



ACA REHAB COUNCIL STUDENT POSTER PRESENTATION CONTEST GUIDELINES

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”** (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 so as to fit on one page
 - Suggested points of discussion include:

*topic/author	*mechanism of injury	*rehab strategies
*description of topic	*path gnomonic sign	*rehab techniques
*prevalence	*diagnostic tests	
*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 (dates/times modified each year)–**

Presentations will be in/near vendor area. At least three 30 minute periods will be set aside for poster viewing. Other poster times to be announced. Voting will be on a check-card system. Valid ballots must be initialed by DC evaluators.

Procedures will be covered at presenters meeting 10:30 am Friday of Symposium weekend.

6. **Contest Rules (dates/times modified each year)–**
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 mid-January (specific dates in official rules sent to colleges.** 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 ASSISTANTS WITH THEIR PRESENTATION MATERIALS. For Student ACA membership information contact the American Chiropractic Association.

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** – All participants do not have to pay the Symposium registration but are required to pay their travel expenses. Scholarship monies are donated by an event sponsor and will be given to the top three (3) vote getters (denominations based on sponsorship. Approx. values: **1st place \$1100.00, 2nd place \$800.00 and 3rd place \$600.00 [2018]**)

9. **Timeline and Deadlines (approx. based on year)**
 - September – notification to chiropractic colleges of Annual ACA Rehab Council Poster Presentation Contest.
 - October to January – Chiropractic colleges conduct qualifying competitions.
 - January – finalists and their topics are declared to **Poster coordinator by a professor from their school.**
 - By March – travel arrangements should be made by participants. If you are planning on staying at the symposium hotel, see website for room block information to reserve your room. If you call the hotel directly they will charge you a processing fee, so be sure to use the web link. Rates vary based on year and hotel.
 - Friday of Symposium – Presenter meeting at 10:30 am : agenda – introductions, voting procedures, ballots, times/sites of presentations, time and site of meeting to be announced
 - Symposium Weekend – Presentations during scheduled break and presentation times at Annual ACA Rehab Council Educational Symposium.
 - Sunday – Awards Ceremony in the conference area.

10. Questions?

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