

2026 CTACP Call for Abstracts

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The American College of Physicians Connecticut Chapter is issuing a call for abstracts to be considered for inclusion at the **October 23, 2026 Scientific Meeting**.

Please see below for requirements and details. New Oral Abstract Option Added.

Author Eligibility:

To be eligible for competition, all first authors must be:

- Residents or fellows – Currently enrolled in a Connecticut-based training program, or;
- Medical students – Currently enrolled in a Connecticut-based medical school, or;
- Medical students – presenting a case encountered while on a rotation within a Connecticut-based training program or medical school
- Residents/Fellows/Med students DO NOT need to be ACP members, although it is encouraged. Non-members may need to contact ACP national to complete their submission.
- NEW THIS YEAR: Early Career Physicians-15 slots will be reserved

NOTE: You can only be first author on ONE abstract, there is no limit on second or third authorship submissions.

Abstract Submission Fee:

a \$45 submission fee for ACP members must be paid by each First Author for your submission to be considered complete. For non ACP members, the fee is \$60.

Deadline for Submission:

The deadline to submit an abstract for both the 2026 Resident/Fellow Members and Medical Students Members is **Friday, August 21, 2026 at 5:00 PM EST**.

Word Limit:

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 competition. Please note, the word limit does not include the title and authors. References are not required; however, please note that if included, references are counted toward the 450-word count.

Submission Requirements:

- You may only submit your abstract one time so be sure to review the abstract before completing your submission. Multiple submissions of the same abstract will not be considered.
- All abstracts should be reviewed and signed by the Mentor/Attending prior to CTACP online submission. (You must submit an email to your program coordinator and include your attending with this information)
- The List of Authors /Abstract titles/co-signing attendings' must be emailed to CTACP by each program by 08/28/26 at 12:00 PM EST.
- The following criteria MUST be reviewed by the Mentor/Attending prior to submission:

- **SIGNIFICANCE** : How significant or relevant are the poster's conclusions in increasing understanding of a disease process, or in improving the diagnosis or treatment of a disease state?
- **PRESENTATION** : How logical are the ideas presented in this poster? How interesting is the manner of presentation? How clearly written and free of significant grammatical problems is its abstract?
- **METHODS** : If applicable, how suitable is the design for the stated objectives, and how appropriate are any analysis techniques applied?

Categories and Definitions:

Abstracts may be submitted under one of the following categories:

Clinical Vignette - 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.

Clinical Research - Patient-oriented research conducted with human subjects (or on material of human origin) 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.

If, in conduct of these studies, human or animal subjects were exposed to risks not required by their medical needs, the author affirms that the study was approved by an appropriate committee, or, if no such committee was available and informed consents was needed, it was obtained in accordance with the principles set forth in “The Institutional Guide to DHEW Policy on Protection of Human subjects” and the “Guide for the Care and use of Laboratory Animals” published by the NIH.

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, how to measure and convert data into information.

Oral Presentations: 4 submissions, in the categories of Clinical Research and Quality Improvement will be selected for an Oral Presentation this year. You must indicate interest in being considered for an Oral Presentation. If selected, you will not be included in poster presentations. If not selected, you will be considered for a poster presentation. Clinical vignettes are NOT eligible for oral presentation. More information will be sent out after the 4 abstracts are selected in regards to presentation format.

Abstract Selection and Notification:

- All submissions will be reviewed by peer review process by CT-ACP judges
- If your abstract is accepted for the CTACP meeting, **you will be notified by September 18th**
- Abstracts selected for poster presentation at the meeting must be 36 inch x 36 inch.
- First Authors **MUST** present at the meeting to be considered in the competition
- 3 Winners from the clinical vignette category and 3 from the research/QI category will be selected.

- Winning Posters may submit to participate in the ACP National meeting but complete that process on their own-**CTACP does not submit for the winners.**