Congratulations on your interest in the 2024 Minnesota ACP poster competition! With over 145 poster presentations in 2023, we want to ensure that as many medical students, transitional medical graduates, resident/fellows, and early career physicians may participate in 2024. 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. Deadline for submission is October 7, 2024.

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 3-5 minute abstract presentation. This presentation along with your submitted abstract will be judged by a team of internists with results and awards presented on Friday, November 1, 2024. 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 also asked to present your abstract in person at the 2024 MN-ACP Scientific Session at the Hilton Hotel-MOA/MSP in Bloomington, MN on the afternoon of Friday November 1, 2024. 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 $200.00 for each of the following categories.
- Early Career Physician Clinical Vignette, Quality Improvement or Basic Research*
- Resident Quality Improvement/Basic Research*
- Resident Clinical Vignette* (with four finalists who will each be recognized)
- Medical Student Clinical Vignette*
- Medical Student Quality Improvement/Basic Research*
- Transitional Medical Graduate Clinical Vignette, Quality Improvement or Research
- People’s Choice for Medical Students and Resident/Fellows

Additionally, Minnesota award winners in selected categories (*) will receive $850 towards travel expenses at the national ACP meeting in New Orleans, on April 3 - April 5, 2025 https://annualmeeting.acponline.org/registration/internal-medicine-meeting-2025-registration

While Artificial Intelligence assisted technologies, such as large language models, chatbots (e.g., ChatGPT), or image creators may be useful as tools to assist you in researching questions it should not be used to create the narrative in your abstract submission. Your abstract submission should be a reflection of your work/ideas and not be taken from another individual or Artificial Intelligence assisted technology.

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. **Clarity of presentation.** How well does the presenter communicate the ideas in the poster?

**Criteria for the Basic Research Posters**

1. **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.

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 research 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. **Clarity of presentation.** How well does the presenter communicate the ideas in the poster?

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

During the virtual poster round, each presenter will have three to five minutes to present the essence of her/his/their abstract. Five poster presentations will be identified by the judges. All finalists 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. **Clarity of presentation.** How well does the presenter communicate the ideas in the poster?