The poster symposia are a new presentation format for 2004. It is a hybrid poster and oral symposia session. An organized poster symposium provides for multiple, 4-8 (maximum), poster research presentations to be made on a single theme. Posters will be displayed for a 45-minute period allowing time for presenters to individually discuss their research with the session audience as they move through the posters. After the poster review 15 minutes is allocated for comments from a discussant and 30 to 45 minutes of general discussion, moderated by the chair, between the presenters and the session audience.

When applicable all presenters should include his/her conflict of interest disclosure statement in his/her poster presentation. We would like to encourage authors to have materials available in the form of a handout, even if only a one-page abstract, along with contact information to help participants follow up on presentations at the meetings. Please make arrangements to make and bring any such handouts (50-75 copies.) or be prepared to respond to e-mail requests after the conference.

Posters are prepared in the same manner as the evening poster sessions.

The poster board is 4 feet high and 8 feet wide. You will be assigned one poster board.

Prepare a title board for the top of your poster space indicating the title and author(s) of your presentation. Ideally, the lettering for the title should not be less than 1-1/2 inches high.

We will provide a printed "number" identifying each poster board. This number corresponds to the printed program abstract number. Refer to the author index in the printed program to check the corresponding program/poster number for your presentation(s.)

All illustrations should be made up beforehand. Remember that your illustrations must be read from several feet. Charts, drawings, and illustrations should be similar to those you would use in making slides,
but more heavily drawn. Do not mount illustrations on heavy board because these may be difficult to keep in position on the poster boards. Hand-lettered material should contain heavy lettering approximately 1 inch high for minor titles (i.e. questions, methods, conclusions, etc.) and all printing should be a minimum of 1/2 inch. Do not use normal "typewriter-size" type. Keep illustrated and written material simple.

Do not allow yourself to be monopolized for an inordinate period of time by a single individual.

Pushpins will be provided.

Please do not write or paint on the poster boards.

Please remove your materials from the poster board immediately after the session. Materials left on the boards after the session will be discarded.