



**The American Professional Society of
ADHD and Related Disorders
2021 Virtual Conference
January 15–17, 2021**

CALL FOR SYMPOSIA AND POSTER ABSTRACTS

SYMPOSIA DEADLINE: Wednesday, September 9, 2020

POSTER DEADLINE: Monday, October 19, 2020

As you may have read in the recent email from President Jeffrey Newcorn, the annual meeting scheduled for January 2021 will now be conducted entirely online in a videoconferencing platform to be announced. This decision was made due to the unforeseeable imminent future of the COVID-19 pandemic. Although in-person communications will be missed, we are excited to announce new opportunities for this meeting - which are augmented by the online format. This announcement addresses symposium and poster submissions. Novel proposals that fall outside these formats may also be considered; please contact the program committee in advance to explore any such ideas.

NEW THIS YEAR: SYMPOSIA AS WELL AS POSTER SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

For the first time, APSARD is offering the opportunity for a limited number of symposia to be accepted for oral presentation. Poster submissions will continue to be accepted, as usual. Format requirements for both types of submissions are detailed below; all accepted presentations will be delivered online.

As always, APSARD welcomes submissions covering all aspects of ADHD and related disorders. In addition, this year APSARD is interested in addressing two major public health crises that have shaken the U.S. and the world:

- The COVID-19 crisis has introduced major stressors for people with ADHD and its related disorders across many settings: home, school and the workplace. We seek submissions that will address the impact of COVID-19 on individuals and families with ADHD and which will present innovative methods of treatment that are useful during this pandemic. Submissions addressing how the pandemic will ultimately impact the care of people with ADHD are encouraged.
- There are important ongoing dialogues in our country and worldwide regarding issues related to racism, racial disparities and related access to care. COVID-19 has disproportionately affected disadvantaged communities and people of color due to disparities in many social determinates of health. But these issues extend well beyond COVID-19, and pose important issues related to health care in general, and care of individuals and families with ADHD. APSARD seeks proposals that will address critical issues in this area with the focus on ADHD.

Submissions on other topics of interest pertinent to ADHD and related disorders will be accepted, including but not limited to:

- Psychopathology and neurobiology
- Therapeutic interventions
- Assessment methods
- Public health and policy
- Etiology and outcomes

Consistent with the mission of APSARD, which is to *bridge the gap between the basic and clinical sciences and their clinical application*, submissions will be accepted based on a blend of one or more criteria: scientific rigor (data driven and evidence-based), significance, innovation, clarity, and current or ultimate application to clinical practice. Accepted presenters will be asked to prepare 1-3 "take-away" messages from their research with an emphasis on current or future clinical implications; basic science presentations may emphasize 1-3 "take-away" implication in lieu of messages on the findings *accessible to a broad audience*. We encourage submissions that consider topics from a variety of vantage points, include individuals from different disciplines and different institutions, and model diversity across the presenters.

SUBMISSION DETAILS

Symposia and poster abstracts can only be submitted electronically at: <https://apsard.societyconference.com/>. Reference below for instructions and submission specifications for both symposia and posters. Incomplete submissions will ***not*** be considered.

To submit your proposal, please follow the instructions below:

- Visit the 2021 Abstract Submission Portal:
https://apsard.societyconference.com/?conf_id=10017&m=user&h=home
- If you are a current or previous member of APSARD or attended one of the 2015 – 2020 APSARD Annual Meetings, your account is stored within our system. Please select “Forgot Your Password” in the top right-hand box to obtain your login information.
- If you are a new submitter or your email address is not recognized by the system, please create a new account.
- Should you have any issues email info@apsard.org



Symposia Submissions: Symposia sessions will be provided 90 minutes for 3-4 speakers, including a chair and/or discussant. No more than 20 minutes/speaker should be allotted, and sufficient time must be preserved for audience input.

- Symposium title (200-character limit)
- Overview of symposium, including objectives, presenters and topics covered (250-300 word limit)
- Names and affiliations of chair(s), titles of individual presentations; names and affiliations of presenting speakers, co-authors, and discussant
- For each presentation (excluding title and authors, 300-500 word limit)
 - Title (100 Characters)
 - Presenting speaker and co-authors, and affiliations of each
 - Hypothesis/objective
 - Methods
 - Results
 - Conclusions
- **Alternative presentation format.** When submitting online, indicate willingness to present the talks which comprise a symposium submission as a poster, if the symposium is not accepted. *There may be additional online formats that are available (i.e., not only symposia); please read the online portal for updates.*
- **Self-Assessment Questions.**
 - Learning Objectives**: The session chair will be required to provide 2-3 learning objectives, using action verbs and listing measurable objectives.
 - Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Questions**: Each presenter will be responsible for building 1-2 MOC questions per their part of the session.



Poster Submissions: The information below should be submitted through the APSARD online submission portal by the posted deadline. Excluding title and authors, word limit is 250.

- Title (200-character limit)
- Authors (names and affiliations)
- Hypothesis/Objective
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusions

Additional instructions pertaining to all submissions:

- **Hypothesis/Objective.** Make the specific aim of the presentation clear and relate to current literature.
- **Methods.** Where relevant, describe the sample including size, variables measured and interventions clearly.
- **Results.** Include no more than two figures and make them clear to a broad ASPARD audience, including presenting findings and looping in clinical relevance.
- **Conclusions and Implications.** Emphasize new and important aspects of the findings and implications for scientific knowledge and clinical practice. Include or mention key “take-away” messages that will be presented (see second paragraph above).
- **Acknowledgement of Funding***

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***APSARD Program Committee may request slight edits to submissions to better align with APSARD’s goals for the annual conference.*

Should you have any questions, please contact the Executive Office at info@apsard.org or call 615-649-3083.