

**American Physical Therapy Association's
Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy Annual Conference
November 13-15, 2020**

Poster Presenter Information

PRESENTATION DATES:

As the committee shifts gears to hold the conference virtually this year, we will communicate details about presenting virtually in the coming months.

REGISTRATION

ALL poster presenters MUST be registered to attend APPTAC 2020. Registration fees are NOT waived for poster presentations.

POSTER FORMATTING INFORMATION

Formatting suggestions for a virtual poster will be communicated in the coming months.

Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy PDF Logo:

The APPT has a “Research Supported By” PDF logo that is intended for use by recipients of APPT research awards to include in their presentations or to use on their posters. If you received funding from the APPT for your research, go to www.pediatricapta.org and click on Research & Awards under Members (you’ll be prompted to log on to the website – APTA member number only in the first line, last name with first letter capitalized in the second).

SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR PREPARING EFFECTIVE POSTERS
(Adapted from the Society for Neuroscience)

A poster should be self-contained and self-explanatory, allowing different viewers to proceed on their own while leaving the author free to discuss points raised in inquiry. The poster session offers an intimate forum for discussion, but discussion becomes difficult if the author is obliged to devote most of the time explaining the poster to a succession of viewers. Remember that the time spent at each poster is determined by the viewer, not the author, as in the case of slide presentations. An effective poster is neither a page-by-page printout of a journal paper nor a slide show, but balances figures and text.

Planning and Layout: For effective use of space, consider organizing illustrations and text using a grid plan. Arrange materials in columns rather than rows. It is easier for viewers to scan a poster by moving systematically along it rather than by zig-zagging back and forth in front of it. Place your most significant findings at eye level immediately below the title bar and the supporting data and/or text in the lower panels. Use line borders to separate areas. You may want to group logically consistent sections or columns of the poster on backgrounds of the same color. Background colors should be muted.

Title & Illustrations: Prepare a banner for the top of the poster indicating the abstract title, author(s), and affiliation(s), and the session number of the abstract. Lettering should be at least 1-inch high. Figures should be designed to be viewed from a distance and should use clear, visible graphics and large

type. Color can be effective if used sparingly. Although each figure should illustrate no more than one or two major points, figures need not be simple. The main points should be clear without extended viewing, but detail can be included for the aficionado. The sequence of illustrations should be indicated with numbers or letters at least 1-inch high. (Omit "Fig." or "Figure"; it is unnecessary and occupies too much space.)

Text: Each figure or table should have a heading of one or two lines in very large type stating the "take-home" message. Additional essential information should be provided below in a legend set in 16-point or larger type. Minimize narrative. Text that would normally appear in the body (Results and Discussion) of a manuscript can be integrated in figure legends. It should describe concisely not only the content of the figure but also the conclusions that are derived. Details of methodology should be brief and should be placed at the end of each legend. Use large type in short, separated paragraphs with unjustified (ragged right) margins. Numbered or bulleted lists are effective ways to convey a series of points. Do not set entire paragraphs in all capitals or boldface type. An introduction should be placed at the upper left and a conclusion at the lower right, both in large type. It is rarely necessary to post a copy of the abstract. NO advertisement of service or product may be advertised.