

Call for Abstracts: 2002 VPTA Annual Conference

The VPTA is currently accepting abstracts for consideration for platform and poster presentations at the 2002 VPTA Annual Conference, October 11-13, 2002, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Presentation Categories:

- A Research Report presents the author's original scientific data.
- A special interest report presents new, innovative, and/or unique PT related information or approaches developed by the author.
- A theory Report presents a theory, model, or concept that explains an underlying foundation for physical therapy practice.
- A case report carefully describes practice without involving research methodology.

Research, special interest, and theory submissions must conform to APTA 2003 abstract submission guidelines found on the APTA website http://www.apta.org/Meetings/pt2003/call_for_abstracts, page 3-4).

Case report submissions should include the headings: background and Purpose, case description, outcomes, and discussion. Authors are strongly urged to obtain a copy of the APTA manual "Writing case reports" for guidance about the key elements of a good case report (McEwen, I: Writing Case reports, 2nd ed, APTA, 2001). This manual can be purchased from the APTA website

[http://www.apta.org/products_services/online_catalog?&cat\[1\]=311&id\[1\]=973](http://www.apta.org/products_services/online_catalog?&cat[1]=311&id[1]=973)

Presentation Format

Platform Presentation: A 20-minute oral presentation to a seated audience. Fifteen minutes for the author's presentation and five minutes for questions from the audience.

Poster Presentation: Reports are summarized on a large poster board (3' X 6' board, ideally) using concise and easily readable text to present the key components of the project. Posters are set up in one room and will be on display for a set time during the conference. Authors will have an assigned 1-2 hour time block to stand with the poster and answer questions from participants who are walking through the poster presentation area. See attached file for directions on preparing a poster presentation.

Abstract Submission Deadline

July 15, 2002

Submission Requirements

- A completed 'contact page' information form (attached) for the contact author.

- Submit one written copy of the abstract with all author identifying information and four copies of the abstract without any author identifying information.
- On the abstract without author identification, indicate if this submission is for a ‘poster’ or a ‘platform’ presentation.
- Submit an electronic copy of the abstract with all authors identifying information. An electronic copy can be submitted as an electronic file attachment emailed to rwong@marymount.edu or by enclosure of the file on a diskette that accompanies the written abstract submission. The electronic file must be Microsoft word compatible.
- Abstract style should be consistent with APTA abstract submission format, described in APTA 2003 guideline for Proposal and abstract submission document, which can be viewed and downloaded from the APTA website http://www.apta.org/Meetings/pt2003/call_for_abstracts, page 3-4).

Note:

The ‘blinded’ copy of the abstract will be used for review and decision about acceptance. For all accepted presentations, the abstract with all author identifying information will be posted on the VPTA website as a public acknowledgement of the presentation. If you do NOT submit the abstract electronically, it will NOT be published on the VPTA web site.

Evaluation and Selection of Abstracts

The VPTA research committee reviews all abstracts. Abstracts are selected on the basis of compliance with the content and format requirements, intelligibility of the abstract, and the importance of the information presented as it relates to physical therapy. *Abstracts may be returned to the authors for revision prior to final acceptance.*

Notification

Notification will be made by mail no later than September 10, 2002. Please BE SURE to include summer contact information in case any questions arise related to your abstract.

Presentation Time and Date

All presentations are made on Friday afternoon, October 11, 2002 between 4:00-5:00 pm. Abstracts may require revision before final acceptance.

Call Rita Wong with any questions or concerns regarding abstract submission, presentations etc. 703-284-5982

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Abstract Submission Contact Information for VPTA Annual Conference

If there is more than one author, please designate one individual as the ‘contact author’. This author should be available, particularly during July and August, to answer any questions that may come up about the submission.

Title of the submission: _____

Date submitted: _____

Contact author’s Name: _____

Author’s preferred contact address:

Work Phone number: _____

Home Phone number: _____

Cell Phone number: _____

Fax number: _____

Email address: _____

Any vacation time period summer address or phone numbers? (Please provide both contact information and time periods):