



The American College of Physicians (ACP) Colorado Chapter is pleased to announce the eighth year of its “humanism in internal medicine” story contest. For internists, it can sometimes be easy to lose the “forest for the trees,” so to speak, in our busy clinical practices and not pause to reflect on the meaningful experiences that we share with patients and colleagues. To promote mindfulness in our profession, we invite you to submit a story about a patient or colleague that has had a particular impact on your growth as an internist over the past year.

ELIGIBILITY

- Authors must be ACP members at the time of submission. If you are not an ACP member, you may join online at: <https://www.acponline.org/membership>
- Authors can be trainees and/or practicing internists.

AWARDS

- The top three stories will be invited to tell their stories at the annual Colorado Chapter meeting at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs on Friday, February 7th or Saturday, February 8th, 2025 NOTE: The annual meeting is taking place in person at the Broadmoor Hotel this year.
 - Winners will be awarded a gift card. Presenters will not need to pay for full conference registration to present their stories, but will need to pay full registration to attend the full conference.

- The top stories will be featured on the ACP website and in the Governor's newsletter

OFFICIAL RULES FOR STORY SUBMISSION

- Authors should be able to tell their stories in 5-7 minutes (about 750-1000 words)
- Authors should de-identify any patients or other health care professionals described in the story
- All stories must be typed in English
- Type the title of the story in uppercase letters
- Leave space (one line) after the title and begin typing the main body of the story
- Type single-space and leave one space between paragraphs
- Alignment should be left
- More than one story submission per author is permitted
- Stories that have been previously published elsewhere are not eligible
- Uplifting stories are welcome!

TIMELINE

- The deadline for submissions is Sunday, December 15, 2025, 11:59 PM MT
- Stories should be submitted to Dr. Juan Lessing at juan.lessing@cuanschutz.edu
- Winners will be notified before the end of the year so you can make appropriate plans to attend the conference.

QUESTIONS

Please contact the ACP Colorado Chapter Council for Early Career Physicians with any questions (Juan Lessing juan.lessing@cuanschutz.edu).