

## APTA - Virginia Fall Summit – Submission Deadline: September 11, 2020 by midnight

The APTA-Virginia Research Committee is currently accepting abstracts for consideration for virtual platform or e-poster presentation during the Fall Summit, November 7th, 2020.

*Due to the virtual nature of the Summit this year, presentation formats have changed. Please see below for more information.*

### Presentation Categories (taken from the APTA call for abstracts)

- **Research Report:** Presents original scientific data collected by the author(s) using any established research format, both experimental and non-experimental designs, may be used (e.g. case studies, clinical trials, descriptive studies, single-subject designs, qualitative methods, etc.)
- **Special Interest Report:** Presents unique and innovative concepts, ideas, devices, or products developed to meet the special needs of physical therapy; the ways in which these reports can be expressed include case reports, case studies, and reports of projects. Emphasis should be on the unique and innovative nature of the concept or idea presented.
- **Theory Report:** Presents a theory, idea, concept, or model that describes a foundation for the practice of physical therapy. For additional information on theory, see Krebs DE, Harris SR. Elements of theory presentations in physical therapy. *Phys Ther.* 1988;68:690-693

### Submission Guidelines

#### Abstract Format

- **Research Report** must include the following information/subheadings: *Purpose, Background/Significance, Subjects, Methods and Materials, Analyses, Results, Conclusions, Funding Source*
- **Special Interest Report** must include the following information/subheadings unless it is a case study/report: *Purpose, Foundation (What is the underlying basis for the report?), Description (What methods, materials, and principles did the project involve?), Observations, Conclusions, Funding Source*
- **Case Report or Series** must include the following information/subheadings: *Purpose, Background/Significance, Subject(s), Methods, Outcomes, Discussion, Conclusion, Funding Source*
- **Theory Report** must include the following information/subheadings: *Theory (Describe the theory, idea, concept, or model), Phenomenon (Describe the phenomenon the theory proposes to explain, predict, or describe), Purpose (What is the major reason for developing the theory presented?), Evidence (Briefly summarize the evidence or experience that supports the theory), Testable Hypotheses (Give examples of testable hypotheses or propositions derived from the theory, idea, concept, or model), Importance (What is the importance of the theory to physical therapy?), Funding Source*

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## Submission Requirements

Submit two copies of the abstract electronically to the research chair; one with information identifying the author(s) and contact person, and one blinded (no identifying information). Please indicate if the abstract is *student, professional or academic research and if you are interested in platform or poster presentation*. The abstract should be no more than 300 words. **The electronic file must be compatible with Microsoft word.**

**Note:** The “blinded” copy of the abstract will be used for review by the committee.

## Evaluation and Selection of Abstracts

The APTA-Virginia Research Committee peer reviews all abstracts. Abstracts are selected on the basis of compliance with the content and format requirements, intelligibility of the abstract, and the importance of the information as it relates to physical therapy.

## Presentation Format

*Tutorials will be provided by the Communications Committee for all submission formats.*

**Poster Presentation:** E-posters in pdf format without audio will be posted on the APTA Virginia website and advertised on social media. Q&A will be available for 30 days, to be answered at the author’s convenience.

**Platform Presentation:** Pre-recorded powerpoint-style presentations of 5-10 minutes with audio embedded will be posted on the APTA Virginia website and advertised on social media. Q&A will be available for 30 days, to be answered at the author’s convenience.

**Live Platform Presentation:** Three abstracts will be selected for live presentation and Q&A on Facebook during the Summit on 11/7. Each presentation will be scheduled in a 15 minute slot, with 5-10 minutes reserved for presentation and the remaining time available for live questions.

## Notification

Notification of the committee’s decision will occur via email no later than September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

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