

Florida Chapter ACP Fall 2026 Resident & Medical Student – Early Career Physician Poster Competition

JULY 1, 2026 – OCTOBER 24, 2026

The Florida Chapter is excited to announce the Call for Posters for the Fall 2026 Resident, Medical Students & Early Career Physician Virtual Poster Competition, taking place July 1, 2026 – October 24, 2026

VIRTUAL ROUND: July 1, 2026 – SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

At the conclusion of the preliminary round of competition, scores will be tabulated to determine the finalists. The finalists will be notified and invited to present their poster in-person for the finals round. We anticipate sending these finalist notifications on September 18, 2026

FINALS ROUND: IN PERSON: October 24, 2026 at the FL Chapter ACP Annual Scientific Meeting at The Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort - **Your presence will be required for the finals in person competition if you are selected. If selected, please be prepared to make arrangements with your school/program in advance to be able to attend the 2026 FL ACP Annual Meeting and Poster Competition October 24, 2026 at The Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort.**

The Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort
321 N Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304
(888) 627-7108
Room Rate: \$189.00

Cutoff Date for group rates: September 30, 2026

Reservation Link: <https://book.passkey.com/e/51160701>

DEADLINE

**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ENTRIES IS
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026 11:59 P.M.**

NO POSTERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE. We encourage you - DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE! Computer glitches DO happen, however, we cannot take responsibility if your poster was not submitted correctly.

- **Please be sure to correctly enter your most current e-mail address** when submitting your poster as all communication regarding the poster competition will be sent electronically to the email address that you provide.
- ACP automatically sends you an immediate e-mail confirmation once your poster has been successfully submitted. **If you do not receive your email confirmation within 24 hours of your submission, you should do the following:**
 - Check to see if the confirmation went to your spam folder
 - Follow up with Shelly Hakes in the FL Chapter office at Shakes@floridachapteracp.org

to be sure that it was received.

(Please include the name of your Medical School/Residency Program/Institution in your email)

HOW TO SUBMIT

POSTERS CAN ONLY BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY THROUGH THE ONLINE POSTER SUBMISSION FORM ONCE YOU'VE SUBMITTED THE **COMPETITION FEE – LINK BELOW.**

<https://webforms.acponline.org/form/florida-chapter-abstract-form>

YOUR SUBMISSION MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING 3 ELEMENTS:

1. A WRITTEN ABSTRACT

- 500 words or less, No graphs, photos or references
- To view ACP's guidelines and tips on preparing an abstract, visit http://www.acponline.org/residents_fellows/competitions/abstract/prepare/

2. A PRESENTATION MEDIA LINK

INSTRUCTIONS TO CREATE YOUR VOICE-OVER POWERPOINT AND MEDIA LINK:

- Create your ePoster as a **ONE SLIDE** PowerPoint with a recorded voice-over.
- See this [LINK](#) for assistance in recording your presentation and creating the media link. (Note – this example shows a multiple slide presentation – **your e-poster must be a SINGLE SLIDE presentation.**)
- Your poster slide should be formatted like a poster that would be printed for an in-person competition.
- The **poster** may include references, photos, graphs.
- This should NOT just be the text of the abstract.
- **Your voice-over may not exceed 5 minutes in length. If it exceeds 5 minutes your submission will be disqualified.**
- **The voice-over must be done by the first author listed on the poster.**
- **Make sure your video is NOT restricted in any way (i.e. NOT SET TO PRIVATE, NOT AGE RESTRICTED, NOT SET SO THAT IT CANNOT BE PLAYED ON OTHER WEBSITES)**

3. A PDF OF YOUR POSTER

- Format in landscape orientation to be viewed well on a laptop/computer screen.
- File must be less than 2 MB.
- Format your Poster PDF like a poster that would be printed for an in-person competition.
- The **poster** may include references, photos, graphs.
- This should NOT be just the text of the abstract.

WHY SHOULD I SUBMIT?

- This is an educational opportunity to showcase your work. All qualified posters selected will be published on the FL Chapter ACP webpage and may be added to your CV.

ELIGIBILITY

DO I HAVE TO BE AN ACP MEMBER TO SUBMIT A POSTER?

- **Medical Students** – Yes, you must be a current, active ACP member and be enrolled in good standing at a **Florida Medical or Osteopathic School**. *You will not be able to view the poster submission form if you are not a current member.*
- **Residents** – Yes, the first author must be an ACP Resident/Fellow member and be enrolled in an Internal Medicine residency program **within the state of Florida**. *You will not be able to view the poster submission form if you are not a current member.*
- **Early Career Physicians** - Yes, the first author must be an ACP member and be practicing within the state of Florida. *You will not be able to view the poster submission form if you are not a current member.*
- **The Poster Submission Form requires individual member login to submit and is viewable only when logged in to an ACP Member Profile attached to a current & active membership.**
*****PLEASE NOTE – NEW MEMBERSHIPS OR RECENT DUES PAYMENTS MAY TAKE 48 HOURS TO PROCESS AND BECOME EFFECTIVE. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST DAY TO RESOLVE ANY MEMBERSHIP ISSUES, OR YOU MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO SUBMIT A POSTER.**
- If you have not joined ACP, please visit [ACP Online](#) to find out more and apply. (Medical student membership is free; residents should contact their residency program directors)

POSTER ELEGIBILITY - Submissions must pertain to adult patients (18 years or older) and fall within the scope of internal medicine or its subspecialties. Pediatric cases or research involving patients under 18 years of age will not be considered for competition.

POSTER SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

- **Abstract** is under 500 words, free from grammatical errors and does not contain graphs, photos or references
- Poster is submitted in the correct category
- Poster is submitted by the first author
- All additional authors are listed **(Limited to 5 authors)**
- Correct Email address is used
- **PDF of poster** is uploaded
 - Formatted in landscape orientation, file is < 2 MB
 - PDF of poster is formatted as if you were printing it for in-person competition (may include graphs, photos, references)
 - This should NOT just be the text of the poster.
- **Media Link** is uploaded
 - Voice-over PPT is your e-Poster as a **SINGLE SLIDE – not a full PPT presentation**
 - Voice-over is done by the submitting (first) author only
 - Voice-over **does not exceed 5 minutes**
 - Video is not restricted in any way (i.e. - **NOT SET TO PRIVATE, NOT AGE RESTRICTED, NOT SET SO THAT IT CANNOT BE PLAYED ON OTHER WEBSITES**)

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE ABOVE WILL RESULT IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF YOUR POSTER.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & FAQ

- **HOW MANY POSTERS AM I ALLOWED TO SUBMIT?**

This year, there is no limit to the number of posters medical students, residents, and early career physicians can submit. **All posters submitted for competition will require a competition fee at the time of submission - Residents \$95 - Medical Students \$45 – Early Career Physicians \$95.** This competition fee will be applied to your 2026 on site Annual Meeting registration fee for the finals competition – October 24, 2026.

- **I AM UNABLE TO VIEW THE POSTER SUBMISSION FORM OR I GET ERROR MESSAGES. WHAT SHOULD I DO?**

You must be a current, active ACP member to view the poster submission form. If you receive an error message, ***your membership with ACP is not currently active***. The poster submission form is only viewable to active student, resident/fellow, and physician members. Students or residents who are not current active members of the chapter, or non-members will receive an error message when they try to view the form. ***Please note: Updating membership records through ACP may take up to 48 hours so please check if you are able to view the form early to avoid issues.***

If you have issues with membership or your online account, please contact ACP Customer Service at <https://www.acponline.org/contact> or 1-800-523-1546.

- **CAN I MAKE CHANGES AFTER MY POSTER IS SUBMITTED?**

Yes, changes can be made to your poster once it has been submitted. **Please review carefully before submitting – make sure to submit in the proper category and include all your additional authors.**

- **WHEN WILL I KNOW IF MY POSTER WAS SELECTED FOR COMPETITION?**

Posters for the poster competition will include selections from each of the Florida Internal Medicine Residency Programs and Florida Medical Schools. All first authors will receive notification of Posters selected for the competition. We anticipate sending these notifications approximately September 18, 2026.

- **IF MY VIRTUAL POSTER IS SELECTED FOR THE FINAL IN PERSON ROUND AND I AM NOT ABLE TO ATTEND ON OCTOBER 24, 2026, WHO MAY PRESENT MY POSTER?**

If you will not be able to present your poster, it may be presented by a co-author with the following conditions:

- The co-author must be [listed on your original poster submission](#)
- The co-author must be an ACP member AND be in the same member class (residents may present in the resident competition; medical students may present in the medical student competition)

Need additional information? Please contact Shelly Hakes SHakes@floridachapteracp.org or Dawn Moerings DMoerings@floridachapteracp.org or call the Chapter office at 904-355-0800.

Thank you,
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