



2026 Nebraska ACP Abstract Competition Wednesday, October 14, 2026 *Open to Medical Students*

The Nebraska Chapter of the American College of Physicians (NE-ACP) is calling for abstracts for its 2026 Poster Competition. The event will be held virtually, so please note the following requirements.

I. COMPETITION INFORMATION

- The medical student abstract competition will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, from 6:00-8:00 PM. **All first authors are required to present at this competition in order to compete.**
- The competition will be held within a standard Zoom meeting, with judges and participants separated into breakout rooms for presentations. Anyone is welcome to join the meeting and observe, however, pre-registration is required for presenters. There is no registration fee for this event.
- **Students must be ACP members in order to apply.** See Section V for more information about submission.
- Applicants will be notified on or before Friday, September 18, 2026, whether their abstract has been accepted for presentation at the competition. Upon acceptance, applicants must prepare a PowerPoint media file with a voice-over pre-recorded presentation for use as their electronic poster and presentation at the competition. **Presentations are required to be pre-recorded. The use of poster boards will not be accepted.** The video presentation shall be no longer than 7 minutes. See Section V for more information on preparing virtual presentations. NE-ACP is not responsible for production or storage of presentation videos.
- Participants are required to join the Zoom meeting ON TIME for their competition, then share their screen to stream their presentation media file during their assigned presentation time. **Participant's zoom camera should remain on during the entire event.**
NE-ACP is not responsible for managing or streaming participant electronic poster presentation files. Please be advised, if technical issues arise, a live presentation will be expected in lieu of a video.
- Following the streamed presentation, judges will engage live with the participant to ask questions. Judges will score presentations based on originality, significance, graphic presentation, verbal presentation and visual impact of the slides. Scores will be calculated to determine two finalists.

II. COMPETITION FINALISTS

- **Finalists are required to present live in person** at the 2026 Nebraska Chapter Scientific Meeting on Friday, November 13, 2026 at Omaha Country Club in Omaha, Nebraska.
- Finalists must confirm their intent to present by registering for the Scientific Meeting by **Friday, October 30, 2026**. Failure to do so will forfeit your position. The link to register can be found on the chapter website.
- **FINALIST PRESENTATIONS FILES MAY NOT BE EDITED IN ANY WAY BETWEEN THE COMPETITION AND THE SCIENTIFIC MEETING.**

III. COMPETITION WINNERS

- It is the intention of the chapter to select and announce the winning resident/fellow presentation during the Chapter Scientific Meeting on Friday, November 13, 2026. However, this is subject to change. Stay tuned for more information.

- The winner will be eligible to enter the national poster competition being held virtually during the ACP Internal Medicine Meeting April 15-17, 2027 in Los Angeles, California. More information regarding that competition to follow.

IV. SCHEDULES AND DEADLINES

Abstract submission Open: 12:00 AM on Wednesday, July 1, 2026

**Abstract submission Deadline: 11:59 PM CT on Monday, September 7, 2026
ABSOLUTELY NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Notification of Acceptance will occur on or before Friday, September 18, 2026

Virtual Competition for Medical Students: Wednesday, October 14, 2026 6:00-8:00 PM via Zoom

Finalist Presentations at Chapter Scientific Meeting: Friday, November 13, 2026, Omaha Country Club, Omaha, Nebraska.

V. ABSTRACT SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

- Authors must be ACP members prior to submitting the abstract:**
 - Medical Students – Free membership
 - **Complete the ACP membership application [online](#) and allow three days after applying for membership before submitting your abstract.**

- Please use [this link to the application\(Need update this\)](#) for your abstract submission or visit our website. The abstract can be completed and submitted online with a limit of 500 words. Information on preparing an abstract can be found [here](#).

- Upon acceptance to participate in the October 14th competition, applicants are required to create a media file as their “virtual poster”. All participants are required to use a voice-over PowerPoint media file as their virtual poster presentation. The file shall be an .mp4, voice-over PowerPoint presentation that is no longer than 7 minutes in length. Any presentations longer than 7 minutes will be disqualified. Also note that live presentations during the Zoom competition will not be permitted this year unless all attempts to stream a prerecorded media file have been unsuccessful. Learn more about preparing media files [here](#) or [here](#). Multiple PowerPoint slides are accepted but no more than 8 total slides, not to exceed 8 lines per slide using 24 pt font.

Abstracts will be accepted in these categories:	
Basic Research	To improve human health, scientific discoveries must be translated into practical applications. Such discoveries typically begin at the bench with basic research by which scientists study disease at a molecular or cellular level.
Clinical Research	Patient-oriented research. Research conducted with human subjects (or on material of human origin such as tissues, specimens and cognitive phenomena) for which an investigator (or colleague) directly interacts with human subjects. This area of research includes: mechanisms of human disease; therapeutic interventions; clinical trials; development of new technologies; analysis of existing datasets; epidemiologic and behavioral studies; outcomes research and health services research.

Quality Improvement-Patient Safety	Submissions can report on efforts to improve patient safety or outcomes measurement. Such efforts may be projects developed and initiated to promote patient safety and/or processes that have improved or created a safer environment for patients. Abstracts may also be submitted that relate to the use of outcome data, how to measure and convert data into information.
High-Value Cost-Conscious Care	Projects that focus on: reducing waste in the system (e.g. unnecessary testing and treatment or inappropriate setting for care), minimizing harms (e.g. radiation exposure, medication side effects), or improving patient care through communication (e.g. incorporating patient values and concerns into care plans).
Clinical Vignette	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.

VI. OTHER GUIDELINES

- Somewhere in your virtual poster presentation, be sure to clearly show the type of abstract [see categories on page 2], title, and name(s) of author(s).
- Typed material should be prepared in a large, legible 24 pt font with no more than 8 total slides, not to exceed 8 lines per slide. Please keep illustrative material simple.
- The first author must be present on the virtual competition Zoom meeting to stream the presentation [by sharing their screen] and to engage with the judges. Be prepared to answer questions following the presentation.
- Competitors should submit their best abstract, as only one from each first author will be accepted.
- Do not make any major alterations to your abstract after it is accepted for the competition, nor any edits to the presentation after being chosen as a finalist.

Please direct questions regarding the poster competition to trisha@omahamedical.com. We invite you to [visit our website](#) for more information on this competition and other upcoming events.

GOOD LUCK!