

Checklist for Scientific Presentations

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- Create an informative title.
- Place your presentation in the context of a major scientific principle.
- Focus on a single issue and adjust it to the interests of your audience.
- Identify the underlying questions, you will address, divide it into sub questions, and answer each question.
- Follow a logical line of thought. Explain scientific concepts unambiguously with a minimum of professional jargon.
- Avoid backtracking. Make sidetracks brief, and always return to the point.
- End with a concise, clearly formulated conclusion in the context of your chosen scientific principle. Stop after you've delivered the take-home message.
- Design visual displays to be simple, error-free, and clearly visible.
- Practice your presentation to build confidence in delivery skills