



## CALL FOR RESEARCH ABSTRACTS FOR THE 2019 ANNUAL MPTA CONFERENCE

The MPTA Institute for Education and Research invites PT's, PTA's, PT students, and PTA students to present their research findings as a poster or as a platform presentation at the 2019 MPTA Fall Conference. Research posters or platforms that have recently been presented at other conferences are welcome. The credential of the first author should designate whether the poster/platform is student- or academician/clinician-driven.

**MPTA Research Day, Friday, November 1, 2019**  
**Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, 187 Monroe Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503**

### **Abstract Submission Instructions:**

#### **1. SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Friday, May 17, 2019.**

Submit a cover letter and two electronic copies of the abstract (one not-blinded, and one blinded, see directions below) to: Laurie Stickler, PT, DHS at [sticklel@gvsu.edu](mailto:sticklel@gvsu.edu).

#### **2. PREPARING THE COVER LETTER**

a. **Please indicate under which of the following categories your abstract is being submitted:**

\_\_\_\_ **Professional Research Report** [The majority of the project was conducted by a PT or PTA who has earned 1<sup>st</sup> author assignment]

\_\_\_\_ **Student Research Report** [A PT or PTA student or student group conducted the majority of the project and has earned the 1<sup>st</sup> author assignment]

\_\_\_\_ **Case Report** [Conducted by a PT or PTA student, PT, or PTA]

b. **Please list the following:**

- Full names, credentials, titles and email address of each author.
- Address and phone number of the first author (reachable May-August).
- For student lead authors, include your faculty mentor's name and email address.

c. **Please indicate your requested presentation format:**

\_\_\_\_ Platform preferred but willing to do poster.

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\_\_\_Platform only.

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\*\*Presenters may present a maximum of 2 posters.

### 3. PREPARING THE ABSTRACT

\*\*All abstracts for both platform and poster presentations are blinded during the committee review process. Therefore, we are asking that you submit 1) an abstract with author names, institution(s), and funding sources included (**not-blinded**) and 2) a copy of your abstract with author names, institution(s), and funding sources removed (**blinded**).

#### **In order to be considered for review, your abstract must meet all of the requirements listed below:**

- All abstracts must be typewritten, single-spaced with one inch margins, and 12-point font (Times New Roman)
- Do not center the title.
- Limit the abstract to **one page** (8.5 x 11 inches). If graphs or charts are included with the abstract, they must fit within the margins.

#### **The title/authors for ALL abstracts should be as follows:**

- **TITLE OF STUDY IN BOLD AND CAPITAL LETTERS.**
- Author 1 (last name, initials), author 2, author 3, etc; Underline the name of the one author who will present the poster or platform. Do not include titles or degrees.
- Immediately after the author name(s), place a semicolon, and then type in the name of the facility or university in which the work being reported was conducted, and the city and state where the facility or university is located. If more than one facility/university, please use superscript numbers to match the author name with the institution.
- Leave one blank line between this identifying information and the text of your abstract.

#### **PROFESSIONAL OR STUDENT RESEARCH ABSTRACT** - The content must follow the form and sequence outlined below:

- **INTRODUCTION:** Introductory sentence(s) of why this research question is important for clinical practice followed by an explicit purpose or hypothesis statement(s). **METHODS:** Specify research design. **Subjects:** Describe the number and relevant characteristics of the sample. **Methods/Procedures:** including instruments used in data collection. **Statistical Analysis:** statistical tests used and alpha level. **RESULTS:** State the main results that relate to the purpose(s) of the study. Provide relevant statistics supporting your results. **DISCUSSION:** Discuss the results that relate to the purpose(s) of the study. **CONCLUSIONS:** Summarize important results and state the conclusions from your results indicating the clinical relevance of the findings. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:** List funding sources only.

## **SYSTEMATIC REVIEW ABSTRACTS**

- All systematic reviews should include the following: A defined clinical question, explanation of eligibility characteristics of articles, description of information sources, and methods of extracting data and assessing the strength of data. Further guidelines for writing a systematic review can be found at <http://prisma-statement.org/PRISMAStatement/Checklist.aspx>.
- **INTRODUCTION:** Introductory sentence(s) of why this research question is important for clinical practice followed by an explicit purpose or hypothesis statement. **METHODS:** Explain eligibility characteristics of articles, describe information sources, methods of extracting data and assessing the strength of data, data synthesis and analysis. **RESULTS:** State the main results that relate to the purpose(s) of the study. Provide relevant statistics supporting your results. **DISCUSSION:** Discuss the results that relate to the purpose(s) of the study. **CONCLUSIONS:** Summarize important results and state the conclusions from your results indicating the clinical relevance of the findings. **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:** List funding sources only.

## **CASE REPORT ABSTRACTS**

- **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:** Introductory sentence(s) of why this research question is important for clinical practice followed by an explicit purpose(s). **CASE DESCRIPTION:** Patient history and systems review, examination findings, evaluation, PT diagnosis, prognosis, clinical impression(s), examination, evaluation, PT diagnosis, prognosis, and approach/intervention. **OUTCOMES:** Summarize key outcomes (state if changes meet CMD, etc.) **DISCUSSION:** Discuss the outcomes relative to the purpose(s) of the case study, limitations, suggest future research. **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:** List funding sources only.

## **4. FINAL SUBMISSION**

- All submissions must be submitted in an electronic format only. Submit your **cover letter** and **two abstracts (one not-blinded and one blinded)** in MS Word format. The original, not-blinded, abstract with identifying information will be printed, as submitted, in the conference brochure. Please check spelling and grammar and make sure the original abstract is clear and legible.
  - Please save and submit your non-blinded abstract as follows: Last name of first author, followed by the word “poster” or “platform” or “either” (e.g. Smith\_poster, or Smith\_platform or Smith\_either). If you are submitting more than one abstract, please use a short descriptor/title to distinguish between multiple abstracts.
  - Please save your blinded abstract as follows: Last name of first author, followed by the word “poster” or “platform” or “either” AND blinded (e.g. Smith\_poster\_blinded, or Smith\_platform\_blinded or Smith\_either\_blinded). If you are submitting more than one abstract, please use a short descriptor/title to distinguish between multiple abstracts.

You will be notified via e-mail by approximately **Monday, August 5, 2019** regarding the acceptance or not accepted abstract and presentation and provided with further instructions for

your presentation. Specifications of the poster format will be emailed to you during the summer, if you are accepted for a poster presentation.

## **5. CERTIFICATES/AWARDS**

The best poster will be awarded in each of the following categories:

- 1) Professional Research Report, 2) Student Research Report and 3) Case Report.
  - a. Poster judging will occur during the poster presentations at the fall conference.
  - b. A single first author will be allowed to present a maximum of two posters. The two posters will be placed side-by-side regardless of category for presentation convenience. To clarify, an author may be included on more than two posters, just not as the presenting, first author.
  - c. The winners of the poster awards will be announced at the end of the poster session. The three awarded posters will then be moved to the exhibit hall to be displayed for the remainder of the conference under the designated award category, if this can be worked out logistically with the authors. Formal award certificates will be mailed to all authors.
  - d. The winning posters with titles, author names and affiliations will be announced during the awards banquet. All awardees are invited to stay for the banquet, but at their own cost for the meal.

6. All platform presentations will be awarded a certificate recognizing the honor of being chosen to present as a platform at the MPTA Fall Conference at the conclusion of the platform presentations.
  - a. Abstracts under consideration for platform presentations will undergo a rigorous, blinded review by the MPTA Research Committee as to the quality of the study and impact of the study upon the physical therapy profession.
  - b. The 12 platform presentations with titles, author names and affiliations will be announced during the awards banquet. All awardees are invited to stay for the banquet, but at their own cost for the meal.