



American Dental Hygienists' Association 2017 Annual Conference Research Poster Session Open Call for Abstracts

The American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) Annual Conference Research Poster Session provides dental hygiene researchers and educators the opportunity to present their work, exchange ideas and share information and effective strategies for teaching and mentoring research with their colleagues and other dental hygienists. Abstracts are being solicited for an open poster session during the 94th Annual Conference in Jacksonville, FL. Research must support the ADHA's National Dental Hygiene Research Agenda ([Click here to view the ADHA National Dental Hygiene Research Agenda](#)).

Abstract presenters must be one of the following: **clinicians, educators, researchers or master's level students in an accredited institution**. An individual may **submit only one** abstract and may **present only one** poster at the meeting, but may appear as a co-author on other abstracts. Presenters do not have to be a member of the ADHA. Presenters are not required to be the principal investigator of the study, but must be a member of the research team. **Please note that entry-level or degree completion dental hygiene students are to apply to ADHA's Student Participation and Awards Program**. Persons submitting an abstract for the Annual Conference are doing so with the understanding that they must adhere to the conditions and deadline policies.

Research that has been previously presented and/or published less than one year prior to the dates of the ADHA Annual Conference will be considered. However, acknowledgement must be made by providing the citation to the published research. **All presenters from either the American Association for Dental Research/International Association for Dental Research or the American Dental Education Association Research Sessions are invited to present their research at the ADHA Annual Conference Research Poster Session. Please provide citation if previously published/presented research and mark the appropriate box on the abstract submission form.**

All presenters of accepted abstracts are expected to register for and attend the meeting. If an emergency arises and the presenter is unable to attend, the presenter must notify the ADHA office in writing **prior to the meeting** that they are withdrawing the abstract or naming a substitute presenter. All notices should be emailed to research@adha.net. The substitute must be a co-author and not already presenting another abstract. Failure to follow these procedures may result in the submitter being prohibited from presenting at the next ADHA meeting.

By submitting your abstract, you are agreeing to have it appear in the *Journal of Dental Hygiene*. All accepted abstracts will appear in the Abstracts Issue of the *Journal of Dental Hygiene* for the 94th Annual Conference. The Abstract Issue is prepared by direct reproduction of the author-prepared abstracts. Abstracts will not be edited in any way. Thus, any error that appears in the submitted abstract will appear in the *Journal of Dental Hygiene*. It is strongly recommended that the abstract is reviewed by a third party not involved with the study, prior to submission. Abstracts with excessive grammatical or typographical errors will be rejected.

All presenters will be required to pre-register by **Wednesday, April 26, 2017**. When you receive your acceptance notification, you will notice that you are only provisionally accepted for the program in Jacksonville, FL. There will be a link in the notification letter to our online registration form. If you do not pre-register by the date given, your abstract will **not** be included in the printed program and you will not be allowed to present your abstract at the meeting. Presenters will be responsible for their own meeting registration fees, transportation and lodging expenses.

Authors are asked to refer to the abstract preparation guidelines below. Submissions will undergo a double-blinded review process by an external review committee. **All abstracts must be submitted via the web using the ADHA Online Application Form. Deadline for submission of abstracts is Friday, March 3, 2017.** Notification to the authors of accepted, provisionally accepted or rejected abstracts will be made by Monday, March 28, 2016. Presentations of accepted abstracts must reflect the abstract's content.

Guidelines for the Preparation of Abstracts

NOTE: ABSTRACTS THAT DO NOT CONFORM WILL BE RETURNED WITHOUT REVIEW

1. Please read all instructions before typing the abstract on the electronic form.
2. Proofread your abstract carefully. The abstract will be evaluated and reproduced directly from the online form.
3. The word maximum of the abstract is 400, no exceptions.
4. The first page will ask for contact information of the Author submitting the application. The second page will ask for information about your research funding sources, etc. The third page will provide space for you to submit your abstract, specific to the type of research being presented. The abstract page will provide specific sections for Problem, Objective, Methodology, Results, and Conclusions, etc.
5. The abstract must be single-spaced. Include a double space between each paragraph. Use a narrative text, and do not include any graphs, tables, or references.
6. Abstracts **MUST** be submitted using the ADHA Online Application Form. The form can be accessed by clicking on the following link: [Click here to access the abstract submission page](#). Additional information regarding the poster sessions including a sample abstract can be found at the ADHA Web site: <http://www.adha.org/research-center>.
7. Presentations of accepted abstracts must reflect the abstract's content.
8. All presenters for the Poster Session must register for the meeting at the appropriate registration fee.
9. Presentations will be grouped according to the categories listed in the ADHA National Dental Hygiene Research Agenda ([Click here to view the ADHA National Dental Hygiene Research Agenda](#)). Each author submitting an abstract must indicate one category in which the abstract is to be placed. Check the appropriate category on the front of the abstract submission form.
10. All posters must be accompanied by a presenter who is a member of the research team.
11. Funding support must be identified as last sentence, i.e. "*Funding for this project through ADHA IOH*".

ABSTRACTS SELECTION CRITERIA

All abstracts must be received by March 3, 2017

We encourage you to submit early to ensure prompt processing

Abstracts will be selected on the basis of the scientific quality of the work as judged from the abstract. Original work is required, such as systematic reviews, professional innovations or new research. The ADHA Council on Research will evaluate the content of each abstract and make a final decision. Each abstract must contain the following elements:

◆ Professional Innovations

This would encompass innovations in practice, education, public health, etc. that will support the integration of dental hygienists' into the health care delivery system as essential care providers to expand access to oral health care.

1. Purpose and goals are clearly defined.
2. The significance is clearly stated.
3. Key features are clearly described.
4. The evaluation plan is well developed or the results demonstrate effectiveness.

◆ New Research

1. Study purposes are clearly defined.
2. Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval is required for all studies involving human subjects or animals.
3. State of the problem and study significance is explained.
4. Methodology (design, sampling and intervention) is outlined and appropriate for the study.
5. Results, including data analysis, are included.
6. Conclusions (the research should be completed) are supported by the results and stated clearly.
7. Studies in-progress at the time of submission must include a detailed plan for statistical analysis and preliminary findings.

◆ Systematic Review

1. A clearly formulated question.
2. Uses systematic and explicit methods to identify, select and critically appraise relevant research, and to collect and analyze data from the studies that are included in the review.
3. Statistical methods (meta-analysis) may or may not be used to analyze and summarize the results of the included studies.
4. The review process is comprehensive and unbiased.

Common reasons for an abstract to be rejected or revised:

1. Abstract does not follow the guidelines for the preparation of abstracts.
2. Abstract content does not comply with stated criteria.
3. No data or appropriate statistics.
4. Conclusion is not supported by results.
5. Over-generalized statements, such as “results will be discussed and data will be analyzed using appropriate statistical tests.”
6. Please note that abstracts in the evaluation phase will be accepted provisionally until **final data are submitted no later than April 26, 2017.**