Dear Poster Applicants,

Poster abstracts submitted to UMCs Research Empowerment Day should be the initial report of knowledge, experience, or best practices demonstrated here at UMC or around Southern Nevada.

To expedite the review process and assure effective communication between the author and the review committee, the following general suggestions will be helpful in submitting your abstract and description.

General suggestions
- Check for proper spelling and grammar.
- Use a standard typeface, such as Times Roman, with a font size of 12.
- It is essential to keep nonstandard abbreviations/acronyms to a minimum for readability and understanding.
- Do not include tables, figures, or graphs in the abstract. Such content is appropriate for the poster.
- The abstract should be 250 words or less and summarize the overall objectives presented in the poster. This can be included in bullet point format if preferred.
- The application should include a detailed description of the poster makeup itself and the presented outcomes. Maximum limit of 300 words
- Try to organize the abstract with the following headings where appropriate, as explained below; purpose, methods, results, and conclusions.

Title
The abstract title conveys the content/subject of the poster. The title may be written as a question, or the title may be written to suggest the conclusions, if appropriate. A short, concise title may more easily catch a reader's attention. Try not to use abbreviations or acronyms in titles.

Purpose
The introductory sentence(s) may be stated as a hypothesis, a purpose, an objective, or current evidence for a finding.
- A **hypothesis** is a supposition or conjecture used as a basis for further investigations.
- The **purpose** is a statement of the reason for conducting a project or reporting on a program, process, or activity.
- An **objective** is a result that the author is trying to achieve by conducting a project, program, process, or activity.

Methods
Briefly describe the methods of the project to define the data or population, outcome variables, analytic techniques, and data collection procedures and frequencies. If appropriate, a description of the statistical methods used may be included (i.e., PDSA, John Hopkins Evidence-Based Practice for Nurses and Healthcare Professionals, Donabedian Model, etc.).

Results
The results should be concise to support only the purpose, objectives, hypothesis, or conclusions.

Conclusions
The conclusion(s) should highlight the project's impact and follow the methods and results in a logical fashion. This section should not restate results. Instead, the significance of the results and their potential role in managing the project should be emphasized. New information or conclusions not supported by data in the results section should be avoided.

Adapted from the National Council of University Research Administrators:

Guide to writing a poster abstract

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