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ViPER guidelines

Congratulations on being selected to present a ViPER. Please take a few minutes to read this information to understand what we expect of you and to help you make best use of your time. Please refer to the programme at www.rcn.org.uk/research21 to check the time and date of your virtual ViPER presentation. Facilitators will be allocated to sessions shortly.

Preparing for your ViPER
- Develop your poster – see below for poster dimensions, format, and tips.
- Working with the virtual setting, presenters have been allocated 20 minutes, 10 minutes to talk around their poster and 10 minutes facilitated discussion with viewers
- The talk may focus on the background, rationale, methodology, key findings and/or discursive key issues. Not all issues/facts as presented in the poster need to be included
- You may wish to contact the facilitator ahead of the conference to discuss the poster and identify key themes. If, so please email education@rcn.org.uk and RCN Events will facilitate. Alternatively, you can contact your facilitator during the conference, using the networking function
- Guidance to support you with the virtual ViPER session will be sent before the event

Poster dimensions and format
Posters must conform to the dimensions and format specified below to enable us to present virtually.
- A single PowerPoint slide. **Do not convert to pdf format**
- Landscape format
- Slide size: widescreen 16.9 – (this can be changed in either page setup or via the Design tab/slide size depending on your version of PowerPoint)
- The poster must be created and presented in English

Submitting your ViPER
The deadline for submitting is Monday 26 July 2021.
- Submit your poster as an email attachment to research@rcn.org.uk
- Include your abstract number for identification purposes in the email title
  RCN Events will acknowledge receipt

Poster tips
Posters should be as visually stimulating as possible bearing mind:
- Viewers may be using laptops
- Font and slide background colours enhance the readability of the slide
- Use a clear font, minimum font size 14 and avoid unnecessary italics
- Think about the message you are trying to convey and how it can be presented.
- If appropriate, include illustrative examples

- Don't overwhelm viewers with too much information
- Keep language clear and concise, ensure all the information is relevant to the subject and doesn't take too long to read
- Ensure all diagrams and pictures are labelled and attributed where appropriate

YouTube has a number of video tutorials for creating virtual posters which may be of help.

Frequently asked questions

1. **Does my poster have to meet the given format and dimensions?**
   The dimension and format of the poster are mandatory to work with the Hopin platform, giving the best viewing experience and providing consistency.
2. **Can my poster contain photographs?**
   Yes, although you will be required to obtain permission from the owner, if not yourself, and from any people featuring in the photograph.
3. **How many images should I have on my poster?**
   You have discretion over the content of your poster. We advise you to make posters visually stimulating bearing in mind, the mandatory format and dimensions and tips for presenting virtual posters.
4. **Where will information about my ViPER appear?**
   Presenter and ViPER details will be available to delegates prior to the conference in the Book of Abstracts and listed on the event platform during the event.

If you have any queries not answered here, please email research@rcn.org.uk quoting your abstract reference number.