

Call for Poster and Platform Abstracts



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The specialty academies and sections of the American Physical Therapy Association hereby issue a Call for Poster and Platform Abstracts.

Proposal submission deadline: July 16, 2024, 11:59 p.m. PT

Visit [Submissions](#) for more information and to submit your abstract for poster and/or platform presentations.

Definitions. Posters are displayed for a specific period of time during the conference, with presenters scheduled for two hours, as assigned by the academy/section. Platform presentations are oral presentations of approximately five to 15 minutes. The schedule of platform presentations is coordinated by each academy's/section's program chair.

Authors and fees. A fee of \$50 is associated with each submitted abstract. This defrays a portion of APTA's submission site cost. Individuals may submit up to two abstracts as the presenting author but are allowed unlimited submissions as a secondary author. If an abstract is accepted for presentation as either a poster or a platform, the presenter must register for APTA CSM. There is no waiver of registration fees for presentation of a poster or platform. Each abstract can only be submitted to one academy/section; multiple submissions to different academies/sections may result in rejection of your abstract.

Submission. All abstracts must be submitted online. In the submission, you may specify your preferred presentation format (poster or platform). Each academy/section reviews abstracts submitted and makes the final decision regarding presentation format and date/time. After submission, abstracts cannot be sent to other academies/sections for review. Submitters are expected to ensure that all information is correct at the time of submission.

- Author information will appear exactly as submitted in all APTA CSM publications. Contact co-authors to ensure the accuracy of this information before finalizing your submission.

Abstracts are intended to represent scientific research or noncommercial content related to clinical practice. Advertisements are not acceptable. Abstracts require presenter/author information, including credentials, contact information, institutions, city, and state. Ensure that your contact information is correct, as all correspondence relating to submissions will occur via email. **If you are in your final year of school, use your personal email.** Notifications will be sent **to the presenting author** by Oct. 1, 2024.

Required Fields

Research Report

- Title.
- References.
- Abstract text:
 - Purpose/Hypothesis.
 - Number of subjects.
 - Materials and methods.
 - Results.
 - Conclusions.
 - Clinical relevance.

Case Study Report

- Title.
- References.
- Abstract text:
 - Background and purpose.
 - Case description.
 - Outcomes.
 - Discussion.

Special Interest Report

- Title.
- References.
- Abstract text:
 - Purpose.
 - Description.
 - Summary of use.
 - Importance to members.

Theory Report

- Title.
- References.
- Abstract text:
 - Theory/body.

Submitting Your Abstract

- Titles are limited to 15 words. There is a limit of 3,125 characters for the text of your abstract submission, including spaces. This does not include authors, institutions, or references.
- For references, provide a minimum of five to seven current bibliographic references that are no more than seven years old (2018 and later).
- APTA membership requirement: If none of the authors are active APTA members, you must add a sponsor who is an APTA member. Contact the academy/section research chair if you need a sponsor.
- **If you are a student in your final year, use your personal email and not your school email.**
- If you have questions concerning content for a specific section, contact the academy/section research chair using the information below.

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