

# RESEARCH & Special Interest Presentations



for Poster Presentations at the aptanj Spring Membership Meeting to be held on April 17, 2010 in West Windsor, NJ. **Deadline for submission is February 1, 2010.**

The Research Committee will consider submissions to the research, special interest and theory categories. Abstracts may be submitted for Poster Presentations.

Poster Presentations are an important mechanism for the dissemination of new ideas and will be available for viewing on Saturday, April 17, 2010. Presenters should plan to attend the meeting and be available to discuss their posters, however you do not need to be a registrant to participate in the Research presentations.

Accepted posters must be in a free-standing, tri-fold format, which will be displayed on a tabletop. Maximum size is 36" high x 48" wide.

### **Submission Requirements:**

Format for Abstracts:

The abstract must be single-spaced on one side of a single 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper. Type should be 10 point or larger. The abstract must use standard abbreviations and should not contain subheadings, figures, tables of data, or information that would identify the authors or the institution. Margins for the BODY of the text must be 1" on all sides.

The identifying information must be single-spaced in the 1" top margin and include:

- 1) the title in all capitalized letters
- 2) the name(s) of the author(s) with the presenter's name underlined
- 3) location where the work was done
- 4) the address of presenter enclosed in parentheses
- 5) acknowledgment of any financial support for the work being presented

In the lower left margin, type the APTA membership number of the presenter.

In the lower right margin, indicate

whether the abstract is Research or Special Interest.

### **Specific Content Requirements:**

Research abstracts must include in this order:

- Hypothesis or purpose of study
- Number and description of subjects
- Method and materials
- Type(s) of data analysis
- Numerical result(s) of statistical test(s) where appropriate
- Conclusion
- Application to physical therapy

Special interest abstracts on a new or unique program, idea, method, or device must include in logical order:

- Purpose of presentation
- Summary of experience or use
- Importance for physical therapy

Headings should be bolded and/or underlined. Reports of single-subject experimental designs qualify as research reports. All case reports qualify as special interest reports.

### **Selection:**

Research abstracts will be screened to ensure that they meet contact requirements and that the work has been completed. Special interest abstracts will be reviewed and selected on the basis of the specific content requirements. The designated author will be notified of a decision by March 12. Schedule information and guidelines for presentation will be sent to the designated author.

### **Submission:**

Send two (2) documents; one version with identifying information and a second version **without identifying information**. Electronic submission is required. Submission must be in Microsoft Word or rich text format. File should be labeled using the presenting author's last name. Electronic submissions will be acknowledged when received. Feedback will be given to all submissions.

Email to: [research@aptanj.org](mailto:research@aptanj.org)

Research Committee Co-Chairs:

Phyllis Guarrera-Bowlby, PT, MEd, PCS  
(973) 972-2374 and

Gerard Fluet, PT, MS (732) 986-8621