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**AAHP Special Session: What Every CHP Should Know About . . .**

Linnea Wahl, CHP, presented “What Every CHP Should Know About Technical Writing.” Every certified health physicist (CHP) should know what *everyone* should know about technical writing. First, analyze your audience and purpose for writing and then prepare an outline. Use a dictionary and thesaurus to choose the right words, avoiding zombie nouns. Use a style guide to form short, active, grammatically correct sentences. Build logical paragraphs that eschew the curse of knowledge and help accomplish your purpose. Acknowledge your sources and *do not plagiarize*. Review your document carefully, and work to improve your writing skills. Above all, write clearly, even if you have to boldly split infinitives to do it.



**Candidates taking the ABHP Part I Exam**  
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