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NECC Poster Submission FAQ

- **When are abstracts due?** – August 28, 2009
- **When will I be notified?** – September 18, 2009
- **What program is best to design my poster in?** – PowerPoint
- **Can tables and figures be included in the abstract?** – Yes however please note that the tables and figures should include data directly related to the abstract. Tables and figures count as part of the overall content of the abstract so they should be kept brief.
- **Is the title and author information included in the final word count?** – No. The title and corresponding author information is not included in the final word count. Total word count should not exceed 350.
- **What is a P Value?** Consider an experiment where you've measured values in two samples, and the means are different. How sure are you that the population means are different as well? There are two possibilities:
 - The populations have different means.
 - The populations have the same mean, and the difference you observed is a coincidence of random sampling.

The P value is a probability, with a value ranging from zero to one. It is the answer to this question: If the populations really have the same mean overall, what is the probability that random sampling would lead to a difference between sample means as large (or larger) than you observed?

A p-value of .05 or less rejects the null hypothesis "at the 5% level" that is, the statistical assumptions used imply that only 5% of the time would the supposed statistical process produce a finding this extreme if the null hypothesis were true.

- **A free statistical website to help you analyze your data?** - www.graphpad.com
- **Who at a hospital can help you with your statistics?** - researchers, mentors, IRB, research administration, epidemiologists, etc. at your individual institution
- **Where can I find abstract submission guidelines?** – visit www.thenecc.org and click on the poster session
- **Who do I direct questions concerning submission of my abstract?** – Laurie Young – 518-690-4471 or laurie.young@heart.org

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