

## Suggestions while preparing your slides

Please keep the following in mind when you make your presentation:

1. Your time for presentation will be **6 minutes**, and so please limit yourself to 10-12 slides, including your introduction and Thank you slides (so total **MUST NOT** exceed 12).
2. Each slide must have a running title which encompasses the information contained in that slide
3. Try maintaining the 7 x7 rule; i.e. each line must not have more than 7 words and each slide should not have more than 7 lines.
4. Use key words and phrases, have no more than 4-5 bulleted key words per slide and avoid long sentences (This way your audience will listen to you, rather than be busy reading your loooooong sentences).
5. Avoid using distracting animation
6. For font size, following are the suggestions:
  - (i) Use title font of size 28- 36-points
  - (ii) For main points, use font size 18-24 points and secondary points, 14-18
  - (iii) Use a standard font like Times New Roman or Arial and stick to one
  - (iv) Try using the same color for the text; you may use one color for the main points and another for the adjoining information; Select a color that contrasts sharply with the background, it is very effective
  - (v) Use the same background consistently throughout your presentation and select a simple, non fussy one.
7. Use graphs to convey your information but keep them simple; remember the audience is seeing them for the first time
8. Title your graphs, the x and y axis must be clearly defined
9. Use a conclusion slide to summarize your presentation (bulleted points) and you could suggest future avenues of research.
10. Above all, have fun making and presenting your data; remember that its your data, you know it best, and the judges are not out to trouble you, instead encourage you to continue enjoying the fascinating and evolving world of medical research!