

## **Research & Clinical Vignette Poster Competition Poster Guidelines**

Participants must set up their poster in the Medical Student - Associate Poster Area, located in the East Registration Hall of the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. Each presenter has been assigned a specific poster board number so please check in with ACP staff before setting up. **Each presenter will be asked to give a 4 minute “presentation overview” of their work, leaving 6 minutes for a question and answer session with the judges.** Winners will be announced at the Recognition Reception on Saturday evening. Results will also be posted on the website the week following Internal Medicine 2008.

The poster board surface is approximately 4' high by 8' wide. It has a cork base, with a fabric covering so that either \*push-pins or Velcro can be used. Prepare a panel indicating title and authors for the top of your poster space. The lettering for this selection should not be less than 1" high. You are asked to make no major alterations in the text of your abstract. **This is strictly a poster competition. Therefore, laptops with slide shows are not permitted as part of your presentation.**

Bear in mind that your graphics may be viewed or read from distances of about 3' or more. Charts, drawings, and illustration may be similar to those you would use in making slides; preferably simple and more heavily drawn. They should not be “arty”. Simple use of color can add emphasis effectively. Do not mount your poster on heavy board because these may be difficult to keep in position on the poster boards. Hand-lettered material should contain approximately heavy lettering, at least 3/8" high. Shade block letters where possible. Typed material should be prepared in a large, legible font. Keep illustrative material simple.

Provide a panel containing the title, and name(s) of author(s) to identify your poster easily.

**\* Please bring your own push pins.**

**\*\* Research posters should include a copy of the abstract, typed in a large font, and posted in the upper left-hand corner of the poster board.**