

Opportunities to Present During the AANP Annual Conference Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

1. What opportunities are available for NPs who wish to make presentations at AANP's annual meeting?

There are four different types of presentations that may be made by NPs during the annual meeting. These include the abstract NP poster and podium presentations, invited speaker presentations, and participation in industry-sponsored symposia.

2. What opportunities are available for non-NPs who wish to make presentations at AANP's annual meeting?

There are four different types of presentations that may be made by persons who are not NPs during the conference. Two include the invited speaker presentations and industry-sponsored symposia mentioned above. The others are the non-NP poster presentations and industry-sponsored posters.

3. How are presenters for the NP poster and podium presentations selected?

Poster and podium presentations are selected through a blinded peer-review process of abstracts. All NPs are invited to submit an abstract (see Call for Abstracts and related FAQs at this website) for consideration. The number of abstracts selected is dependent on the actual number of times and spaces for the concurrent podium presentations and the actual poster space.

4. What types of content are appropriate for the NP poster and podium presentations?

The material must lend itself to either a visual poster display or a 30-minute "live" presentation. The content should address research or practice-related information relevant to NPs and their practice.

5. What are the invited speaker presentations?

Each year, the conference committee recommends topics and speakers for the upcoming conference. The recommendations are based on many factors, including previous conference evaluations/comments, the literature, and new practice developments. These presentations are typically scheduled for 75 minutes, allowing for more detailed discussion of the selected topic.

6. How are the "invited speakers" determined?

Often, invited speakers are selected based on the feedback from earlier presentations they have made at AANP programs. While many of the invited speakers are NPs, other individuals are also invited to present during these sessions, dependent on their expertise. Persons interested in being invited to participate as an invited speaker during the AANP conference should submit a copy of their CV and a list of topic areas on which they are qualified to speak to the AANP Conference Department (conference@aanp.org).

7. What are the industry-sponsored symposia?

Industry-sponsored symposia are usually scheduled as meal events during the AANP conference. These sessions usually include 90 minutes of lecture/discussion. The presentations are developed and sponsored by corporate educational grants and developed in collaboration with a variety of third-party medical education groups.

8. How are the presenters for the industry-sponsored symposia determined?

While the AANP has the ultimate approval of all speakers for these events, they are often selected collaboratively by the AANP conference staff and representatives of any medical education group involved. The symposia usually include multiple speakers, at least one of whom is an NP. The speakers are selected based on their previous clinical or research expertise and speaking ability.

9. How do the non-NP and industry-sponsored posters differ from the NP poster sessions?

Over the past several years, the review committee has received abstracts from persons who were not NPs but which addressed information that was highly relevant to NP practice. A decision was made to review those abstracts for the general poster session, provided they were received by the advertised deadline. The primary difference is that non-NP poster abstracts are not eligible for the competitive judging process, which is limited to NPs.

The industry-sponsored poster abstracts are similarly reviewed, but at a later time than the NP and non-NP abstracts. These abstracts and related posters depict the outcomes of research which has been sponsored by industry. The abstracts associated with these posters are excluded from the competitive judging process. There is also a fee associated with submission and review of these abstracts. The call for industry-sponsored poster abstracts is announced separately. Because the general poster session is accredited for continuing education, the industry-sponsored posters are located in a separate area from the accredited posters.

10. How is the decision made regarding whether or not an abstract involves industry-sponsored research?

This is not always cut and dry. Unless clearly submitted as an “industry sponsored” abstract, a determination is made on an individual basis, often after consulting the submitting author. If a project director received some unrestricted support for a project, but maintained full control over the design, implementation, and analysis of a project, it is probably not “industry sponsored”. Examples of situations that would indicate that an abstract falls in the industry-sponsored category include (but not limited to) the following: a) the researchers or presenter(s) is employed by a pharmaceutical or related corporation, b) the project was directed or solely funded by a corporation, c) data were analyzed and conclusions drawn by corporate representatives.