

Instructions for Work in Progress Presentations

For your WIP sessions, prepare a short PowerPoint presentation that should be about 10 minutes long. Here are some helpful tips for what to include:

Disclosures:

- Are there any real or perceived conflicts of interest for anyone involved in the project?
- If this is human subjects research, COMIRB protocol number?
- If animals are involved, IACUC?

Background:

- Why am I personally interested in this topic?
- What is the literature in this topic area?
 - Generally talk about why this is important
 - What do we already know?
- What information gaps are missing?
- What is the historical context for your project?
- If you are doing an intervention, what interventions have been tried before? What were the results?

Specific details about your project:

- What is the specific question you are trying to answer?
 - What are the specific aims of your project?
 - What are your hypotheses?
- Methodology
 - How are you going to (did you) answer your research question?
 - Give specific details
 - Who?
 - Population, cell lines, animals, etc.
 - What?
 - Survey, clinical trial, systematic review, lab technique, art medium
 - Where?
 - How?
 - Mail, in-person, in lab, which primary resources

Accomplishments:

- What have you been able to do thus far?
- What roadblocks have you encountered?
 - What are the lessons learned from this?
- If you have results—
 - What are the results?
 - What do they mean?
 - How do you interpret them in the context of the existing literature?

Future directions:

- Detailed outline of what is left and needs to be done.
 - If this is a Work In Progress, what are my next steps?
 - If this is a capstone presentation, highlight future research/scholarly activity in this area.

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