Call for Poster Display Abstracts

The Ohio Psychiatric Physicians Association (OPPA) and Ohio Psychiatric Physicians Foundation (OPPF) invite all OPPA members, residents, fellows and medical students to submit abstracts for consideration in the 2027 Poster Display, held in conjunction with the OPPA Annual Psychiatric Update and Mental Health Clinical Summit, April 3-4, 2027. The Poster Display provides an opportunity to showcase original contributions to the field of psychiatry, encourage scientific inquiry, and highlight emerging research.

All eligible abstracts will be reviewed and scored, with the 15 highest-scoring abstracts selected for onsite poster display. Posters will be for display purposes only and will not be formally judged or eligible for awards. OPPA membership is required for submitting authors and onsite poster representatives. Please review the Poster Display FAQs for complete submission guidelines, eligibility requirements, and selection details.

DEADLINES

Firm Deadline to Submit an Abstract

Feb. 8, 2027

Primary Contacts Notified of the Outcome of Scoring

Feb. 22, 2027

Deadline to Submit Poster .PDFs for OPPA Website

Mar. 26, 2027

HOW TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT

STEP 1 – Complete the Poster Display Abstract Entry Form

- The primary contact must complete the online Poster Display Entry Form, including the abstract, poster title, and contact information for ALL authors.

STEP 2 – Complete the Disclosure of Financial Interests Form

- All authors, including the primary contact if they are an author, must individually complete and submit an electronic Disclosure of Financial Interests Form. The primary contact is responsible for sharing the form link with all co-authors and ensuring that all disclosures are submitted by the deadline.

IMPORTANT: The Poster Display Entry Form and all required financial disclosures must be received by February 8, 2027, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.

Incomplete or late submissions will not be considered. No exceptions.

CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE AND JUDGING OF ABSTRACTS

All abstracts will be scored **base points** on the type of submission as follows:

- Primary author (medical student, resident/fellow) = 10 points
- Original research = 10 points
- Case Reports = 5 points
- Quality Improvement/Quality Excellence = 7.5 points
- Literature Review = 0 points

Additional points
(1 = marginal, 2 = acceptable, 3 = above average, 4 = excellent) will be given for the following criteria:

- Originality of work
- Contribution to advancing psychiatric knowledge
- Quality of writing

ON-SITE POSTERS VS. VIRTUAL DISPLAY ONLY ON WEBSITE

On-site Poster

Based on the scoring criteria above, the TOP 15 highest scoring abstracts will be accepted as posters for display on-site during OPPA's Annual Psychiatric Update (as well as a .pdf of poster uploaded to OPPA's website).

Virtual Display Only of .PDFs

For the remaining abstracts (not ranking in the top 15), the primary contact will be offered the opportunity to prepare a .pdf format only for virtual display on OPPA's website.

OPPF/OPPA Poster Display Abstracts FAQs

The Ohio Psychiatric Physicians Association (OPPA) and Ohio Psychiatric Physicians Foundation (OPPF) invite all OPPA members (including resident/fellows and medical students) to participate by submitting an abstract for consideration to display a poster during the upcoming Annual Psychiatric Update to be held on April 3-4, 2027. This FAQ was developed to address questions related to the Poster Abstract Guidelines document.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Q1. What is the "Poster Display"?
The event is referred to as the Poster Display to clarify that no oral presentations are required. Participants submit an abstract and, if accepted, prepare and display a poster summarizing their research or scholarly work.

Q2. Who is eligible to participate?
OPPA members (including General Members, Resident-Fellow Members, and Medical Student Members) are invited to participate.

Q3. Is there any oral or live presentation component?
No, the poster display does not include an oral presentation. Poster participants are required to stand next to their poster for a minimum of one break to be available for any questions from attendees.

Q4. Will posters be judged or awarded prizes?
No. Posters will not be judged and no prizes will be awarded. Only abstracts are reviewed and scored for acceptance.

PURPOSE AND GOALS

Q5. What is the purpose of the Poster Display?
The poster display provides an opportunity for medical students, residents, fellows and general members to share research, case reports, or scholarly work in psychiatry. It encourages engagement with the scientific process and showcases original contributions to the field.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDELINES

Q6. How do I submit an abstract?
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Q7. Who is responsible for ensuring all disclosures are submitted?
The primary contact listed on the Poster Display Abstract Entry Formis responsible for confirming that every author has submitted their disclosure.

Q8. What happens if a disclosure form or abstract is incomplete?
Incomplete submissions—including missing or unsigned disclosures—will not be accepted.

Q9. Can I submit my abstract after the deadline?
No. Late entries will not be accepted under any circumstances. There are no exceptions.

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE

Q10. How are abstracts judged?
Abstracts are scored based on the type of submission and the quality of the content.

- Base points:
  - Learner (medical student, resident, or fellow): 10 points
  - Original research: 10 points
  - Quality Improvement/Quality Excellence: 7.5 points
  - Case report: 5 points
  - Literature review: 0 points

- Additional points (1 = marginal, 2= acceptable, 3= above average, 4= excellent) will be given for the following criteria:
  - Originality of the work
  - Contribution to advancing psychiatric knowledge
  - Quality of writing

Q11. How many posters will be accepted for display?
The primary contact for the top 15 highest-scoring abstracts will be invited to create a poster for on-site display and will also appear online as a .pdf. The primary contacts of the remaining abstracts (if accepted) will be invited to create a .pdf poster for virtual display only on the OPPA/OPPF website.

Q12. Will I be notified if my abstract is accepted?
Yes. The primary contact will receive notification approximately 45 days before the meeting regarding acceptance and display format (on-site or virtual only).

TIMELINE AND DEADLINES

Q13. What are the key deadlines for 2027?

- Abstract submission deadline: February 8, 2027
- Notification of acceptance: February 22, 2027
- Deadline for .pdf poster submission: March 26, 2027

Q14. What if I submit my .pdf poster after March 26?
Late .pdfs will not be displayed before the meeting.

DISPLAY AND FORMAT

Q15. What format should my poster be in?
Posters for virtual display must be submitted as a .pdf file. Specific formatting instructions will be provided upon acceptance. All .pdfs will be posted on the website AFTER the meeting date.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Q16. Where can I find more details or updates?
All call-for-abstracts announcements and reminders—including submission requirements and judging criteria—was published on the OPPA website and will be included in OPPA Winter 2027 Insight Matters newsletter.

Q17. Who should I contact with questions?
Questions can be directed to OPPF staff via email at oppf@oppa.org or by phone at 614-763-0040.