

Instructional Course

An instructional course is two hours in length providing formal in-depth instruction for continuing professional education combined with audience participation and interaction.

Instructional Courses are an extremely important component of the Academy meeting. Based on feedback from previous courses, we recommend that authors structure their course abstract according to the following guidelines:

1. There is a strict 3,000 character count, including spaces, which will be imposed on the length of the body of the abstract.
2. Content should be current, evidence based, practical, applicable to the AACPDm audience and provide a balanced perspective. Where appropriate, indicate the extent to which the session is based on research evidence or clinical experience in the course description.
3. The most positively evaluated courses are those which encourage audience participation in a variety of ways throughout the session. Preference will be given to courses that plan for audience participation.
4. Careful consideration should be given to the number of presenters. *Involvement of two or three presenters is highly recommended*, as having too many presenters often results in loss of continuity and excess use of time.
5. Handouts are **required** for any accepted abstract for Instructional Courses. Handouts submitted electronically prior to the meeting will be included on the AACPDm website. (Prior permission must be obtained to duplicate copyrighted materials.) Additional instructions for submitting handouts will be sent to accepted presenters and posted on the AACPDm website.