Do I need to be a member to submit an abstract?
Yes, all first authors must be Associate or Medical Student Members in good standing to submit an abstract.

When is the deadline?
The deadline to submit an abstract for both the 2013 Associates and Medical Students Abstract Competitions is **December 3, 2012, 5:00 PM EST.**

What is the word limit for submitting abstracts?
The electronic abstract system will accept approximately 450 words. If you go over the limit, your abstract will remain in draft status and will not be submitted to the competitions.

Will I be notified that my abstract has been submitted successfully?
Yes, you will receive an e-mail notification that your abstract has been submitted successfully.

Does the word limit include the title and authors, or is it just for the body of the abstract?
The 450 count word limit does include the title and authors sections in the system.

Can I make changes/corrections to my submitted abstract?
Yes, you can modify your abstract up until the abstract deadline on December 3, 2012. Be sure to save the changes before exiting the system.

Can I submit my abstract in paper format?
No, the abstract submission process is electronic; therefore, paper submissions are not accepted.

Can I include images with my abstract?
No, the electronic abstract system will only accept text; therefore, images are not permitted.

How many abstracts can I submit?
As a first author, you can submit two abstracts to the Clinical Vignette Competition and one abstract to each of the Research Competitions: Basic Research, Clinical Research, and Quality Improvement/Patient Safety.

When will I be notified of the results?
All first authors will be notified by February 1, 2013.

When and where will the meeting take place?
Internal Medicine 2013will be held in San Francisco, CA, April 11 – 13, 2013.

By submitting my abstract to the National Competitions, does that automatically include me in my local Chapter Competitions?
No, you must submit your abstract separately to the National Competitions and your local Chapter Competitions. To find out more information, please visit your chapter website at http://www.acponline.org/chapters/

Whom can I contact if I have questions about submitting my abstract?
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