



Florida
Chapter



2026

Annual Residents & Medical Students Meeting

March 28, 2026

Renaissance Orlando Resort & Spa ~ Disney Springs
1905 Hotel Plaza Boulevard, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830



Mission Statement

To enhance the quality of internal medicine postgraduate training through Associate advocacy and promotion of excellence in the practice of medicine

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PROGRAM AGENDA

Saturday – March 28, 2026

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| 8:00 a.m. — 9:00 a.m. | Registration / Breakfast / Visit the Exhibits |
| 8:00 a.m. — 8:45 a.m. | Poster Set-Up |
| 8:45 a.m. — 9:00 a.m. | Judges Meeting |
| 9:00 a.m. — 10:30 a.m. | Poster Competition Finals – Residents & Medical Students |
| 10:30 a.m. — 10:55 a.m. | Doctor's Dilemma® Team Photos & Networking Break |
| 10:55 a.m. | Welcome from the ACP Governor
Elisa M. Sottile, MD FACP, Governor |
| 11:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. | Networking Lunch & Poster Competition Awards |
| 12:00 p.m. — 12:30 p.m. | Doctor's Dilemma® Set-Up |
| 12:30 p.m. — 3:30 p.m. | Doctor's Dilemma® Competition |
| 3:30 p.m. | Adjourn |

There is no Continuing Medical Education credit designated for this meeting.

RESIDENT POSTER FINALIST PRESENTATIONS

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HCA KENDALL
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- Branco Bettinotti, MD
MOUNT SINAI MEDICAL CENTER
Clinical Vignette
MYOCARDIAL BRIDGING CAUSING NSTEMI IN SINUS BRADYCARDIA
- David Eppley, DO
BROWARD HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER
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- Simmone Hammarquist, MD
BAYCARE MORTON PLANT NORTH BAY
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- Musa Kiyani, MD
HCA/UM/JFK
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- Angelica Ludena De Freitas, MD
LARKIN COMMUNITY
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ADVENTHEALTH FLORIDA—ORLANDO
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- Vasu Malhotra, DO
LAKELAND REGIONAL HEALTH
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- Adriana Medina, MD
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
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HCA OCALA
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- Jessica Bixha
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FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY— TALLAHASSEE



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Previous Champions:

2025 -- Florida State University - Tallahassee

2024—AdventHealth Orlando

2023—Florida State University Tallahassee

2022—Orlando Health

2021—Orlando Health

2019—University of South Florida

2018 – University of Miami at JFK Medical Center

2017 – Mount Sinai Medical Center

2016—University of South Florida

2015 – Orlando Health

2014—Orlando Health

2013 – University of Florida

2012 – University of Miami - Jackson Memorial

2011 – University of Florida - Jacksonville

2010 – University of South Florida

2009 – University of South Florida

The Florida State University Residency team will represent the Florida Chapter in the Doctor's Dilemma® Competition at the 2026 Internal Medicine meeting in San Francisco, CA



2026 Annual Scientific Meeting

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