); give subject details and how they were recruited; and explain what methods and statistical tests you used. There should be a statement about ethical approval if appropriate.
- ⇒ **RESULTS:** Write two or three sentences on your main findings. Address the statistical significance of your data.
- ⇒ **DISCUSSION:** Discuss your findings in a brief narrative, ideally of no more than five sentences. Explain the meaning of your results, or say how they compare with what you expected, or how they compare with other people's work. Conclusion: Give your final conclusion(s) in as brief a narrative as possible. Avoid sweeping conclusions that cannot be supported by your findings.
- ⇒ **REFERENCES:** In general, an abstract should need no more than 2 or 3 references. These should be cited in the text using the first author's name and year. At the end of the abstract, give the full reference for any publications.

Selection Process

A subcommittee of the MPPA Program Committee will review poster abstract submissions. The top 10 posters will be invited to display during the Fall Conference. Poster presenters invited to present during the Fall Conference will be given $125 per poster to help offset travel expenses. Cash prize awards given during the Fall Conference will be awarded to the top 3 posters; First Prize: $300, Second Prize: $250, Third Prize: $200.

Posters will be selected based on the following criteria:

- ◊ **RESEARCH POSTERS -** Importance of question being studied, quality of study design and analysis, clarity of conclusions and discussion.
- ◊ **CASE PRESENTATIONS/CASE SERIES** - Does the case illustrate an important learning point about a common problem, or describe an unusual case or novel treatment approach? Has the relevant literature been appropriately cited?

Every attempt will be made to support those who submit posters. The committee may suggest revisions or questions to the presenting author to help clarify any questions that might prevent acceptance.

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Poster Title:

Author Contact Information:

Name	Title
Organization	
Address	City, State Zip
Email	Phone

Additional Authors (*names, degrees, etc*):

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I have submitted all the information as if it were to be printed in the conference materials. If accepted for presentation, I give permission for this abstract to be printed in the conference materials and possibly other MPPA publications.

❑ Yes, include my Poster Abstract and Information.

Poster judging will take place virtually prior to the Fall Conference and awards will be given during the conference on Saturday, September 26, 2026, at the Wyndham Executive Center in Columbia, Missouri.

In the event that there are not enough participants, Missouri Psychiatric Physicians Association reserves the right to cancel the Poster Session at any time.

SUBMISSION FORM AND ABSTRACTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2026,
to MPPA by email at missouripsych@gmail.com.
Please include your POSTER ABSTRACT (250 word limit) on a separate document.
For questions call Sandra Boeckman, Executive Director, MPPA at 573-635-5070.