

# FLORIDA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

## CALL FOR POSTERS

The Florida Medical Association (FMA) is issuing a **Call for Scientific Posters** for its **Annual Meeting** which will be held at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, Boca Raton, Florida, July 24-26, 2009. The FMA's objective for the poster presentations is to offer students, residents, fellows, and other physician scholars an opportunity to share significant research and clinical work of interest with their fellow physicians. We encourage all of our colleagues to participate in this educational program by submission of a formal application for scientific poster presentation.

### **RULES FOR SUBMISSION OF POSTERS:**

**Eligibility:** All student, resident, or fellow applicants must be members of the FMA or be sponsored by an active member of the FMA. Faculty or practicing physician applicants must be active members of the FMA. Generally submitted work should be original and not previously published, although the Council on Medical Education & Science may choose to waive this requirement.

**Criteria for selection:** Research posters display results of basic or clinical research, and illustrate the protocol, methodology and materials used in researching the conclusions shown. Educational posters present information of interest to physicians and their patients. **Notification by e-mail or letter of poster application acceptance or rejection will be sent by July 10, 2009.** Authors of posters accepted for presentation must attend the FMA Annual Meeting and place their Poster in the space provided in the FMA Exhibit Hall. Discussion sessions will be held in the poster display area to provide an opportunity for attendees to ask questions and discuss topics. Presenters will be required to participate in the discussion sessions at the scheduled times. Further information regarding the sessions will be provided at a later date.

**Posters specifications: Each author will have a 4' by 4' space with which to work.** Posters will be presented on a 4' by 8' freestanding fabric covered board in the FMA Exhibit Hall so that each side of the board will accommodate two posters (4' by 4' each). Presenters may prepare one large poster or several smaller ones to fit within the designated space (4' by 4'). Velcro dots and strips will be necessary to affix the poster material to the board.

**Set-up and Dismantling:** Poster presenters may begin setting up at 8:00 am on Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> and must be completed by 12:00 pm. Presenters may begin dismantling posters at 3:00 pm on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Content and Ethical Considerations:** Posters are intended to convey a scientific result and are not advertisement for commercial interests, products or services. Please read and complete the attached Disclosure Form. Volunteer physician members of the FMA Council on Medical Education & Science make final decisions about eligibility. The FMA reserves the right to deny any application that, in the opinion of the Council, is deemed promotional, commercial or unethical. These regulations are designed to ensure that each poster presentation accepted helps achieve the purpose of stimulating research and education throughout the health care community.

**On-site Judging & Awards:** Poster presentation applications are judged through an evaluation process which consists of the following criteria: value to the medical profession; scientific and/or informational content; consistency with FMA policy; ethical consideration; nonpromotional/noncommercial in nature, and appropriate design. **Cash prizes and certificates for first and second place, and certificate for third place will be awarded.**

**Note: Poster presenters must be present during judging times. Judging times will be determined at a later date and presenters will be notified.**

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**DEADLINE FOR POSTER APPLICATION FORM SUBMISSION - June 22, 2009.**

Application Process:

All students, residents, fellows, and physicians interested in having a poster considered must submit the following no later than June 22, 2009:

1. A Poster Application Form, including Poster Description.
2. A completed and signed Disclosure Form
3. A copy of the author's current Curriculum Vitae or biographical sketch

The application and supporting documents should be sent to:

FMA  
c/o Melissa Carter  
123 S. Adams Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Or via email:

[mcarter@medone.org](mailto:mcarter@medone.org)

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF POSTER APPLICATION FORM IS JUNE 22, 2009**