

# OPPF/OPPA Poster Display Abstracts FAQs

The Ohio Psychiatric Physicians Association (OPPA) and Ohio Psychiatric Physicians Foundation (OPPF) invite all OPPO members (including resident/fellows and medical students) to participate by submitting an abstract for consideration to display a poster during the upcoming Annual Psychiatric Update to be held on April 18-19, 2026. This FAQ was developed to address questions related to the Poster Abstract Guidelines document.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Q1. What is the "Poster Display"?

The event is referred to as the Poster Display to clarify that no oral presentations are required. Participants submit an abstract and, if accepted, prepare and display a poster summarizing their research or scholarly work.

### Q2. Who is eligible to participate?

OPPA members (including General Members, Resident-Fellow Members, and Medical Student Members) are invited to participate.

### Q3. Is there any oral or live presentation component?

No, the poster display does not include an oral presentation. Poster participants are required to stand next to their poster for a minimum of one break to be available for any questions from attendees.

### Q4. Will posters be judged or awarded prizes?

No. Posters will not be judged and no prizes will be awarded. Only abstracts are reviewed and scored for acceptance.

## PURPOSE AND GOALS

### Q5. What is the purpose of the Poster Display?

The poster display provides an opportunity for medical students, residents, fellows and general members to share research, case reports, or scholarly work in psychiatry. It encourages engagement with the scientific process and showcases original contributions to the field.

## PURPOSE AND GOALS

### Q6. How do I submit an abstract?

Abstract submission occurs in three stages:

- Intent to Submit an Abstract Form – includes the title and contact information for all authors.
- Disclosure of Financial Interests Form – must be completed by all authors identified on the Intent to Submit an Abstract Form prior to submission of the abstract.
- Abstract for Poster Display Form – OPPO will provide the link to this form once all disclosures have been received.

### Q7. Who is responsible for ensuring all disclosures are submitted?

The primary contact listed on the Intent to Submit an Abstract form is responsible for confirming that every author has submitted their disclosure.

### Q8. What happens if a disclosure form or abstract is incomplete?

Incomplete submissions—including missing or unsigned disclosures—will not be accepted.

### Q9. Can I submit my abstract after the deadline?

No. Late entries will not be accepted under any circumstances. There are no exceptions.

## REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE

### Q10. How are abstracts judged?

Abstracts are scored based on the type of submission and the quality of the content.

- Base points:
  - Learner (medical student, resident, or fellow): 10 points
  - Original research: 10 points
  - Quality Improvement/Quality Excellence: 7.5 points
  - Case report: 5 points
  - Literature review: 0 points
- Additional points (1 = marginal, 2= acceptable, 3= above average, 4= excellent) will be given for the following criteria:
  - Originality of the work
  - Contribution to advancing psychiatric knowledge
  - Quality of writing

### Q11. How many posters will be accepted for display?

The primary contact for the top 15 highest-scoring abstracts will be invited to create a poster for onsite display and will also appear online as a .pdf. The primary contacts of the remaining abstracts (if accepted) will be invited to create a .pdf poster for virtual display only on the OPPO/OPPF website.

### Q12. Will I be notified if my abstract is accepted?

Yes. The primary contact will receive notification 45 days before the meeting regarding acceptance and display format (onsite or virtual only).

## TIMELINE AND DEADLINES

### Q13. What are the key deadlines for 2026?

- Abstract submission deadline: February 18, 2026
- Notification of acceptance: March 4, 2026
- Deadline for .pdf poster submission: April 3, 2026

### Q14. What if I submit my .pdf poster after April 3?

Late .pdfs will not be displayed before the meeting.

## DISPLAY AND FORMAT

### Q15. What format should my poster be in?

Posters for virtual or onsite display must be submitted as a .pdf file. Specific formatting instructions will be provided upon acceptance. All .pdfs will be posted on the website AFTER the meeting date.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Q16. Where can I find more details or updates?

All call-for-abstracts announcements and reminders—including submission requirements and judging criteria—was published in the OPPO Fall 2026 Insight Matters newsletter and on the OPPO website – meeting information.

### Q17. Who should I contact with questions?

Questions can be directed to OPPO staff via email at [oppf@oppa.org](mailto:oppf@oppa.org) or by phone at 614-763-0040.