

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF CHILD & ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY

54th Annual Meeting

Instructions for Symposia Sessions

Important: You, as chair of this presentation, are the only person to have received this information. Please copy and distribute it to all of your co-presenters.

Symposia sessions are designed to present perspectives of different aspects of a topic or differing views of the same topic. Symposia are three hours long and open to all registered attendees of the Annual Meeting.

1. *Scheduling:*

Your symposium may be scheduled in either an early or late scientific session anytime between October 23-28, 2007. The symposium will be three hours long. A preliminary schedule of presentations will be posted on our website at the end of June - please check this site at www.aacap.org/cs/AnnualMeeting/2007 for your presentation date and time. The *Registration Magazine* for the Annual Meeting will be mailed to all presenters in August 2007 and will be on our web site at www.aacap.org/cs/AnnualMeeting/2007. Please also check this magazine for your presentation time and date, in case there have been any changes to the schedule. If for any reason you find that you will not be able to present at the Annual Meeting, please contact the meetings department immediately at: **AACAP, Attn: Meetings Department, 3615 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20016. Tel: 202.966.7300, Fax: 202.966.2891, email: meetings@aacap.org.**

2. *Publications:*

Information about your symposium will be published in three places: the *Registration Magazine*, the *Program Book*, and the *Book of Scientific Proceedings*. The latter two publications will not be available until the beginning of the meeting. Please inspect and report errors in names, titles, and other information published in the *Registration Magazine* to the AACAP Meetings Department at the contact information above. Errors that are not reported may be repeated in the *Program Book* and *Book of Scientific Proceedings*.

3. *Audio-Visuals:*

In order to have audio visual equipment in your meeting room, you must send a written request to the AACAP Meetings Department. The AACAP will provide an LCD projector free of cost to you. You will have to pay for half of any other equipment you request. We will need you to bring your own laptop computer if you wish to show your slides on an LCD projector. Be especially careful to bring all necessary cables/converters and a backup disk/CD of your

presentation in case your computer crashes. We recommend that the chair collect all presentation slides onto one laptop computer. There will be a speaker ready room at the conference hotel where you can run through your presentation materials. We have included an **Audio-Visual Equipment Request Form** to give you and your co-presenters time to determine your needs. *Please return by August 24, 2007.*

4. Handouts:

Handouts are not required for Symposia and are not funded by AACAP, but attendees often request them, and speakers with handouts tend to get higher evaluation scores. Past presenters have handled this in many ways: some bring handouts and distribute them until they run out, others pass around a sign-up sheet to email handouts to participants, and some post their information on their own web site and then distribute the site address. The Program Committee suggests that a one page handout with your full contact information, including email address, will satisfy most attendees. This decision is entirely up to you and your co-presenters. If you use handouts, they should be easy to read and presenters should go over the handouts during their presentations. Attendees prefer when slides and handouts follow the same order. If you receive funding from an outside source to produce your handouts, you must disclose.

5. About Slides:

Every meeting, every year, attendee evaluations repeat the same complaints about slides. Some have fonts so small the people in the back of the room can't read them. Some use hard-to-read dark backgrounds. Some have recycled old slides that seem to have no relevance to the presentation. Some put long detailed pages on the slides without including handouts, forcing attendees to take furious notes. Please, be empathic of your attendees. Take a look at your slides and ask yourself whether you would be able to read them from 50 feet away. Better yet, let a friend or colleague look over your materials - fresh eyes are very helpful. Minimum font point size is 32. When presenting about a drug, please use the generic name. An instructional sample slide set can be viewed at www.aacap.org/cs/AnnualMeeting/2007/Presenters.

6. Registration:

Presenters must pay registration fees for the AACAP Annual Meeting, either by mail, fax, or the web site starting in August 2007 when the *Registration Magazine* is published. The only exception is presenters who are not child and adolescent psychiatrists - these presenters still need to register, but will be charged only \$90 if registered by September 15 and \$105 if registered after September 15.

7. Honoraria:

AACAP does not provide honoraria, travel reimbursement, or hotel reimbursement for speaking in this event.

8. On-Site:

Please arrive at least 15 minutes before your session begins. A volunteer monitor, often a resident or student, will be present to help you with lights, audio-visual equipment, handouts, and reporting problems to us. In addition, they will take attendance, report to AACAP if appropriate disclosure guidelines were followed, and distribute and collect evaluations.

9. *Speaking:*

Please rehearse your presentation before you present it. You should be especially careful to practice speaking loudly, clearly, and slowly. It is useful to have a friend or colleague observe you speaking before you step in front of the audience. Some past presenters have practiced in advance using camcorders or cassette recorders to clarify their speaking strengths and weaknesses. Presenters may register for a free Presentation Skills Workshop on Wednesday, October 24; look for the Workshop in your *Registration Magazine* in August. Workshop attendees are encouraged to bring their laptops and slides. Registration will be first-come, first-served and will be limited to 50 attendees.

10. *Satellite Symposia:*

AACAP does not allow satellite symposia during our Annual Meeting. Please do not agree to participate in educational events that are not listed in the *Registration Magazine* and are not approved by AACAP. Please contact AACAP if you are approached to participate in such an event. For more information about AACAP's Operating Principles for Extramural Support of the Annual Meeting, refer to www.aacap.org/galleries/AnnualMeeting2006/Sponsorship_extarmuralSupport.pdf.

11. *Disclosure of Affiliations*

- A. Disclosure of real, potential, or perceived affiliations is an important and serious matter.
 - Disclosure is required and considered to be an obligation of all attendees who present or speak at the Annual Meeting, be it from the podium or the floor. (Those asking questions or making short comments from the floor can fulfill this obligation by a purely verbal disclosure.)
 - The Program Committee monitors disclosures during the course of the meeting.
 - Failure to disclose is construed to be an ethical violation that will result in disciplinary action by the AACAP Program Committee.
 - WE TAKE DISCLOSURE SERIOUSLY!
- B. BEFORE beginning your presentation, you have a duty to disclose:
 - I. Any off-label medication uses recommend.
 - II. Any real, potential, or perceived commercial, financial or other affiliations.
- C. Full disclosure is a requirement of the AACAP and our accrediting institution the ACCME.
- D. Disclosure must be made
 - I. In writing and in advance to the AACAP.
 - II. On the **first** content slide in a presentation or prominently at the **top** of a poster.
 - III. Verbally at the beginning of *each* presentation.
- E. Use of the Standard Disclosure Format is **required**.
Presenters are **required** to use the AACAP Standard Disclosure Slide as the format for disclosure for *each* presentation. It is available at:
www.aacap.org/cs/AnnualMeeting/2007/Presenters
- F. When in doubt, **report**
 - ✓ **When there are no affiliations, this should be indicated on a slide and verbally or on the poster.**
 - ✓ The reporting timeframe is a minimum of the past two years and imminent support. An obligation to report may exist for funds received prior to the last two years if it would be

- commonly perceived to have impact on that particular presentation, e.g., funding for a study which ended prior to two years ago but is now being reported must be disclosed.
- ✓ When in doubt about reporting, request guidance from meetings@aacap.org. The Program Committee will respond promptly to questions about disclosure of affiliations.
- G. If disclosures were not submitted to AACAP in the response to the *Call for Paper*, email appropriate information immediately to the AACAP with special attention to particularly relevant disclosures for each presentation at meetings@aacap.org.

12. Evaluations:

Please announce at the beginning and end of your Symposium that it is extremely important for attendees to fill out their evaluations. Without evaluations, AACAP can not continue offering CME credits.

13. Photography/Cell Phones:

Photographs may not be taken in any meeting. Members of the audience found taking pictures will be asked to leave the session. Cell phones and beepers must be silent or the participant will be asked to leave the session.

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