



POSTERS GUIDELINES

Authors are encouraged to be present at their posters during assigned sessions.

Posters will be displayed continuously throughout the whole Conference, 5-8 September 2009.

Please note that commercial sponsors can be acknowledged, but their logos must not be prominent on the posters. However if a research, educational or clinical facility present clinical innovations solely for educational purposes, then only will the name of the commercial sponsor appear together with that of the association.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

The Poster Sessions have been organised this year as follows:

Session 1	SUNDAY	6 September 2009	10:30 - 11:00
Session 2	SUNDAY	6 September 2009	15:30 - 16:00
Session 3	MONDAY	7 September 2009	10:30 - 11:00
Session 4	MONDAY	7 September 2009	13:30 - 14:00
Session 5	MONDAY	7 September 2009	15:30 - 16:00

Language:

Your poster must be written in ENGLISH. Please be available by your Poster throughout the Poster Session to which you have been assigned (see your confirmation letter). If you adhere to the rules your Poster will be automatically judged for the **"Best Poster Scholarship"** Award.

Poster Contents:

Each poster should contain the following elements:

1. A short, descriptive title (no abbreviations in the title)
2. Full names of contributing authors
3. Address of hospital/unit/institution
4. An introduction
5. Sections on methods, materials, results, and the purpose of the study
6. A conclusion (The conclusion is by far the most important part of the poster – the message should be clear and simple, emphasizing implications for practice)
7. The poster must not exceed 96 cm wide and 160 cm high (Portrait)

Text, tables and drawings for figures should be large enough to be seen at a distance of 2 metres. Illustrations should be used to convey important points; diagrams, graphs, bar charts, scatter grams, pie charts and photographs will enhance your presentation. Make short statements and avoid long explanatory sentences.

Please note that industry or commercial advertising is not allowed on poster presentations, **however there is the exception for private dialysis unit chains to state their full name.**

Posters prominently displaying company logos or trade names will be excluded from the poster scholarship and may be removed from display, or have the company name covered. However clinical innovations and scientific advancements for educational purposes only will be acknowledged from corporate partners. **This has been acknowledged as an absolute exception as an increasing number of renal providers now have their proprietorship with commercial companies.**

**Materials:**

In order to fit the poster board, your poster should not exceed 96 cm wide and 160 cm high (Portrait). Prepare your material beforehand so that it will fit neatly into the space available and can be easily attached to the board. The Conference organisers will provide suitable fixing materials, and on site assistance will be available to help you to display your poster. Thin cardboard is more suitable than paper. If you can have your poster produced by your hospital's Medical illustration Department, the finished effect is more professional.

Mounting your Poster:

The Poster Area will be open for the mounting of posters on Saturday 5th September 2009 from 15:00. All posters should be set up by 18:00 on Saturday, prior to the Conference Opening and **MUST** remain in place until 13:00 on Tuesday 8th September 2009.

Removing your Poster:

All material must be removed by the owner of the poster at the end of the Conference. EDTNA/ERCA and the Conference Organisers cannot accept responsibility for any material left behind. The organisers are not responsible for loss or damage to those posters that are not removed by authors within the times of dismantling as indicated above, posters left at the end of the conference will be automatically destroyed.