

Poster Exhibits for the 2027 AAD Annual Meeting

The presentation of new ideas and original observations to the membership of the Academy and to other attendees of the Annual Meeting is an integral part of the Academy's continuing education program. The Poster Exhibits Task Force invites you to participate in the Annual Meeting Poster Exhibit Program.

TYPES OF PRESENTATIONS

Electronic Poster Exhibits & Presentations: Poster exhibits present scientific information utilizing narrative material, photographs, charts, diagrams, etc. All abstracts will be submitted electronically via the Academy website. Accepted posters are displayed on monitors within the Poster Exhibits Center throughout the meeting. They can also be viewed via the AAD website and the meeting mobile app.

Authors whose abstracts receive a passing score will be considered for an opportunity to conduct a five-minute oral presentation of their ePoster. This is in addition to the poster being displayed in the online viewing portal. If your abstract is selected for an oral presentation, your scheduled speaking time will be included in your notification letter.

Accepted abstracts will be published in an online JAAD Supplement following the meeting.

Case reports will be considered; however, they will be reviewed separately from research studies and must receive a passing score of 4.5 to 5 in order to be accepted in the program.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION RULES & GUIDELINES

- The submission deadline is **September 2, 2026 at 11:59 AM CST**.
- Abstracts should be no longer than **250 words**. Results must be shown in narrative form. Table formats, photos, and citations will not be accepted by the submission system.
- An informative handout containing insight into submitting a successful poster abstract can be found on the [AAD Learning Center Live Education Faculty Tools website](#).
- There is a \$75.00 (U.S. funds) non-refundable processing fee for each abstract submitted. Credit card payment will be required at the time of submission. Payment may be made via VISA, MasterCard, or American Express.
 - *AAD Graduate/Resident Members* will receive a code that will waive the submission fee. This must be the current member category for the submitter to receive the fee-waiver code. *Medical Students* are eligible for a waived fee and will need to contact abstracts@aad.org to request for a code and provide proof of current medical student status (e.g., a letter of good standing from a university or institution).
- **Published or previously presented material should not be submitted.** It is acceptable if material has been submitted for publication but not actually published prior to the time it is scheduled to be presented at the AAD meeting in which it was accepted.
- The Primary Author will serve as the presenter. If the Primary Author is unable to present, a co-author who is listed on the original submission may serve as an alternate presenter. A limit of **10 co-authors** can be listed on the submission. If your abstract is accepted as an oral presentation, you are agreeing to register for the Annual Meeting and pay the appropriate registration fee.
- Accepted abstracts are reprinted exactly as submitted by the author or author's representative(s). **No changes may be made in the abstract after submission.**
- All poster exhibits must avoid commercialism. **Trade names should be avoided** in referencing drugs, devices and/or instrumentation, including lasers.
- Poster exhibits, the cost of which is underwritten to any extent by a pharmaceutical company or other commercial enterprise, should include a clear acknowledgment stating that a portion of its cost was underwritten and identifying the commercial company involved.
- **Trade name violations/commercialism or failure to disclose commercial support will result in a failing score and the submission will be disqualified without notice.**

Questions regarding your submission should be emailed to abstracts@aad.org

- If the same abstract is submitted to multiple abstract programs, for example, the Gross and Microscopic Symposium, and the abstract is accepted to more than one of the programs, the author will be required to choose one program in which to present. The abstract will be withdrawn from the other program(s).
 - The author(s) is responsible for notifying the AAD regarding the program in which they will be participating. An official request should be sent to abstracts@aad.org.
- Notification letters will be sent via email to the Primary Author around late November.

If you have further questions regarding the abstract submission process, please refer to the [Best Practices/Additional Information](#) document.

GRADING

All abstracts are blind reviewed by the Poster Exhibits Task Force. Abstracts will be scored on a scale of 1-5 based upon the Science, Methodology, and Presentation of the research. Grades will be assigned as follows:

5 = Outstanding; 4 = Above Average; 3 = Average; 2 = Below Average; 1 = Unsatisfactory.

Top Reasons for Unsatisfactory Scores

The following are examples of submission content that will result in below average and unsatisfactory grades.

- Trade Name Violations/Commercialism – Refer to the Submission Rules & Guidelines for detailed information.
- Briefly stated/Incomplete Studies - Abstracts which contain no data or appear to be promissory in nature.
- Multiple Abstracts - Studies utilizing the same data set which examine the same drug or device over the same time period should be condensed into one presentation. Multiple submissions of this type are not acceptable.
- Poor presentation – Abstracts which contain vague, disorganized, or unclear content or numerous grammatical or spelling errors.

AWARDS

The highest scoring abstracts will be eligible for consideration for the Annual Meeting Poster Awards. The primary author of the top five scoring posters will be given certificates of recognition, in order of ranking, from 1st to Honorable Mention to recognize their outstanding work, and monetary certificates for AAD educational material in the following amounts:

- 1st Place - \$150 Certificate
- 2nd Place - \$125.00 Certificate
- 3rd Place - \$100.00 Certificate
- 4th Place - \$75.00 Certificate
- Honorable Mention - \$50.00 Certificate

CATEGORIES

Applicants should think carefully about which category best suits their exhibit since only one may be chosen. During the review process, the Poster Exhibits Task Force reserves the right to reassign any submission to another category if they determine it is more applicable to the content of the abstract. Submitters will be notified in the email confirmation.

Electronic Poster exhibits will be searchable in the following categories:

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| • Acne | • Education & Community Service | • Melanoma & Pigmented Lesions |
| • Aesthetic Dermatology | • Epidemiology | • Non-melanoma Skin Cancer |
| • Aging/Geriatrics | • Genodermatoses | • Pediatric Dermatology |
| • Arts, History, & Humanities of Dermatology Basic Science | • Hair & Nail Disorders | • Pharmacology |
| • Clinical Dermatology & Other Cutaneous Disorders | • Immunodermatology & Blistering Disorders | • Photobiology, Phototherapy & Photosensitivity Diseases |
| • Connective Tissue Diseases | • Infection — Bacterial & Parasitic | • Pigmentary Disorders & Vitiligo |
| • Dermatitis, Contact, Allergic & Irritant | • Infection — Fungal | • Psoriasis & Other Papulosquamous Disorders |
| • Dermatitis, Atopic | • Infection — Viral | • Surgery — Laser |
| • Dermatopathology | • Internal Medicine Dermatology | • Surgery — Cosmetic |
| • Digital/Electronic Technology | • Lymphoma, Cutaneous/Mycosis Fungoides | • Surgery — Dermatologic |
| | | • Wound Healing & Ulcers |

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