

**Internal Medicine Meeting 2026  
San Francisco, California  
Resident/Fellow Poster Winners  
Friday, April 17, 2026**

**Clinical Vignette Poster Winners**

**Josue Andino Vega, MD**

When Purpura Reveals a Tumor: A Case of Paraneoplastic Vasculitis and Renal Cell Carcinoma  
Puerto Rico

**Carla Barrientos Risso, MD**

Marrows, Motherhood and Microbes: Complicated Pneumonia Unveiling Immunodeficiency  
Puerto Rico

**Thomas Chameli, MD**

Sneaky Squeaky Sepsis: An Atypical Transmission of Leptospirosis in a Non-Endemic Setting  
US Army

**Nawal Mustafa, MD**

Running on Risk: Recurrent Myocardial Infarctions Fueled by Elevated Lipoprotein(a)  
New Jersey

**Julian Rana, MD**

Initiation of Targeted Chemotherapy Under VV-ECMO Support in Widely Metastatic Melanoma  
New Jersey

**Alex Sahagian, DO**

Extracting the Truth: Unintentional Chronic Ethanol Ingestion from Vanilla Extract Presenting as  
Alcoholic Ketoacidosis  
California

**Swapna Sirigireddy, MD**

C1–C2 Schwannoma Presenting as Progressive Quadriplegia: A Rare Case of High Cervical Myelopathy  
Michigan

**Varsha Swamy, MD**

A Clot Caught In Transit  
California

## **Research Poster Winners**

### **Rosemary Falama, MD**

Reducing Heart Failure Length of Stay: Development of a Risk-Based Algorithm for IV-to-PO Diuretic Transition using a Quality Improvement Approach  
Oregon

### **Farrah Gajraj, MD**

Association of Glucagon-Like Peptide-1 Receptor Agonist Use With Sarcopenia and Falls in Non-Diabetic Adults Without Neuropathy: A Propensity-Matched Retrospective  
Florida

### **Rachel Johnson, MD**

Increasing Awareness of the Duffy Null Phenotype  
Wisconsin

### **Laticia Lopez Carreola, MD**

Is Continuous Glucose Monitoring Ready to Replace Standard Point-of-Care Testing in the Inpatient Setting? Preliminary Findings from a Mexican Tertiary Referral Center  
Mexico

### **Tendai Machingaidze, MD**

Curating a Global Health Curriculum for International Medical Graduates (IMGs) in Residency Training at Cayuga Medical Center (CMC)  
New York

### **Olena Mahneva, DO**

Standardizing Organoid Culture: A Methodological Approach Using Patient Tumor Tissues  
Florida

### **Adaora Moka, MD**

GLP-1 Receptor Agonist Utilization for Obesity Among Medicaid Beneficiaries in Rural vs Urban U.S. States, 2020–2024  
Ontario

### **Neha Pondicherry, MD**

Menstruating individuals and their experiences with menstrual inequity in a safety-net tertiary-level hospital in California  
Pennsylvania

### **Shafkat Salam, MD**

First, Do No (Financial) Harm: The Impact of Medical Debt  
New York

### **Jacqueline Ziegman, MD**

Improving Cardiac Evaluations in Primary Care through Cardiac Imaging and Stress Testing Curriculum for Residents  
Pennsylvania