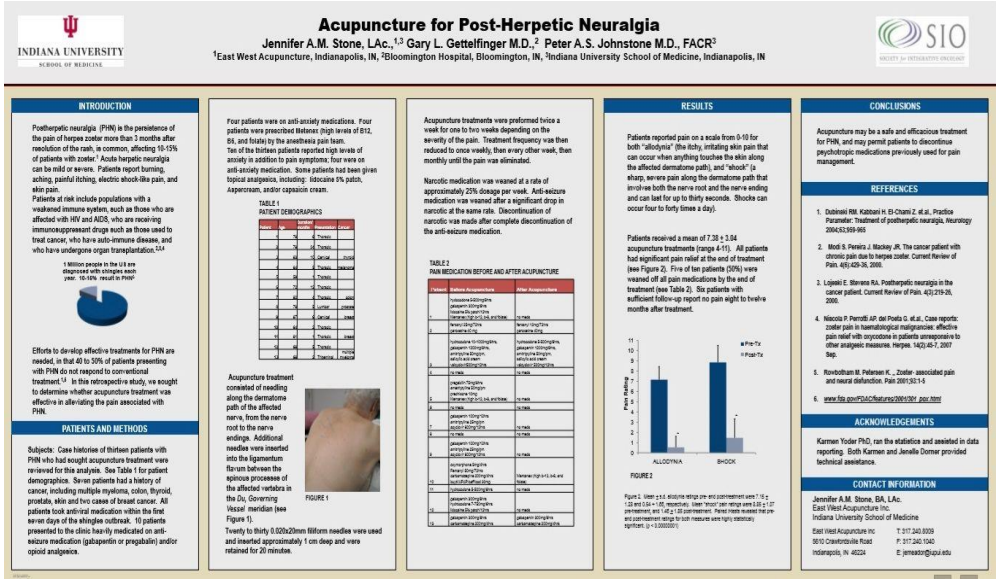
Scientific Posters

Scientific posters are widely used in the academic community. Research conferences routinely host poster presentations for researchers to publicize their work and get feedback from their colleagues.



1. Abstracts are due approximately 6 months prior to the date of the conference. Abstract should be written in scientific format and include objective, methods, results, conclusions. Be sure to read the conference "call for abstracts" for font, word limit, and other instructions.
2. You will receive confirmation that your abstract has been received for a poster along with guidelines on size requirements and additional instructions. To prepare your poster, download a free online poster template. It will download to Power Point for editing. Links to poster templates, guidelines for poster preparation and other scientific writing resources are on the Meridians: JAOM website in the Author Resources section. The poster template will have tips and instructions in it. See http://www.meridiansjaom.com/ and http://www.postersession.com/poster-templates.php Poster presenters are not given compensation or free registration.
3. Get your poster printed at least a week before the conference. The poster template website you use will have printing options and prices. Poster printing is usually $35-$60, depending on size and paper choices. The completed poster will be mailed to you. Most airline carriers allow scientific posters to be carried on even though they exceed the carry-on size limit; you can check on this with your airline. In special situations the poster can be mailed directly to the conference hotel, but this is not recommended because there are often hundreds of posters being presented at a conference.
4. When you arrive at the conference, you will be instructed where and when to hang your poster, (push pins will be provided) and you will be given a specific presentation time. During your presentation time, you and other poster presenters will stand by your posters to answer questions and network with colleagues.

Tips: The poster title (different from your research paper title) should be short and draw interest. Poster text should be 400-800 words—large enough to read at 3 feet. Get creative with graphics, color and font. Look online at other posters that interest you—what attracts you to read these? Include all authors' names and affiliations under the title, your name and contact information, and any acknowledgements in the last panel following references. Include 4-8 references. Normally the conference logo and the authors' university logo are displayed in the top left and right corners. Common poster topics include: case studies, case series, protocol design of new study, reporting partial data of a study still recruiting, reporting data of a completed study.