



**10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
ACA REHAB COUNCIL  
POSTER PRESENTATION CONTEST GUIDELINES\***

**DEADLINE TO ENTER EXTENDED TO March 1, 2023**

**1. Contest Objectives**

- Create visibility and presence for campus ACA Rehab Councils
- Solidify focus of collegiate Chiropractic Rehabilitation Councils
- Foster development of chiropractic rehabilitation and therapeutics
- Champion academic excellence of chiropractic colleges
- Create a varied learning experience for symposium attendees
- Promote mentoring and networking opportunities within the ACA Rehab Council

**2. Poster Size**

- 48" x 36" (Office Depot or Staples sells stock poster boards)
- Use of pictures, charts, graphs, etc. is recommended
- Text is recommended to a limit of 6-8 lines per panel
- Text should be 26 point
- Include reference panel – this can be a smaller font as to fit on one page
- Suggested points of discussion include:
  - \*topic/author
  - \*mechanism of injury
  - \*rehab strategies
  - \*description of topic
  - \*rehab techniques
  - \*referral/co-treatment
  - \*prevalence
  - \*diagnostic tests
  - \*biopsychosocial approach
  - \*resolution time
  - \*chiropractic management

**3. Topic Summary**

- Preparation of a one-page summary of topic/condition recommended for distribution at the poster presentation times
- Recommend 25-50 copies for handout

**4. Poster topics should be able to be presented within 3-4 minutes**

- Introduction of topic
- Elaboration of topic with 3-4 points
- Summary of key points
- Ask for questions

**5. Presentation Schedule**

- Presentations will be in the vendor area
- At least three 30-minute periods will be set aside for poster viewing
- Other poster times to be announced as needed
- Voting will be on a check-card system
- Valid ballots must be initialed by evaluators
- Procedures will be covered at presenters meeting 7:30 AM Saturday, March 18, 2023

6. **Contest Rules**
  - Contest is open to current chiropractic college students who are **student members of the ACA** attending United States or Canadian schools. Students may participate in this contest one time (“one and done”) during their chiropractic education. **All participants must be declared by a professor from their school (or designated mentor) by February 17, 2023 at 11:59pm EST.** There will be no write-in candidates. Travel expenses, room and board are the responsibility of the participants. Students are permitted to have guidance from their professors but are **not permitted to have assistance with their presentation materials.** For Student ACA membership information, visit [www.acatoday.org](http://www.acatoday.org) or contact the American Chiropractic Association at 703-276-8800.
  
7. **Poster themes are left to the discretion of the presenters**
  - Suggested topics include:

*rehabilitation	*sport related issues	*research
*injuries	*acute care	*chiropractic management
*testing	*optimal function	*specific conditions
  
8. **Scholarship Awards**
  - Participants do not have to pay the Symposium registration but are required to pay their travel expenses. NCMIC has donated scholarships that will be awarded to the top three (3) vote getters. The 2022 prizes were as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place \$1,500.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$1,000.00, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$500.00, plus gift cards for the remaining participants.
  
9. **Timeline and Deadlines**
  - **January 2023** – notification to chiropractic colleges of 10<sup>th</sup> Annual ACA Rehab Council Poster Presentation Contest
  - **March 1, 2023 by 11:59 PM EST** – finalists and their topics are declared to **Dr. Stuart McIntosh, via email [drstuartmcintosh@gmail.com](mailto:drstuartmcintosh@gmail.com) by a professor from their school**
  - **March 1, 2023** – travel arrangements should be made by participants. Please see the ACA Rehab Council website ([link](#)) for a discounted hotel rated if you are planning on staying at the Bally’s Hotel and Resort (soon to rebranded as Horseshoe Las Vegas). If you call the hotel directly, they may charge you a processing fee, so be sure to use the web link.
  - **March 18 – March 19, 2023** – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual ACA Rehab Council Poster Contest and the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual ACA Rehab Council Educational Symposium
  - **March 18, 2023** – Presenter meeting at 7:30 AM
    - agenda to include: introductions, voting procedures, ballots, times/sites of presentations, time and site of meeting to be announced
  - **March 19, 2023** – Awards Ceremony
  
10. **Questions?**
  - Contact the contest coordinators:
    - Dr. Stuart McIntosh at [drstuartmcintosh@gmail.com](mailto:drstuartmcintosh@gmail.com)
    - Dr. Jason Qualls at [jquallsdc@gmail.com](mailto:jquallsdc@gmail.com)

\*Updated guidelines will be made available should the annual contest need to be held virtually.