



Call for Posters

The Army Nurse Corps Association (ANCA) will hold its biennial convention 11-14 October 2018 in San Antonio, Texas, at the DoubleTree Airport Hotel. The theme of the convention is "Connecting Generations of Army Nurses." A key feature will be ANCA's 3rd Annual Research/Evidence-based Practice (EBP) Poster Showcase, **13 October 2018**. ANCA members, Army Nurse Corps officers (Active, USAR, ARNG, Retired) and civilian nurses working in military settings are invited to submit a brief abstract using guidelines below.

While we encourage poster presenters to attend the convention, we recognize this is not always possible due to military and other constraints. **Poster authors need not attend the convention to have their posters displayed.** This is a showcase, so posters may reflect work already presented in another venue. Posters should generally reflect work done during 2016 to 2018.

Poster Abstract Submission Guidelines

Submit (by brief email message to the contact) your intent to submit a poster abstract NLT **1 August 2018**, to give us an idea of the number of posters to showcase.

NLT **15 August 2018**, Prepare and submit an abstract containing:

- Title of Study or Project
- Author(s) – including contact information
- Type of Project – Research Study or EBP Project
- Abstract-in-Brief – 3-4 sentences (your poster will tell the full story)
- Abstract – 250 words or less (Research steps or EBP PICOT question)

Submit your abstract and pdf electronic file of the poster by **15 Aug** to the contact. You will be contacted to confirm receipt of your submission and to further coordinate.

Posters must fit within **4' x 8'** rolling corkboard and use push pins to affix to the board. Setup time is tentatively 12 Oct 0700-1700. Take down time is tentatively 14 Oct 0700-1700. Poster Showcase is scheduled for **13 October**. Poster presenters do not need to attend their posters, but are encouraged to place contact information on their poster.

Posters must be brought or sent to the convention site. If sent, they must be mailed directly to the convention hotel by **10 October**. Address the poster to Carol Huebner, ANCA Convention, DoubleTree Airport Hotel, 37 NE Loop 410 at McCullough, San Antonio TX 78216 (210-366-2424). **Posters will be mailed back to authors if requested and an addressed, postage paid container is provided.**

Awards: This year, 4 poster awards will be given: 1st and 2nd Place Research Awards; and 1st and 2nd Place EBP Awards. Winners will be invited to publish in *The Connection*. Presenters, if attending, pay their own expenses.

Contact: Carol Huebner, ANCA Research Committee chair, at caidaho408@gmail.com for questions and/or with intent to showcase. If work is to be showcased, send Carol a pdf abstract (250 words or less), with above abstract content and full name, credentials, organization, and an email address by the **15 August** deadline.

Resources for Preparing an Effective Poster:

Wells, S. (June-Aug 2016). Knowledge is Power – Using your power to inform your colleagues through Poster Presentations. *The Oklahoma Nurse*, 6-7.

Hardicre, J. Devitt, P. & Coad, J. (2007). Ten steps to a successful poster presentation. *British Journal of Nursing*, 16: 398-401.

Miller, J. (2007). Preparing and presenting effective research posters. *Health Services Research*, 42: 311-28.

How to Create a Research Poster: Poster Basics. NYU Libraries. Available at <https://guides.nyu.edu/posters>.

Advice for Making Posters with PowerPoint. University of Alabama. Available at <http://undergraduateresearch.as.ua.edu/presenting-your-work/making-posters/>

Creating Effective Poster Presentations. North Carolina State University. Available at <https://projects.ncsu.edu/project/posters/>

Important Dates:

1 August – e-mail intent to submit

15 August – Abstracts due

10 October – Mailed posters due to DoubleTree Hotel

12 October – Set up Posters

13 October – Poster Showcase

14 October – Take-down Posters