2024 Abstract/Poster Competition Guidelines

> **SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Sunday, September 1, 2024 at 11:59 pm. No late entries.**
> **To submit your abstract: https://form.jotform.com/241715843951158**
> **500-word maximum**
> **This information is also available on the ACP Arizona website**

Only **one** abstract poster per author as "first author" will be accepted. No exceptions. Duplicate cases may not appear on separate posters during the same competition.

The ACP Arizona Abstract/Poster Competition types include:

- **Basic Research**

  To improve human health, scientific discoveries must be translated into practical applications. Such discoveries typically begin at the bench with basic research – in which scientists study disease at a molecular or cellular level.

- **Clinical Research**

  Patient-oriented research. Research conducted with human subjects (or on material of human origin such as tissues, specimens and cognitive phenomena) for which an investigator (or colleague) directly interacts with human subjects. This area of research includes: mechanisms of human disease; therapeutic interventions; clinical trials; development of new technologies; analysis of existing datasets; epidemiologic and behavioral studies; outcomes research and health services research.

- **Quality Improvement – Patient Safety**

  Submissions can report on efforts to improve patient safety or outcomes measurement. Such efforts may be projects developed and initiated to promote patient safety and/or processes that have improved or created a safer environment for patients. Abstracts may also be submitted that relate to the use of outcome data and how to measure and convert data into information.

- **High-Value Care**

  Projects that focus on: reducing waste in the system (unnecessary testing and treatment or inappropriate setting for care), minimizing harm (radiation exposure, medication side effects) or improving patient care through communication (incorporating patient values and concerns into care plans).

- **Clinical Vignette**

  A clinical vignette is a report of one or more cases that illustrates a new disease entity, or a prominent or unusual clinical feature of an established disease. It may include a summary of pertinent patient history, physical findings, laboratory data or management description.

A presenter must be:

- A medical student in good standing at an Arizona medical school, a PGY-1, PGY-2, PGY-3, or PGY-4 Med/Ped in good standing at an Arizona Internal Medicine residency program, or Internal Medicine fellow.
- Registered to attend the meeting no later than October 27th. (Resident registration fee is $30; medical student fee is $25). Registration is open and can be accessed on the ACP Arizona website.
- An ACP member (you will need your ACP # to submit your abstract). Join at https://www.acponline.org/membership (medical students join free).

Format
1.   Abstracts must be submitted on the official online abstract form, with a **500-word maximum.**

2.   Presenting author must list their name first and the name of the institution, then list name and one degree (i.e., MD, DO) for each author.

The body of the abstract should be organized as follows:
1.   Purpose for study (one sentence if possible) or introduction to the case
2.   Simple statement of methods or case description
3.   Summary of results (adequate to support conclusions) or discussion
4.   Statement of conclusions (Do not use phrases such as "The results will be discussed")

The Poster Judging Process is guided by the following rules and principles:

- Each poster must be a unique submission. Duplicate cases may not appear on separate posters.
- Poster size may not exceed 44 inches by 44 inches. Posters that are too large may not be displayed.
- To impart additional information and images to the poster viewer, QR codes may be included. However, the QR codes will not be part of judging the poster.
- A team of 2-3 judges will be assigned to review a set of posters as a group.
- Judges will not judge posters from their own institution.
- Presenters will stand by their poster until the team of judges joins them during the identified poster judging time blocks. No specific time will be assigned.
- Rankings will be based on the number of points obtained.
- Presenters will have 3-4 minutes to present the poster. Be prepared to answer 1 or 2 questions.
- Substitute presenters not listed on your abstract will not be accepted.

Poster Session I: **Friday, November 8**   **4:10 pm – 5:10pm**
Poster Session II: **Saturday, November 9**   **12:30 pm – 2:00pm**

When you submit your abstract, you will be asked to make a date preference (Poster Session I or Poster Session II). All possible efforts will be made to accommodate your request, however, it is possible that your request may not be met.

Winners will be announced at the Annual Meeting closing session – Saturday, November 9 at 4:30pm.

All presenters are expected to be present for the Awards portion of the meeting. A list of Poster Session Awards will be listed on the Arizona Chapter website.

NEW 2024 Abstract/Poster Process Update
ACP Arizona has created this additional step in order to improve the in-person judging process.

After the September 1 deadline, each PD will be asked to rank their program's abstracts from "most competitive to least competitive" and to submit this list to ACP AZ by September 22 (to submit, email to rlowery@acpazchapter.org).

As many submitted resident abstracts/posters as possible will be accommodated for display, presentation, and judging at the ACP Annual Chapter Conference, as space and available judges allow. Both PDs and residents will be notified if they have been accepted for presentation in mid-October. All medical student posters will be displayed, presented, and judged as they have in the past.

Please refer any questions to Rachael Lowery, Executive Director, at rlowery@acpazchapter.org.