



# ACSM Northwest Virtual Meeting 2021

## Abstract Submission Guidelines

**Abstract Deadline: Friday, January 8, 2021 11:59 PST**

### Preparing the Abstract

Abstracts are limited to 2,000 characters (not including spaces, title, or author block). If including a table, chart, or graph, character limit will be approximately 1,500 characters depending on the size of the graphic.

Do not use brand names in the abstracts.

Indicate grant funding at the bottom of the abstract.

Abstracts must be written in English. Use standard abbreviations, symbols, and punctuation. When using abbreviations in the body of the abstract, spell out in first mention, followed by the abbreviation in parentheses.

**Formatting:** All abstracts should be in Times New Roman, 10-point font, with 0.5" margins and single line spacing.

**Title:** The title should be brief (limited to 15 words) and typed in ALL CAPS, **BOLD** and *ITALICIZED*.

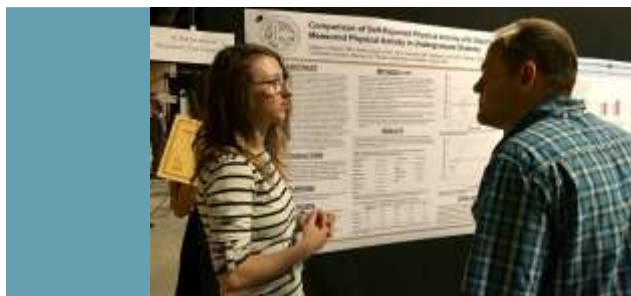
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**Text:** The abstract must be informative, including a statement of the study's specific PURPOSE, METHODS, summary of RESULTS, and CONCLUSION statement using these headings. It is unsatisfactory to state, "The results will be discussed." Abstracts should include relevant data, including but not limited to, mean data, standard deviation/standard error, and p-values. It is not satisfactory to only include statistical results (such as, "groups were different at  $p < .05$ ).

### Rules for Submission

1. Each student/professional is permitted to submit and be first author on one abstract, but may co-author as many other abstracts as desired. If more than one abstract is submitted as first author, only one will be accepted; all others will be rejected.
2. The primary author must submit the abstract using the online abstract submission form at: <https://www.acsm.org/acsm-membership/regional-chapters/acsm-chapters/northwest/annual-meeting/abstract-submission>
3. All abstracts should be submitted prior to Friday, January 8, 2021 at 11:59 pm Pacific Standard Time. There will be no extension and abstracts submitted after this time will not be accepted for review.
4. The student level category should be based on student status when the research was completed.
5. By submitting the abstract, the first author is verifying they substantially initiated and performed the research.
6. All files should be submitted as "LastName\_AbstractCategory\_ACSMNW2021".
7. All authors must approve the abstract prior to submission. Submitted abstracts will automatically be sent to the mentor listed in the form as well as the primary author.
8. Students and their mentors have the option to publish the abstract in a special issue of the International Journal of Exercise Science.
9. Masters and Doctoral level abstracts will have the option to be considered for the President's Cup Award. President's Cup competitors will need to prepare a virtual talk for the ACSM Northwest meeting. The winner of the President's Cup will receive funding towards the national competition at the 2021 ACSM Annual Meeting.
10. A \$15 non-refundable abstract submission fee must be paid through PayPal at the time of submission.
11. Submissions that do not follow these guidelines may be rejected or returned for revision. Revisions must be submitted prior to the deadline to be considered.
12. If your submission is accepted, your abstract will be linked on the website. You will be asked to prepare a short video or research poster that will be displayed on the conference website.



## SAMPLE ABSTRACT

### ***PREVALENCE OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND SITTING IN PEOPLE WITH INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE AND HEALTHY INDIVIDUALS***

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Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) is an autoimmune disease characterized by the cyclical nature of flare and remission periods, with little known about the prevalence of physical activity and sedentary behaviors, such as sitting, in this population. **PURPOSE:** To determine the prevalence of physical activity and sitting in people with IBD (in remission and disease flare) compared to healthy individuals. **METHODS:** Participants with IBD (n=242; 96 in disease flare [IBD-flare] and 146 in disease remission [IBD-remission]), and healthy controls (n=265) participated in an online survey. Self-reported walking, moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (MVPA) and sitting were collected. Data were analyzed using analysis of covariance with age, sex, education status, disease history, and smoking habits as covariates. **RESULTS:** People with IBD reported lower levels of walking (329±422 min/week, p=0.03) and MVPA (279±412 min/week, p<0.01) than healthy individuals (477±536 min/week and 481±529 min/week, respectively). There were no differences between IBD-flare and IBD-remission participants for levels of walking (301±466 vs. 335±368 min/week, respectively) or MVPA (227±315 vs. 330±481 min/week, respectively, p>0.05 for both). Physical activity guidelines were met in 45% of people with IBD and 73% of healthy individuals (p<0.05). Although sitting was not different between groups, there was a trend for higher sitting in those with IBD (424±196 min/day) compared to healthy individuals (395±182 min/day, p=0.07). **CONCLUSION:** Our findings indicate that people with IBD report lower levels of physical activity than healthy individuals but report no differences in weekday sitting. Furthermore, there were no negative consequences of a disease flare on physical activity. People with IBD may be able to participate in varying levels physical activity despite there being no guidelines for this population. Future research should aim to develop physical activity recommendations to benefit people with IBD and reduce the amount of time spent sitting.

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The primary author will be notified electronically, which will include the type of **virtual** presentation as determined by the Abstracts Committee.

Accepted abstracts will be published in the conference program, as well as a special issue of the International Journal of Exercise Science, unless indicated otherwise.

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