2022 OSAP ANNUAL CONFERENCE
CALL FOR POSTER ABSTRACTS

The Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention (OSAP) welcomes Scientific Poster Abstracts on clinical practice, education, and scholarly and secondary research related to the practice of dental infection control and safety in oral health settings. Accepted abstracts will be presented at the OSAP Annual Conference that will be held in Minneapolis, MN from June 16 – 18, 2022 and will be published in the Journal of Dental Infection Control and Safety (JDICS).

Current topics of interest for poster abstracts include:

- evidence-based practices for infection prevention and control,
- new initiatives,
- outcomes research,
- patient perception and engagement in infection prevention and control,
- international and multidisciplinary issues,
- regulatory issues affecting dental healthcare professionals,
- patient and provider safety topics,
- implementation of new technologies and innovations, and
- compliance issues confronted in clinical practice.

This is an opportunity to share your infection control research with international colleagues at the Annual Conference and in the Journal of Dental Infection Control and Safety. We welcome abstracts that consist of original research, literature reviews, meta-analyses, and case-reports. Individuals at all career stages are encouraged to submit one or more abstracts.

All abstracts are peer reviewed; details of the criteria are listed below. Abstracts accepted for presentation will be included in the Proceedings of the 2022 OSAP Annual Conference which is published as a special edition of JDICS. Authors of Poster Abstracts accepted for presentation at the 2022 OSAP Annual Conference and published in the Proceedings may be invited by the Editors to submit a full manuscript for publication in a future edition of JDICS.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES
- April 15, 2022 – Abstract Submission Deadline – DATE EXTENDED
- June 16 – 18, 2022 – 2022 OSAP Annual Conference

JAMES A. COTTONE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN INVESTIGATIVE RESEARCH

For the 2022 OSAP Annual Conference, the abstract judged best overall will be awarded the James A. Cottone Award for Excellence in Investigative Research, which includes a cash award of $500 and a recognition plaque. Abstracts published or presented at another scientific meeting during the previous year may be submitted for presentation but will not be eligible to compete for the Cottone Award.

Submit poster abstract to: https://osapjdics.scholasticahq.com/for-authors
POSTER ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All abstracts must be submitted online via https://osapjdics.scholasticahq.com/for-authors. Any questions may be directed to office@osap.org.

Collect the following details before submitting your online proposal:

- **Authors:** Each author should be added separately to the submission to ensure proper listing. Enter first (given) name, and last (family/surname) name for each author plus institution/affiliation. Please do not list the department/branch in the institution/affiliation field. The order of the authors can be modified at any time prior to the abstract deadline. OSAP will not list each author's department in the program materials. **One person must be identified as the Presenting Author.**

- **Abstract Title:** Abstract titles are required to be 10 words or less. The title should be dynamic and conclusive, rather than descriptive, and should be entered in title case format, AP format. In general, you should capitalize the first letter of each word unless it is a preposition or article. Italicize scientific names of organisms (e.g., *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*). Titles should not be bold.

  - Correct:
    - This is a Properly Formatted Abstract Title
  - Incorrect:
    - THIS IS AN IMPROPERLY FORMATTED ABSTRACT TITLE
    - this is an improperly formatted abstract title

- **Abstract Text:** All poster abstracts should be **300 words or less.** Abstracts may consist original research, literature reviews, meta-analyses, or case-reports. Do not include your title or authors in the abstract text — these items will be collected separately. Do not include references. If the abstract is based on research that was funded entirely or partially by an outside source, then be sure to enter the appropriate information (funding agency and grant number during submission. You do not need to re-enter the information with your abstract text. However, all external funding MUST also be included in the presentation if accepted. Tables are permitted but should be simple and concise. Graphics/images are not recommended unless they are integral to the abstract and should be limited to no more than one or two.

  - All abstracts **must** contain the following section headings:
    - Objectives
    - Methods
    - Results
    - Conclusions
  - Do not include any author identifying material in the body of the abstract.
  - The use of jargon and unfamiliar abbreviations is discouraged.
  - The use of *generic* drug names and product descriptions should be used whenever possible. If the brand name is required to aid the readers' understanding, the manufacturer's name and city and state location are to be provided in parentheses within the text.

- **Abstract Summary:** A concise one sentence summary of the article (not to exceed 30 words).
• **Key Words:** Identify three to five (3-5) key words related to your abstract. These key words help categorize your article in search engines after it is published. Keywords should be selected from Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) to be used for indexing of articles. See: [http://www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/MBrowser.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/MBrowser.html) for information on the selection of key words.

• **ORCID Number:** Include the 16-digit ORCID ID for each author who has one (Open Researcher and Contributor ID). The ORCID is a nonproprietary alphanumeric code to uniquely identify scientific and other academic authors and contributors. It is easy to obtain an ORCID identification number: [https://orcid.org/register](https://orcid.org/register).

• **Attachments:** Tables, graphs or images can be submitted as an attachment.

• **Conflicts of Interest:** All authors must disclose any financial and personal relationships with other people or organizations that could inappropriately influence (bias) their work. Examples of potential conflicts of interest include:
  
  o employment  
  o consultancies  
  o stock ownership  
  o honoraria  
  o paid expert testimony  
  o patent applications registrations  
  o grants or other funding

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• **Funding Source(s):** Report all funding sources and/or granting agencies that supported your work, as well as all institutional or corporate affiliations of all the authors. If the abstract is based on research that was funded entirely or partially by an outside source, please be sure to list the funding agency and grant number at the end of the text.

• **Institutional Review Board (IRB):** If the abstract describes a research project with human subjects, the authors must state that the project was IRB-approved for use of human subjects or whether the project was exempt from review.

• **Research Involving Laboratory Animals:** If the abstract describes research using laboratory animals, the authors must state that the protocol was reviewed by an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee or Ethical Oversight Body.

• **Publication:**
  
  o Original abstracts presented at the meeting will be published as part of the conference Proceedings in OSAP’s [Journal of Dental Infection Control and Safety](https://osapjdischics.scholasticahq.com/).  
  o Previously presented abstracts may be published with copyright permissions
PRESENTER AGREEMENT

All presenters must agree to the following conditions when submitting an abstract:

1. Affirm that any work with human or animal subjects reported in the abstract complies with the guiding principles for experimental procedures found in the Declaration of Helsinki of the World Medical Association, and this research project has been duly cleared by my Institutional Review Board (IRB) or Institutional Ethics Committee or an equivalent ethical body.
2. Agree that if the abstract is accepted, OSAP has permission to publish the abstract in printed and/or electronic formats.
3. Agree to register for the meeting and pay the appropriate registration fee.

PEER REVIEW PROCESS

All abstracts undergo an extensive peer review process. Criteria includes:

- Does the abstract make a significant contribution to scholarship?
- Does the abstract adequately engage with the relevant scholarly literature?
- Is the abstract professionally written, easy to read and free from grammatical/spelling errors?
- Is the research methodology for the study appropriate and applied properly?
- Is literature review thorough given the objectives and content of the article?
- Is the content appropriate for the 2022 OSAP Annual Conference?
- Does this abstract contribute to advancing dental infection control and safety?

PUBLICATION OF ACCEPTED ABSTRACTS

Abstracts accepted for presentation at the 2022 OSAP Annual Conference will be published in a special issue of the OSAP Journal of Dental Infection Control and Safety. Authors who do not wish to have their abstract published must opt out of this opportunity. Authors of selected abstracts may also be approached by the OSAP Journal Editors-In-Chief for potential full manuscript submission.

All authors should have made substantial contributions to all the following: (1) the conception and design of the study, or acquisition of data, or analysis and interpretation of data, (2) drafting the article or revising it critically for important intellectual content, (3) final approval of the version to be submitted.

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POSTER SPECIFICATIONS

• The backboard panel for each poster presentation board measures 42 inches (106.7 cm) high and 90 inches (228.6 cm) wide:

• Posters should be printed horizontally and not exceed the size of the presentation board.
• A copy of the accepted abstract should be affixed to the poster or made available to attendees in nonelectronic form.
• Text and illustrations must be readable from distances of at least three feet. Use lightweight materials only. Heavy articles may fall off the board.
• Disclosures must never include the use of a trade name or a product group message. List all disclosures once at the bottom of the poster.
• Sponsored abstracts may credit the sponsoring commercial entity in a plain text statement at the bottom of the poster. Product or company logos must never be used. Non-commercial institution (e.g., universities, non-profit associations, and government agencies) logos may appear.
• Posters may be broken down into several smaller portions but must not exceed the size of the presentation board.
• Push pins to mount materials will be available on site.
• No audiovisual, projection, or computer equipment requiring electrical power will be permitted in the poster session area.

PRESENTER EXPECTATIONS

• Hang your poster by 8:00 AM on Friday, June 17 and remove it promptly before 5:00 PM on Saturday, June 18.
  o IMPORTANT: OSAP will recycle posters not picked up by 5:00 PM on Saturday, June 18.
• Presenting authors must be available at their poster from 12:00 - 1:00 PM on Friday, June 17 to answer questions from attendees.
• OSAP will monitor posters during the presentation hours to make certain that OSAP is meeting the educational needs and expectations of attendees.
• OSAP does not have an official poster printing partner. OSAP will not offer poster printing or hanging services.
PRESENTER CHANGES

If you are unable to attend the meeting and wish to name a substitute presenter, please use the following guidelines:

- The presenting author is the only author that may request a presenter change.
- Substitute presenter must be a co-author.
- Substitution requests must be made PRIOR to the meeting
- All presenter changes must be communicated to and approved by OSAP staff prior to scheduled presentation.

Failure to follow the above procedures may result in the presenter being charged the full registration fee and/or not being allowed to present at a future meeting.

PRESENTER COMPENSATION

- **Meeting Registration:** The presenting author will receive a 25% discount on registration to the OSAP Annual Conference. Any additional special events are at your expense. The presenting author will be responsible for the registration and payment of fees for guests and/or spouses.
- **Hotel Accommodations:** The presenting author will be responsible for all expenses related to their hotel stay.
- **Airfare/Ground Transportation:** The presenting author will be responsible for all expenses related to airfare and ground transportation.
- **Meals:** The presenting author will be responsible for all expenses related to meals.

ADA CONTINUING EDUCATION RECOGNITION PROGRAM (CERP)

OSAP is an ADA CERP Recognized Provider. ADA CERP is a service of the American Dental Association to assist dental professionals in identifying quality providers of continuing dental education. ADA CERP does not approve or endorse individual courses or instructors, nor does it imply acceptance of credit hours by boards of dentistry. OSAP will announce the maximum number of continuing education credits available for this meeting when the scientific program is released. Concerns or complaints about a CE provider may be directed to the provider or to the Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition at ADA.org/CERP.

HELPFUL TIPS

- Submit more than one abstract! Each abstract must be submitted separately.
- If you are having issues with Scholastica visit their help desk https://help.scholasticahq.com/
- Contact office@osap.org if you have any other questions.