



ACP National Abstract Competition - Opens October 6th

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

ACP will begin accepting abstract submissions for the 2026 Competitions on Monday, October 6, 2025. To check on the status of the submission portal, [visit here](#).

Career Launchpad for Residents Webinar

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](#)

Save the Date: Rituals and Traditions

Understanding: Walking in Another's Shoes
*A Georgia, North Carolina, SoCal 3 and Tennessee Chapters
Collaboration*
October 11, 2025
10:00AM CT
Stay Tuned for More Information!

2025 Annual Scientific Meeting - Celebrating Competition Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the 2025 Annual Scientific Meeting Abstract Competition, Doctor's Dilemma Competition, and Narrative Medicine Competition!

2025 Abstract Competition Winners

Clinical Posters

- **1st Place:** INFLAMMATORY HILAR MASS AND CAVERNOUS TRANSFORMATION IN DISSEMINATED HISTOPLASMOSIS: A RARE CAUSE OF NON-CIRRHOTIC PORTAL HYPERTENSION - Katherine Tippins, MD, Resident at University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
- **2nd Place:** PHENOTYPIC PLASTICITY IN MELANOMA: GANGLIONEUROBLASTIC TRANSDIFFERENTIATION AFTER PEMBROLIZUMAB - Madison Harris, Medical Student at University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
- **3rd Place:** A NOVEL CASE OF RECURRENT METASTATIC PLASMACYTOID UROTHELIAL CARCINOMA PRESENTING AS A RECTAL STRICTURE - Samantha Vuong, Medical

Student at University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

Research Posters

- **1st Place:** AMBULATORY BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORING IN YOUNG ADULT WOMEN WITH AND WITHOUT A HISTORY OF HYPERTENSION IN PREGNANCY - Srishti Gupta, Medical Student at University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
- **2nd Place (tie):** EFFICACY AND SAFETY OF SUBCUTANEOUS VERSUS INTRAVENOUS ANTI-TNF AGENTS IN ULCERATIVE COLITIS: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW AND META- ANALYSIS - Chimezirim Ezeano, MD, Resident at Aurora Health Care
- **2nd Place (tie):** PERCEPTIONS OF SECURE TEXT MESSAGING SYSTEMS AMONG HOSPITALIST FACULTY AND ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDERS: A MIXED-METHODS STUDY - Mukul Sharda, Medical Student at Medical College of Wisconsin

Research Orals

Winner: INCREASING AWARENESS OF THE DUFFY NULL PHENOTYPE, Rachel Johnson, MD, Resident at Aurora Health Care

Runner Up: RISK FACTORS FOR ADVERSE OUTCOME FROM CULTURE-CONFIRMED CLOSTRIDIAL INFECTIONS IN AN ERA OF EMPIRICAL ANTIBIOTICS: A RETROSPECTIVE COHORT STUDY, Marie Wiener, MD, Resident at Gundersen / Emplify Health Care System

Clinical Orals

Winner: A CASE SERIES OF TRAVEL-ASSOCIATED MELIOIDOSIS INFECTION IN WISCONSIN, Ginger Kwak, Medical Student at Medical College of Wisconsin

Runner Up: LEGIONELLA GOES VIRAL: INFLAMMATORY CARDIOMYOPATHY IN LEGIONNAIRES' DISEASE, Serafino LaGalbo, MD, Resident at University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

2025 Doctors Dilemma Winning Team

Marshfield Clinic Health System - Asem Abu-Jamea, MD;
Muhammad Shabbir, MD; Sweta Yadav, MD

2025 Narrative Medicine Competition Winners

Essays

Judged Winner: Arjan Bindra, Medical Student, Medical College of Wisconsin, "Before You Call them Difficult"

People's Choice Winner: Mukul Sharda, Medical Student, Medical College of Wisconsin, "She was Watching Over Me"

Honorable Mentions:

- Sara Bertan, Medical Student, Medical College of Wisconsin, "When Medicine Meets Humanity"
- Alenna Beroza, Medical Student, Medical College of Wisconsin, "No Such Thing as a Routine Procedure"

Poetry

Judged Winner: Connor Pedersen, MD, Resident, Gundersen / Emplify Health Care System, "You or Someone Like You"

People's Choice Winner: Mahmoud Awad, MD, Resident, Aurora Health Care, "Still Life at the Ice Cream Parlor"

Honorable Mentions:

- Amber Haugen, Medical Student, Medical College of Wisconsin, "Did She Smoke?"

- Harshitha Mogallapalli, MD, Resident, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, "Some Things I Cannot Provide

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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