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-Suzanne Baker, James Madison University

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-Beth Morling, University of Delaware

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-Ken Keith, University of San Diego

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- Offers tips on creating poster presentations, giving talks, writing for the Internet, and making presentations to institutional review boards (IRBs)
- Provides a separate section on how to communicate statistics
- Incorporates a new section on using the Internet to present research papers

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