



## Scientific Poster Guidelines for Submission and Display

AVA Scientific Posters are a method for authors to present research and/or to display original work.

### Poster Criteria

All posters should convey relevance to AVA’s mission, vision and values. The mission of AVA is to represent and advance the vascular access specialty and community and define standards of vascular access through an evidence-based approach to enhance healthcare and patient outcomes. Our vision is improving healthcare and patient outcomes as it relates to vascular access.

All research based and evidence-based practice must have documented and completed outcomes prior to submitting.

Poster submissions will be judged based on the level of clinical evidence presented as follows:

Strength	Level	Design
High	1	Randomized prospective blinded clinical trial
		Meta-analysis of clinical trials
	2	Prospective clinical trial
	3	Retrospective clinical trial
	4	Series of Case Studies
Low	5	Case report or individual case study
		Expert Opinion
		Personal Observation

Research posters shall include the following headings:

1. Purpose/Design
2. Methods
3. Results
4. Limitations
5. Conclusions

Posters not associated with research should include the following key points:

1. Purpose - What was the goal of the study?
2. Background - What was the problem? Why was it important?
3. Results - What were the findings?
4. Conclusions - What do the final outcomes mean?

To summarize: Posters should include implications for practice or clinical relevance and must include a financial disclosure statement (if applicable). Acknowledgements are optional.

### **Poster Tracks**

Posters must be applicable to at least one of the tracks listed below. The track must be identified at the time of poster abstract submission and be relevant to the art and science of vascular access.

- Pediatric/Neonatal Vascular Access
- Care and Maintenance of Vascular Access
- New Technology and Applications in Vascular Access
- Testing, Care and Maintenance of Vascular Access Devices
- Economics of Vascular Access
- Process or Continuous Improvement in Vascular Access
- Education Pertaining to Vascular Access

Research posters involving human subjects must address protection of human subjects in keeping with International Standards governing human research (IRB approval if applicable).

All authors are required to submit financial disclosures and CV upon submission process.

AVA reserves the right to reject submissions that do not meet these objectives and criteria, are deemed inappropriate for the meeting, or do not meet the quality standards of the meeting.

AVA reserves the right to waiver publication on a case by case basis.

AVA does not perform independent research of submissions and relies on the author to demonstrate veracity in their posters and presentations.

### Helpful hints:

- Select colors wisely, remembering that not all attendees may be able to distinguish between red, green and grey.
- Use pictures, diagrams, figures, etc. rather than text when appropriate, to best describe your

work. Excessive use of text should be avoided.

- The average poster has from 2-5 figures/diagrams. Please ensure the content is clear to the reader when you are not present at the display.

### Awards

During the meeting, attendees will participate in voting for the “People’s Choice Award”. First, Second, and Third Place posters will receive a certificate and a cash award. The award winners will be announced at the end of the Scientific Meeting, on the AVA website and in Intravascular Quarterly.

### Scientific Poster Presentations

The AVA Scientific Poster Committee, composed of clinical and industry reviewers, will blindly judge submissions to determine the **11 posters** that will be given a poster presentation timeslot, based on criteria (as listed above).

There will be 3 one-hour sessions for poster presentations:

- In the first of the hour-long sessions, 3 posters will be presented. Each poster is presented by one author for 17 minutes, with 3 minutes of questions and answers.
- In each of the successive 2 sessions, 4 posters will be presented. Each poster is presented by one author for 12 minutes, with 3 minutes of questions and answers.

Each presentation should include a high-level overview of poster findings and an open discussion between the poster author and the audience.

The 11 poster presenters will receive the following discount on registration fees: One (1) Day Complimentary plus 50% off one (1) additional day OR full meeting at the current member rate.

### Submission Fee

If selected to exhibit an AVA Scientific Poster, please note that there is a **\$50 submission fee** for each **accepted** iPoster. This fee must be paid for each poster that you wish to display at AVA 2019.

### Timeline – for accepted abstracts

- Poster authors that wish **to be considered for a Scientific Poster Presentation** must pay the \$50 submission fee and complete their digital poster by no later than **Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**.
- Posters selected for Scientific Poster Presentation will be notified by **Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**.
- Poster authors that wish **to display a digital poster without presentation consideration** must pay the \$50 submission fee and complete their digital poster by no later than **Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**.

### Electronic Disclosure

Providing AVA with an electronic abstract, presentation and/or handouts constitutes agreement that AVA and its designated agent are expressly authorized and granted the right to reproduce the presenter’s electronic presentation or handout file(s) and include the file(s) on the AVA 2019 ePoster

Gallery, which will be provided to meeting participants as part of their registration package.

Please contact the meeting organizers with any questions at [AVAspeakers@conferencemanagers.com](mailto:AVAspeakers@conferencemanagers.com).