

# CATEGORIES FOR ABSTRACT PRESENTATION APTA'S COMBINED SECTIONS MEETING 2019

## ◆ Platform Presentations

Platform presentations are oral presentations of approximately 5 - 15 minutes. The time and format of platform presentations is determined and communicated by each Section's Program Chair.

## ◆ Poster Presentations

Poster Presentations are reports in which information is summarized using brief written statements and graphic materials, such as photographs, charts, graphs, and/or diagrams mounted on a poster board measuring four (4) feet high by eight (8) feet wide. Posters will be on display during assigned Exhibit Hall hours. Presenters will be assigned a specific Section date and time when they must be at their posters to discuss them with attendees.

## ◆ Research Report

Research reports are presentations of original scientific data collected by the author(s). Any established research format, both experimental and non-experimental designs, may be used. Scientific research requires the design of a study, collection of samples, measurement of variables, analysis of data, and presentation of the results. Abstracts require presenter/author information including credentials, city, and state, along with these required fields:

- Title
- Purpose/Hypothesis
- Number of Subjects
- Materials/Methods
- Results
- Conclusions
- Clinical Relevance
- References

## ◆ Special Interest Report

Special interest reports are presentations of unique and innovative concepts, ideas, devices, or products developed to meet the special needs of physical therapy. Emphasis should be on the unique and innovative nature of the concept or idea presented. All reports must contain data or evaluative information either collected or developed by the author(s) that address the idea, concept, device, or product presented. Reports that are limited to a "proposed" idea, concept, device, or product are not appropriate for submission and will not be allowed for presentation. Abstracts require presenter/author information including credentials, city, and state, along with these required fields:

- Title
- Purpose
- Description
- Summary of Use
- Importance to Member
- References

## ◆ Case Study Report

Case studies describe an individual patient, uncommon clinical case or a new or improved method of management or treatment. Abstracts require presenter/author information including credentials, city, and state, along with these required fields:

- Title
- Background and Purpose
- Case Descriptions
- Outcomes
- Discussion
- References

## ◆ Theory Report

Theory reports are presentations of a theory, idea, concept, or model that describes a foundation for the practice of physical therapy. "Theory is a general, abstract body of interrelated principles, concepts, and constructs that present a systematic, scientifically acceptable view of phenomena. Theory is conjecture that is inferred from a set of logical propositions that, in turn, are based on empirically derived evidence. Acceptable scientific theory is internally consistent, empirically testable, parsimonious, and congruous with existing knowledge. Theory also should be important scientifically." (Krebs DE, Harris SR, Herdman SJ, Michels E. Theory in physical therapy. Phys Ther. 1986;66:661-662.)

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- Title
- Theory/Body
- References