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MASTERING THE ART OF POSTER PRESENTATION Q&A

Try the techniques listed below to help you master handling questions:

Positive Framing: See questions as opportunities to elaborate on your research. Example: "I'm glad you asked that, as it allows me to further explain this aspect of my research."

Active Listening

- Full Attention: Listen carefully and ask for clarification if needed. Example: "If I understand correctly, you're asking about..."
- Considered Responses: Take a moment to think before responding. Example: "That's an interesting question; let me think for a moment."

Conciseness and Clarity

- Direct Answers: Be succinct and clear. Example: Instead of delving into technical details, say, "In simple terms, our findings suggest..."
- Utilizing Analogies: Simplify complex ideas with analogies. Example: "Similar to how a GPS guides a driver, our algorithm directs the robotic arm."

Encouraging Further Dialogue

• Open-Ended Conclusions: Invite further questions. Example: "Does that answer your question, or would you like more detail on this part?"

• Displaying Interest: Show genuine curiosity. Example: "I'd be interested to hear your thoughts on this approach."

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