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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