



## Writing A Compelling Poster Abstract for DIA: A Poster Reviewer's Dos and Don'ts

*This resource was provided by a DIA Program Committee Member, Meg Richards.*

### Please DO

- Use the structured format of:
  - Title, Authors, Background, Objectives, Methods, Results, Conclusions
- Use punctuation and short (not run-on) sentences
- Use abbreviations (but spell them out in the first use)
- Tie it all together: tell a story!
  - What research question(s) are you trying to answer?
  - How did you go about answering those questions?
  - What were those answers?
  - What do those answers mean?
- Include data; the more the better!
- Give those data meaningful context and presentation
- Have someone proofread and edit your abstract (e.g., co-authors)
- Spell- and Grammar-check it once, then 2 more times

### Please DON'T

- Write a promissory abstract ("data will be available in June ...")
- Provide results of a survey without including the response rate
- Submit an abstract based on outdated information (e.g., 2009 survey)
- Use jargon, acronyms, or terminology that make your poster inaccessible
- Conclude with, "Further research is needed ..." (that's a copout)

The Deadline to submit a poster abstract is February 11

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