



Illinois Southern Region

RESIDENTS and MEDICAL STUDENTS

Your fellow internists invite you to join us for the

Illinois Chapter Downstate Region STUDENTS & RESIDENTS DAY

OCTOBER 2, 2026
JUMP CENTER, PEORIA, IL

And share your most interesting case and/or project during the

ABSTRACT COMPETITION ABSTRACTS SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Sunday, July 26, 2026 at 11:59 pm

Oral Clinical Vignette	Poster Competition	Doctor's Dilemma
<p><u>First Place</u> ✓ Cash Award \$250 ✓ Certificate</p> <p><u>Second Place</u> ✓ Cash Award \$100 ✓ Certificate</p> <p><u>Third Place</u> ✓ Cash Award \$50 ✓ Certificate</p>	<p><u>First Place in Resident Clinical Vignette & Other* Categories</u> ✓ Certificate ✓ Invitation to display poster at <u>National ACP Annual Meeting</u> ✓ Travel stipend (up to \$800) to offset travel expenses to the National ACP IM 2027</p> <p><i>*Other categories include: Research, Patient Safety & QI, and High Value Care. One winner will be chosen from this group.</i></p>	<p><u>First Place</u> The 2026 Winning Team will be representing ILS at the <i>National ACP Annual Meeting 2027*</i></p> <p>✓ Certificate ✓ \$1000 stipend each team member for the <i>National ACP Annual Meeting</i> registration and expenses</p>
<p><i>Note: Each Illinois Downstate residency may select one Internal Medicine residents to represent its program for the oral vignette competition.</i></p>	<p><u>Second and Third Places in Resident Clinical Vignette and Research Categories</u> ✓ Certificate</p>	
	<p><u>First Place Medical Student</u> ✓ Certificate ✓ Invitation to display poster at <u>National ACP Annual Meeting</u> ✓ Travel stipend (up to \$800) to offset travel expenses to the National ACP IM 2027</p>	<p><i>*The National ACP Annual Meeting, IM 2027, will be held in Los Angeles, CA</i></p>

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPATION
ACP ILLINOIS CHAPTER DOWNSTATE REGION
STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS DAY**

ORAL CLINICAL VIGNETTE COMPETITION

1. Participants must be ACP Illinois Downstate members in good standing.
2. Oral Clinical Vignette Abstract may NOT be used for the Poster Presentation Abstract.
3. **Two** resident from each of the Downstate Illinois Internal Medicine residency programs will be selected by their program to present an **oral clinical vignette**. Presenters must be PGY-2 or PGY-3. In 2026 we only have time for 6 Oral Vignettes. **If more than 6 abstracts are submitted residents will need to participate in a pre-judge round to select the top 6 abstracts.**
4. **ACP Definition:** *A clinical vignette is 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.*
5. Oral Vignette abstract submissions are due on **August 7, 2026. NO LATE ENTRIES.** Abstracts must be prepared as directed and submitted to [HERE](#). Abstracts may not exceed 450 words.
6. Oral Vignette cases may NOT be presented as posters at the same meeting.
7. Vignettes may be up to six minutes in length, and may be followed by up to an additional two minutes for audience questions (total presentation and discussion= 8 minutes). Oral vignettes will be presented October 2nd, 2026 in Peoria.
8. For additional resources related to preparing an abstract and tips for the oral presentation, visit the College's website: <https://www.acponline.org/membership/residents/competitions-awards/acp-national-abstract-competition> Specific information at this site is related to the National meeting, however, resources related to preparation are applicable to the Chapter meeting.
9. Award presentations will be on **October 2**, at the conclusion of all scheduled events. All presenters are expected to attend the awards portion of the meeting.

**ORAL CLINICAL VIGNETTE ABSTRACTS ARE DUE BY August 7, 2026
(NO LATE ENTRIES)**

Submit abstracts in a Word Document to:
[HERE](#)

For more information, contact Colleen Keeku at (colleenkeekuacp@gmail.com)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPATION ACP ILLINOIS CHAPTER DOWNSTATE REGION

POSTER COMPETITION

1. Participants must be ACP Illinois Downstate members in good standing. Confirm your current membership shows an ILS Address to participate.
2. Abstracts are due on **July 26, 2026. NO LATE ENTRIES.** Abstracts must be prepared as directed and submitted using the online submission link. Abstracts may not exceed 450 words (not including title or authors). You may submit up to 2 abstracts.
3. **If your abstract is accepted for presentation, you will present in-person on October 2, 2026 in Peoria.**
4. The College's Guide to Preparing for the Abstract Competition, abstract guidelines, and additional abstract resources can be found online <https://www.acponline.org/membership/residents/competitions-awards/acp-national-abstract-competition>
5. Presenters must be medical students or residents in training years 1-3. PGY-4's may display posters if they are in a 4-year dual specialty program (i.e. Med/Peds). Third-year Chiefs may participate.
6. Posters must be removed by the presenter.
7. Posters may be 24" x 36" (**landscape or portrait** presentation) **maximum**. Posters larger than 24" x 36" will not be accepted and will be automatically disqualified from the competition.
8. ACP IL will provide an easel and board to present your poster.
9. **Poster Presenters have two choices for displaying poster:**
 - **Flexible posters (paper, fabric, etc):** Presenters may use a foam board/clips from ACP ILS to post flexible posters.
 - **Foam core board posters:** Presenter must print poster on rigid foam core board.
10. Posters will be numbered and displayed in a designated area. Please hang your poster only in the area designated for your work.
11. The College's Guide to Preparing for the Abstract Competition, abstract guidelines, and additional abstract resources can be found online <https://www.acponline.org/membership/residents/competitions-awards/acp-national-abstract-competition>
12. **You must be at your poster during the *Formal Poster Judging time*.** If you are not present at your poster to interact with the judges, you will not be eligible for a significant number of points.
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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPATION
ACP DOWNSTATE ILLINOIS RESIDENTS' AND MEDICAL STUDENTS' DAY**

DOCTOR'S DILEMMA COMPETITION

1. This is a team competition in which medical questions will be presented.
2. Each program will be allowed ONE team. **Names of team participants are due by BY 10:59pm on August 21, 2026 [SUBMIT HERE](#).**
3. If more than 4 teams are submitted, we will have a virtual preliminary round/s on Monday, August 31, 2026 at 1:00pm and 2:00pm.
4. Each team will consist of 3 residents. Team members can come from any resident year.
 - a. Eligibility: Players are eligible to participate in the competition if they are currently residents in an ACGME- or AOA-accredited categorical internal medicine residency training program; preliminary residents in a program and transitional residents in their first year of training are also eligible to participate. Residents in combined internal medicine-pediatrics (Meds-Peds) programs or other ACGME- or AOA-approved combined categorical training programs (i.e. internal medicine-emergency medicine) are also eligible to compete. International internal medicine residents who have completed residency training may participate only if their training concluded within 30 days of competition. Chief residents and fellows in sub-specialty training programs are not eligible to compete.