



Call For
POSTER PRESENTATIONS



DEADLINE: MARCH 6

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The Association for Dental Safety (ADS) will host its 2026 Annual Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, from May 27–29. The conference provides an opportunity for the oral healthcare community to engage in exceptional learning experiences, advance professional development, and learn about the latest scientific and evidence-based information in dental infection prevention, occupational health, and patient safety.

NEW! For those who may not be able to attend the meeting in person, we are introducing a video format for poster presentations. Poster presenters who are unable to join us onsite will have the opportunity to submit a brief pre-recorded video (3–5 minutes) summarizing their poster or providing an engaging overview of their topic.

ADS welcomes poster presentations on clinical practice, education, scholarly, and secondary research related to the practice of dental infection control and safety in oral health settings. We welcome original research, literature reviews, meta-analyses, and case reports. Individuals at all career stages are encouraged to submit one or more abstracts. Topics of interest include:

- evidence-based practices for infection prevention and control,
- new initiatives,
- outcomes research,
- patient perception and engagement in infection prevention and control,
- international and multidisciplinary issues,
- regulatory issues affecting dental healthcare professionals,
- patient and provider safety topics,
- implementation of new technologies and innovations, and
- compliance issues confronted in clinical practice.

Important Dates and Deadlines

- **March 6:** Submission Deadline
- **April:** Notifications Emailed
- **May 27 – May 29:** 2026 ADS Annual Conference – Salt Lake City, UT
 - **May 29:** Poster Presentations

James A. Cottone Award for Excellence in Investigative Research

The poster judged best overall will be awarded the James A. Cottone Award for Excellence in Investigative Research, which includes a \$500 cash award and a recognition plaque. Abstracts published or presented at another scientific meeting may be submitted but will not be eligible to compete for the Cottone Award.

How to Submit

All Poster Presentations must be submitted online. We suggest writing your proposal in a word processing program and then pasting it into the submission site. You can make edits post-submission until **March 6, 2026**.

Submission Website:

<https://site.phedloop.com/portal/event/EVEGHEBPFEVBT/submission/CALP4Z5BU50W03S/>

If the abstract is accepted, ADS will use the information on our event website and meeting app.

***Note: Accepted abstracts will not be published in a scientific journal.**

Abstract Requirements

We recommend you write your poster abstract using a word processing program and then paste it into the submission site. Once you start the application, you cannot move backward. However, you can make edits post-submission until **March 6, 2026**.

Poster Presenter

One person should be identified as the Poster Presenter. This person will be responsible for all communication with ADS.

****If you are applying on behalf of the Poster Presenter, please make sure to enter the Poster Presenter's contact information on the screen below ****

2026 ADS Annual Conference

Submission Portal

Proposal Application

Event Information

Start Poster Additional Details Profile Files Success

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To get started, enter the **Poster Presenter's** email and click **Next**.

Application Deadline: March 6

Enter the main Poster Presenter's email below. **If you are submitting for someone else, use their email, not yours.**

Speaker Email *

Next

Title

Titles must be limited to 150 characters and entered in title case, following AP style. Titles should not be in “all caps.” [Click here to Capitalize My Title.](#)

- *Remember:* Make the title dynamic and conclusive rather than descriptive. A powerful title excites the reader and should convince someone to attend your presentation.

Abstract Text

All poster abstracts should be **300 words or less**. You will copy/paste this information into a text box in the online form.

- All abstracts **must** contain the following section headings:
 - Objectives
 - Methods
 - Results
 - Conclusions
- Do not include your title in the abstract text.
- Do not include references in the abstract text.
- Do not include funding sources in the abstract text.
- Do not include any author-identifying material in the body of the abstract.
- The use of jargon and unfamiliar abbreviations is discouraged.
- The use of *generic* drug names and product descriptions should be used whenever possible. If the brand name is required to aid the readers' understanding, the manufacturer's name and city and state location are to be provided in parentheses within the text.

Co-Authors

List any co-authors. Enter first and last names, designations (e.g., DDS, RDH, RDA, etc.), and institution/affiliation.

Funding Sources

Report all funding sources and granting agencies that supported your work, as well as all institutional or corporate affiliations of all the authors. If based on research funded entirely or partially by an outside source, please list the funding agency and grant number.

- Institutional Review Board (IRB): If the abstract describes a research project with human subjects, the authors must state that the project was IRB-approved for the use of human subjects or whether the project was exempt from review. For details on IRB requirements, please consult your institution's guidelines.
- Research Involving Laboratory Animals: If the abstract describes research using laboratory animals, the authors must state that the protocol was reviewed by an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee or Ethical Oversight Body. Institutional Review Board (IRB)

Conflicts of Interest

All authors must disclose any financial and personal relationships with others or organizations that could inappropriately influence (bias) their work. Examples of potential COI:

- Employment, Consultancies, stock ownership, honoraria, paid expert testimony, patent applications/registrations, grants, or other funding.
- If there are no conflicts of interest, please state: 'Conflicts of interest: none'. See also elsevier.com/conflictsofinterest.

File Upload

Tables are permitted but should be simple and concise. Graphics/images are not recommended unless they are integral to the abstract and should be limited to one or two.

Poster Presenter Information

Presenter Agreement

All presenters agree to the following conditions when submitting an abstract:

1. Affirm that any work with human or animal subjects reported in the abstract complies with the guiding principles for experimental procedures found in the Declaration of Helsinki of the World Medical Association, and that this research project has been duly cleared by my Institutional Review Board (IRB) or Institutional Ethics Committee or an equivalent ethical body.
2. Agree to register for the meeting and pay the appropriate registration fee.

Presenter Compensation

The Poster Presenter will receive a **15% discount on conference registration**. Any additional special events, including registration for guests and/or spouses, are at their expense. Hotel, ground transportation, and meals are also at their expense.

Any co-authors will be responsible for the full registration fee.

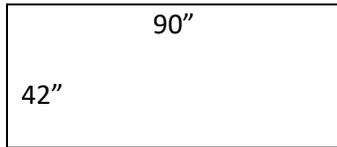
In-Person Presentation

Presenter Expectations

1. Hang your poster by **10:00 AM on Friday, May 29**, and remove it promptly before 3:00 PM.
 - a. **IMPORTANT: ADS will recycle posters not picked up by 3:00 PM on Friday, May 29.**
2. Be available at poster from **12:15 - 1:30 PM on Friday, May 29**, to answer questions.
3. ADS will monitor posters during the presentation hours to make certain that ADS is meeting the educational needs and expectations of attendees.
4. ADS will not offer poster printing or hanging services.

Printed Poster Specifications

- Each poster presentation board measures 42 inches high and 90 inches wide:



- Posters should be printed horizontally and not exceed the size of the presentation board.
- Text and illustrations must be readable from distances of at least three feet. Use lightweight materials.
- Disclosures must never include the use of a trade name or a product group message. List all disclosures once at the bottom of the poster.
- Sponsored abstracts may credit the sponsoring commercial entity in a plain text statement at the bottom of the poster. Product or company logos must never be used. Logos may appear for non-commercial institutions (e.g., universities, non-profit associations, and government agencies).
- Posters may be broken into several smaller portions but must not exceed 42" x 90".
- Push pins to mount materials will be available on-site.
- No audiovisual, projection, or computer equipment requiring electrical power will be permitted in the poster area.

Pre-Recorded Video Presentation

Presenter Expectations

Submit a pre-recorded video presentation (3-5 minutes long) by **Friday, May 15** that concisely summarizes the research question, the methods used, the results, and their significance.

Video Specifications

- Video should be 3 – 5 minutes long.
- MP4 or MOV format
- Preferably 1080p resolution or above
- If you are using a traditional PowerPoint presentation, please make sure you are using widescreen aspect ratio (16:9).

General Tips:

- Use your webcam/smartphone/camera for recording yourself, or in Microsoft PowerPoint (version 2016 and above), you can record presentations with voiceover and webcam.
- Center yourself in the frame of the camera and talk to the lens of the camera (as if you were talking to your audience)
- Use headphones/headset for good audio quality
- Record in orientation
- Use a neutral background or a work-related background
- Find a spot in a well-lit environment with indirect light
- Preferred angle: eyes in line with the camera lens, from chest level up

Things to Avoid

- Background noise and bad audio quality – use headphones or a headset when you are recording your talk, indoors in a quiet room
- Changing around your gaze and looking away from the lens of the camera. Please try to keep eye contact with the camera even if you are reading your lines.
- If you are using a prepared text, please try to keep natural intonation - it can easily come across as if you were “reading from a book”.
- Shaky handheld recordings. Place the camera/webcam/smartphone on a steady object/use a tripod.
- Odd angles with your webcam/camera/smartphone. The lens of the camera you are using should be in line with your eyes.

Presenter Changes

If you are unable to attend and wish to name a substitute presenter, please use the following guidelines:

- The substitute presenter must be a co-author.
- Substitution requests must be made PRIOR to the meeting.
- All presenter changes must be communicated to and approved by ADS staff prior to the scheduled presentation.

Failure to follow the above procedures may result in the presenter being charged the full registration fee and not being allowed to present at a future meeting.

Continuing Education Information

ADA CERP Recognition



The Association for Dental Safety (ADS) is an ADA Continuing Education Recognition Program (CERP) Provider.

ADA CERP is a service of the American Dental Association to assist dental professionals in identifying quality providers of continuing dental education. ADA CERP does not approve or endorse individual courses or instructors, nor does it imply acceptance of credit hours by boards of dentistry.

Concerns or complaints about a CE provider may be directed to the provider or to the Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition at [ADA.org/CERP](https://ada.org/CERP).

ADS will announce the maximum number of continuing education credits available in spring 2026.

CE Guidelines

- **Owners and employees of a commercial interest cannot serve as a speaker on a session related to business lines or products of their company.**
- Presentations must address the conference learning objectives:
 - Describe current and emerging issues related to infection prevention and safety in oral healthcare settings.
 - Demonstrate the implementation of best practices, new resources, and tools to facilitate compliance.
 - Identify important attributes to develop and enhance global leadership for the optimal delivery of infection prevention and The Safest Dental Visit™.
- Presentations must provide a balanced view of all evidence-based infection prevention and safety options.
- Presentations must NOT promote specific products, drugs, devices, services, or techniques.
 - Whenever possible, generic names must be used to contribute to the impartiality of the program presented. If reference must be made to a specific product by its trade name, reference shall also be made to competitive products.
- Speaker(s) must disclose whether they (or an immediate family member) have a financial interest/arrangement or affiliation with the corporate organization offering financial support or grant monies for this continuing dental education program, or have a financial interest in any commercial product(s) or service(s) they will discuss in the presentation.
 - Disclosure will include the speaker's name, the name of the commercial interest, and the nature of the relationship the individual has with each commercial interest.
 - Disclosure will not include the use of a trade name or product message.
 - For individuals that have no relevant financial relationships, the speaker will disclose that no relevant relationships exist.
 - Disclosure will be made before the start of the continuing education activity and will be made in writing, either in publicity materials, course materials, and/or audiovisual materials.

CE Disclaimer

The 2026 ADS Annual Conference is planned and presented by the Annual Conference Planning Committee to provide participants with a relevant and rewarding continuing educational experience. However, neither the content of a course nor the use of specific products in lectures or workshops should be construed as indicating endorsement or approval by ADS of the views presented or the products used.

Speakers must present a balanced view of therapeutic options, use generic names of products whenever possible, use images that have not been falsified or misrepresent the treatment outcome, and refrain from marketing or promoting any products or commercial services. Speakers must include peer-reviewed content supported by generally accepted scientific principles or methods that can be substantiated or supported with peer-reviewed scientific literature that is relevant and current. Speakers must support clinical recommendations with references from the scientific literature, with a sound scientific basis, whenever possible. Speakers disclose to participants any financial, commercial, or promotional interest in a product or company that may influence their presentations. However, ADS shall not be liable for a speaker's failure to disclose such interest.

Poster Abstract Evaluation Rubric

Criterion	Excellent – 4	Good – 3	Fair – 2	Needs Extensive Improvement - 1
Content	The abstract presents issues of immediate relevance and importance for dental infection prevention, occupational health, and/or patient safety, with evidence-based current best practices.	The abstract focuses on issues and evidence based on current best practices in dental infection prevention, occupational health, and/or patient safety.	The abstract is related to dental infection prevention, occupational health, and/or patient safety, but does not contain information relevant to best practices.	The abstract does not clearly focus on issues of importance and relevance to best practices in dental infection prevention, occupational health, and/or patient safety.
Clarity	The title, objectives, methods, results, and conclusion are clear and very well described.	The title, objectives, methods, results, and conclusion are generally well described.	The title, objectives, methods, results, and conclusion findings are unclear.	The title, objectives, methods, results, and conclusion are incomplete and unclear.
Format	The abstract clearly describes research purpose, methods, appropriate analysis of data and an accurate, meaningful and concise conclusion.	The abstract is adequately presented in terms of rationale, objectives, methods, appropriate data analysis and conclusion.	The abstract describes research in dental education, but does not clearly describe the rationale, objectives, methods, data analysis or conclusion.	The abstract does not provide evidence of sound research and/or scientific methodology which substantiates the conclusion.
Professional Writing and Protection of Participants	The abstract is clearly written and provides evidence of IRB approval (including Exempt status), if required.	The abstract requires some editing and provides evidence of IRB approval (including Exempt status), if required.	The abstract requires considerable editing, and/or evidence of IRB approval (including Exempt status), if required, is unclear.	The abstract is incomplete, unclear or lacks evidence of IRB approval (including Exempt status), if required.
Contribution	The abstract will make a significant contribution to multiple areas and aspects of dental infection prevention, occupational health, and/or patient safety.	The abstract will make a contribution that will be of interest to areas and aspects of dental infection prevention, occupational health, and/or patient safety.	The abstract will make a limited contribution that will be of interest to some areas and aspects of dental infection prevention, occupational health, and/or patient safety.	The abstract does not identify its contributions to areas and aspects of dental infection prevention, occupational health, and/or patient safety.