

CATEGORY	Excellent	Satisfactory	Needs Work	Unsatisfactory
Required Sections	Poster clearly indicates Title, Author(s), Abstract, Introduction, Methods and Materials, Results/Conclusions/ Implications, Acknowledgements/ Works Cited	Poster indicates Title, Author(s), Abstract, Introduction, Methods and Materials, Results/Conclusions/ Implications, Acknowledgements/ Works Cited	Poster somewhat indicates Title, Author(s), Abstract, Introduction, Methods and Materials, Results/Conclusions/ Implications, Acknowledgements/ Works Cited	Poster poorly indicates Title, Author(s), Abstract, Introduction, Methods and Materials, Results/Conclusions/ Implications, Acknowledgements/ Works Cited
Quality of Information	Information presents a cohesive explanation of the main topic; it includes several supporting details and/or examples and is reflective of in-depth academic research	Information clearly relates to the main topic; it provides supporting details and/or examples and reflects adequate research	Information clearly relates to the main topic, but it provides few details and/or examples and reflects only cursory, inadequate academic research	Information has little or nothing to do with the main topic or reflects little or no academic research
Amount of Information	All topics are presented clearly and concisely in short, summarizing statements; the poster can be easily read in about 2 minutes	All topics are addressed but text is either a bit too wordy or too short to convey all sections with clarity; poster cannot necessarily be fully understood in two minutes	Most topics are addressed but text is either too wordy or too short to convey all sections with clarity; poster cannot be fully understood in two minute	One or more topics are not addressed, and the text is either too wordy or too short to convey a clear message; poster cannot be understood in two minutes
Organization and Flow	Information is very organized, with well-constructed text, titles and illustrations; the flow of information—and the order in which the poster is to be read—is immediately evident	Information is generally well organized with clear text, titles and illustrations; the flow of information—and the order in which the poster is to be read— is mostly evident	Information is not well organized or constructed; poster uses some text, titles and illustrations, but coherence and flow are not evident	The information appears to be disorganized
Sources	All sources (information and graphics) are accurately documented in the desired format	All sources (information and graphics) are accurately documented, but a few are not in the desired format	All sources (information and graphics) are documented to some extent but not in the desired format	Some sources are not accurately documented
Diagrams & Illustrations	Diagrams/illustrations are neat & accurate, clarify all main messages, and synthesize and present details clearly; poster is balanced and uses white space effectively	Diagrams and illustrations are accurate and add to the readers' understanding of the topic; visual appearance of the poster is adequate	Diagrams and illustrations are mostly neat and accurate and sometimes add to the readers' understanding of the topic; visual appearance of the poster is inadequate	Diagrams and illustrations are not accurate OR do not add to the readers' understanding of the topic; poster appears to have been hastily prepared
Mechanics	Poster is meticulously edited, with no grammatical, spelling or punctuation errors. Titles and other headings provide clear cues to readers	Poster has almost no grammatical, spelling or punctuation errors	Poster has some grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors that may distract readers	Poster has numerous grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors that will likely distract readers