

## ACP-WI 2025 Annual Scientific Meeting Abstract Competition - Thank You Judges!

Thank you to all of the individuals who helped serve as an onsite judge at the 2025 Annual Scientific Meeting abstract competition this year! If your name was missed on this list, we sincerely apologize for the oversight but are tremendously grateful for the help! If you are interested as serving as a judge for the 2026 abstract competition, please contact [info@acpwi.org](mailto:info@acpwi.org).

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**ACP-WI Council of Medical Student Members Mentorship Program - Apply Now!**

The ACP-WI Council of Student Members is excited to launch their Mentorship Program!

This program seeks to connect current medical students interested in internal medicine and its subspecialties with physicians across Wisconsin. We hope that this will allow students to explore internal medicine as a profession as well as build community and relationships with experts in the field.

We are currently accepting both mentor and mentee applications, with applications closing on Friday, October 31st at 11:59 pm. Please consider participating as a mentor and help guide and inspire the next generation of internists.

[Apply Here!](#)

**Calling All Hospitalists - We Want to Hear from You!**

The ACP-WI Hospitalist Committee invites you to participate in a brief needs assessment survey designed to better understand the challenges and support needs of hospitalists across Wisconsin.

All hospitalists practicing in Wisconsin are eligible to participate. The survey should take approximately 5 minutes to complete. Participation is entirely voluntary, and by submitting your responses, you indicate your willingness to participate. You may skip any question or stop the survey at any time without consequence.

Your responses will be anonymous, and we ask that you do not include any identifying information in the comment sections. No personal data will be collected or used in any reports, presentations, or publications resulting from this study. Participants will be eligible to opt in to receiving an Amazon gift card!

[Take the Survey](#)

**ACP National Abstract Competition - Open Now!**

Medical Students, Resident/Fellows, and Early Career Physicians who are ACP members are eligible to participate in the National Abstract Competitions.

ACP is now accepting abstract submissions for the 2026 Competitions. For more details, [visit here](#).

### Career Launchpad for Residents Webinar - Register Today!

**Tuesday, October 28, 2025**

**5:00PM-6:00PM CDT**

*(Please note, the Michigan Chapter is hosting this webinar and some things may come across in Eastern Time)*

**Open to All, No Fee to Attend**

Ready to move from residency into your first faculty role? Join our interactive hour-long session designed to guide you through this pivotal transition. Dr. Kara Pepper will kick things off with insights on finding the best fit for your first job, followed by Dr. Amy Holbrook sharing essential advice on navigating finances and contracts. Learn how to build connections, develop as a leader, and tap into the value of mentorship with Dr. Megan Hiles and the ACP Early Career Physician community. Participate in committee breakouts tailored to your interests, and stick around for an exciting raffle at the end! Don't miss this valuable opportunity to start your faculty career with confidence and support.

**Chance to Win!** Everyone who attends the webinar will be entered into a drawing to receive complimentary registration to the 2026 Internal Medicine Meeting in San Francisco! *(One Prize Available)*

[Save Your Seat](#)

### Latest ACP Advocacy

ACP advocates for you on policy changes that will make a difference in your daily work, your professional development, and your patients' health. To check out what's new, please [click here](#).

To explore actions by topic, please visit [Where We Stand](#).

### ACP Health Policy Internship - Application Deadline is October 31st

The ACP Health Policy Internship provides a multifaceted opportunity to learn about the legislative process, health policy, and advocacy in organized medicine. Interns will provide assistance with researching and analyzing current issues in health and medical education policy, on-going advocacy initiatives, and the development of advocacy materials. Interns will have the opportunity to attend Congressional hearings, coalition meetings, issue briefings, and accompany government affairs staff on lobby visits to members of congress and their staff, political action committee (PAC) fundraisers, and

to other events. The interns will participate in [ACP's Leadership Day](#), including assisting with programming during the two-day meeting. At the end of the internship period, we hope that the interns will have learned much about health policy and the importance of advocacy. [Click here](#) to learn more and apply.

### Take Action Now!

#### Safety for Domestic Violence Victims: Closing Wisconsin's Misdemeanor Loophole

Wisconsin healthcare practitioners can promote policy change to make life safer for those impacted by domestic violence. We can urge our legislators to address a loophole in Wisconsin law allowing those convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence to still legally own firearms.

In 2022, the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled that Wisconsin's existing laws could no longer be used to disarm many domestic abusers. While federal law prohibits people convicted of domestic violence misdemeanor from purchasing firearms, Wisconsin lacks a specific domestic violence status to trigger this prohibition. This has led to an unfortunate loophole, raising the risk for victims of domestic violence, and even for abusers themselves.

The single greatest predictor of violent acts is a history of violent or aggressive acts, including domestic violence. A woman in an abusive relationship is five times as likely to be killed if her abuser has access to a gun. In more than two-thirds of mass shootings between 2014 and 2019, the shooter either had a history of domestic violence or killed a family member or partner.

Wisconsin ranks 8th in the country in the number of women murdered by men. Between 2000 and 2020, there was a 62% increase in intimate partner homicides in Wisconsin. The most recent report from End Abuse Wisconsin shows that in 2023, domestic violence claimed 85 lives in Wisconsin and in 78% of those deaths firearms were the weapons used.

**Action Requested:** [Please write to your Wisconsin representatives](#) to request they take action to save lives by closing this loophole and prohibiting those convicted of domestic violence misdemeanor from owning firearms.

#### ACP Resources on Fighting Medical Misinformation and Disinformation

ACP is committed to stopping and preventing the spread of disinformation and misinformation, and vigorously supports the use of science and scientific expertise, based on the best available evidence. The College's efforts range from weekly publishing of evidence-based scientific content, creating educational materials, issuing public statements, and collaborating with like-minded organizations. Click [here](#) for resources.

#### Call for Wisconsin Medical Journal Reviewers

Please strongly consider serving as a reviewer for the *Wisconsin Medical Journal* (WMJ), a PubMed-indexed local publication. This is an opportunity to stay connected with the latest research while also supporting your fellow colleagues. Review is an important collegial act and is essential to the integrity of the journal. [Click Here to Sign Up](#)

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