Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Does my poster have to present research?

A: No. Presenters may choose from one of three formats for their abstracts and posters: research (including basic science/laboratory and clinical work), public health and epidemiology and case presentation. Each track has a distinct scope and suggested abstract and poster format as described above.

Q: If I am presenting as part of a group, does each group member need to submit an abstract?

A: No. Group presenters should submit one abstract and designate one point person for all communications with the Institute for Global Health.

Q: Will I need to pay for poster printing?

A: The Institute for Global Health and the Global Health Initiative will cover printing costs for medical students (one poster per group or individual participant). Please contact an IGH staff member if are not a medical student but require assistance with poster printing costs.

Q: Can I submit more than one abstract?

A: Yes, you can submit more than one abstract. However, printing costs will only be covered for one poster per person.

Q: May I print my poster wherever I choose?

A: No. We have set up an account at Quartet Digital Printing, which is located in the Searle Building in Room B-407. This will allow participants to print their posters without incurring any personal expense.

Q: What size should my poster be?

A: Poster sizes should be exactly 3 feet high by 5 feet wide. The provided easels open up to a triangle of 24 inches on each side and stand roughly 54 to 57 inches tall.

Q: May I include photos in my poster?

A: Yes, but all photos must comply with HIPPA regulations and informed consent must be obtained from all subjects. Download the waiver form for photography and video.

Q: How many friends and mentors may I invite to the event?

A: We encourage each presenter to invite at least three people (friends, peers, mentors) who they expect will attend; however, they are welcome to invite more.
Q: Do I need to apply for approval from the Institutional Review Board (IRB) to present my poster and data?

A: Many presentations will likely not need IRB approval, but if you are conducting research and presenting data, you must follow all protocol and policies that were previously approved by the IRB and host institution’s ethics committee when the study was initially approved.

Q: May I use my own abstract and/or poster format that differs from the online templates?

A: Yes, students may tailor the templates to best suit their specific projects. However, most submissions will closely resemble the abstract and poster template examples. If you have a mentor, please ask for their guidance early in the abstract and poster preparation process. Faculty and staff at the Institute for Global Health will also be available for assistance.

Q: Can I present my Global Health Day poster at future poster sessions, such as the AOSC or Public Health Program sessions?

A: Yes, you can present your Global Health Day poster again, as long as your AOSC or Public Health Program mentor approves.

Other Resources

- [Preparing a Poster Presentation on ACP](#)
- [How to Write an Abstract that will be Accepted on BMJ Careers](#)
- [How to Prepare an Effective Research Poster on BMJ Careers](#)
- [How to Write an Abstract by David J Pierson, MD, FAARC](#)