

2021  
American College of Physicians  
Regional Poster Competition—Minnesota

Congratulations on your interest in the 2021 Minnesota ACP poster competition! With over 145 poster presentations in 2020, we want to ensure that as many medical students and resident/fellows may participate in 2021. **Each person is allowed to present only one poster (even if they have projects in more than one category).** They can still participate in the preparation of multiple projects, but will only be able to participate in the presentation of one project and any attempt to present more than one project will result in disqualification. Deadline for submission is **September 9, 2021**.

Following acceptance of your abstract, you will receive instructions on how to upload a taped abstract presentation and poster. You will be asked to pre-record your 2-3 minute abstract presentation. This presentation along with your submitted abstract will be judged by a team of internists with results presented on Friday, October 29, 2021. Viewers will also be able to submit questions and feedback online following your pre-recorded presentation. Your virtual presentation will remain online for viewing and sharing. Your abstract will be e-published by MN-ACP.

You are asked to present your abstract in person at the **2021 MN-ACP Scientific Session at the Minneapolis Convention Center on the afternoon of Friday October 29, 2021**. Judges and others attending the Scientific Session will provide feedback to you on your abstract and presentation

One poster will win the award and cash prize of \$200. for each of the following categories.

- Resident Quality Improvement\*
- Resident Research\*
- Resident Clinical Vignette\* (with four finalists who will each be recognized)
- Medical Student Clinical Vignette\*
- Medical Student Quality Improvement/Research\*
- People's Choice for Medical Students and Resident/Fellows

Additionally, award winners in selected categories (\*) will receive \$800 towards travel expenses at the national ACP meeting in Chicago, IL, on April 28-April 30, 2022

<https://www.acponline.org/internal-medicine-meeting-2022>

Good luck and have fun!

### Criteria for the Quality Improvement Posters

1. **Significance.** How clinically relevant to the practice of Internal Medicine is the poster? The poster should increase the understanding of a common type of healthcare system problem as well as reasonable solutions to correct it.
2. **Originality.** How original are the concepts in this poster? Is a new problem identified? Or, does the poster describe a novel approach to understanding an old problem?
3. **Methods.** How suitable is the analytic design to the stated objectives? How clearly written and logical is the text?
4. **Visual impact.** How effective is the poster visually? There should be an appropriate balance between words and images, avoiding wordiness and irrelevant images.
5. **Interview.** How knowledgeable and conversant is the author with the work and its implications? The presentation should take between three and five minutes. Throughout

“poster rounds”, does the author of this poster facilitate discussion in a collegial and professional manner?

## Criteria for the Research Posters

**Significance.** How clinically relevant to the Internist is the poster? The poster should increase the understanding of a disease process, its diagnosis or its treatment.

1. **Originality.** How original are the concepts in this poster? Is a new problem identified? Or, does the poster describe a novel approach to understanding an old problem?
2. **Methods.** How suitable is the research design to the stated objectives? How clearly written and logical is the text?
3. **Visual impact.** How effective is the poster visually? There should be an appropriate balance between words and images, avoiding wordiness and irrelevant images.
4. **Interview.** How knowledgeable and conversant is the author with the work and its implications? The presentation should take between three and five minutes. Throughout “poster rounds”, does the author of this poster facilitate discussion in a collegial and professional manner?

## Criteria for the Clinical Vignettes (4 finalists and 1 overall winner for Resident/Fellow and a Medical Student winner)

During poster rounds, each presenter will have three to five minutes to present the essence of her/his vignette to the group while standing in front of her/his poster. Poster rounds should take approximately one hour. After each presenter has had a turn, the judge and your group will evaluate the posters based on the criteria listed below. The presenter with the highest score advances to the second round. The second round is also conducted in the poster rounds format.

Five posters will advance to the final round, in which the ACP College Representative will conduct poster rounds. Everyone who reaches the final round will be recognized, but one poster will be chosen as “Best Overall Clinical Vignette”.

1. **Significance.** How clinically relevant to the General Internist is the poster? The poster should increase the understanding of a disease process, its diagnosis or its treatment.
2. **Presentation.** How logical are the ideas presented in the poster? How interesting is the poster? How clearly written is the text?
3. **Take Home Points.** Are two to four “take home points” identified and clearly stated? Are these objectives appropriate to the case?
4. **Visual impact.** How effective is the poster visually? There should be appropriate balance between words and images, avoiding wordiness and irrelevant images.
5. **Interview.** How knowledgeable is the author with the work and its implications? The presentation should take between three and five minutes. Throughout “poster rounds”, does the author of this poster facilitate discussion in a collegial and professional manner?