

Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine Annual Meeting Hosting Watch Party Tip Sheet

1. Get the Basics in Place

Pick a Location

- Choose a spot that's comfortable and convenient, whether it's your workplace, a conference room, or a community space. Make sure it has:
 - A strong internet connection
 - Enough seating and space for your group
 - Audio/visual setup (large screen, projector, or big monitor)

Confirm the Date and Time

 Double-check the meeting schedule and set your local start and end times to avoid confusion.

Communicate Clearly

- Share the date, time, and location early.
- Let attendees know what to bring (laptops, notepads, etc.).
- Provide clear directions and parking info if needed.

2. Promote Your Watch Party

Invite Participants

- Send email invites and share the opportunity with your network.
- Mention the 5% discount—each attendee in a watch party of 5+ gets the discount.

• Provide the Registration Code

• We'll send you a unique code to share with participants for the 5% off. Make sure everyone registers using this code.

Check Out our Toolkit

 We've put together a <u>toolkit</u> with sample emails and social media posts you can use to spread the word about your watch party.

3. Plan your Watch Party

Arrange Food and Drinks

- o Consider coffee, water, and light snacks to keep people fueled.
- o If you're planning a meal, communicate any cost-sharing ahead of time.

• Create a Welcoming Atmosphere

Have name tags or a simple sign-in sheet.

Set up a small area for breaks and networking.

4. During the Meeting

• Facilitate Interaction

- o Encourage casual conversation before and after sessions.
- Keep things friendly—people may want to focus on the sessions but also connect during breaks.
- o Use our toolkit to post on social media and share your excitement.

5. After the Meeting

Wrap It Up

- o Thank everyone for joining and share any follow-up resources or links.
- Remind your participants to complete the session evaluations to be eligible to receive CE or CERPs credits.
- o If you want to keep the momentum, suggest staying in touch for future events.

Questions or Need Help?

Reach out at abm@bfmed.org if you have any questions.

Thank you for bringing people together for this experience!