

Letter to the Editor

Presentation of posters at annual academic sessions (AAS)

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Dear Editor,

Having done poster judging for the College for the past three years or so I wish to suggest some ideas which can be useful in preparation of oral / poster presentations at the next AAS of Sri Lanka College of Haematologists.

Preparation has to be started many months in advance of the likely date of submission. Evidence of last-minute preparation was noted in many posters. Following the basic standard guidelines is essential. Keep an eye on your day today practice on the clinical / laboratory material, even with a point or more of new knowledge, a good practice point or useful addition to existing literature. Get the advice of the supervisors, colleagues and keep fine tuning the information. Be prepared to drop some of the projects halfway if found inadequate or unsuitable, rather than trying to somehow submit with last minute made up or cut paste work etc.

Poster

Your knowledge of the subject should be best expressed through a clear and concise presentation that is provocative. There should be a logical flow, a clear beginning, middle, and an end. Do not overload the visual. Make the points few and clear. Use short sentences, simple words and bullets to illustrate your points. Text should be broken up by graphics/photos.

Useful information is given in the following links:

<https://www.stemcell.com/efficient-research/scientific-poster-presentations>.

<https://www.bumc.bu.edu/facdev-medicine/files/2010/12/dos-and-donts-poster-presentation-Steven-M-Block.pdf>

https://students.unimelb.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/470059/Academic_posters_Update_051112.pdf

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