Resident/Fellow, Medical Student & Early Career Physician Poster Competition

If you have worked on a research project, clinical project, or have an interesting clinical case, you can submit your abstract for a chance to present a poster at the 2016 Southern California Chapters I, II & III Resident/Fellow, Medical Student & Early Career Physician Poster Competition. The poster competition is part of the ACP Southern California Annual Meeting. Participants with accepted posters are encouraged to attend the two day meeting.

Abstracts will be accepted into one of three categories: (1) **Clinical Vignettes** - cases that illustrate a rare disease, or an unusual or interesting clinical presentation of an established entity, (2) **Research** – clinical and/or lab research, delineating a new investigation into mechanisms of disease or a detailed review of a clinical problem, or (3) **Innovation** – area quality improvement, safety projects or other areas of innovation in healthcare.

If your abstract is chosen, you will be invited to present a poster at the competition on **October 22, 2016**. You can view guidelines on how to write an abstract for some helpful tips.

**In Order to Submit an Abstract You Must:**
- **Be an ACP member.** First author and presenter must be a current ACP Early Career Physician, Resident/Fellow Member, or Medical Student member. Please visit the online membership site for details and to apply for membership. You must have an ACP member number to submit an abstract.
- **Be currently enrolled** in an Internal medicine residency or specialty fellowship training program within Southern California, be a student at a Southern California Medical or Osteopathic School, or be an Early Career Physician within Southern California.

Submit your abstract via the online abstract form.
Please use the online Abstract Form to submit your abstract. You will receive a confirmatory email that your abstract has been successfully uploaded. In addition, you will receive an e-mail within 2 weeks after submission indicating whether your abstract has been accepted into the poster competition.

If your abstract is accepted, complete the program registration form. This is important so that we may plan our activities accordingly. You will receive an e-mail announcement once the meeting registration page is live.

**Specifications**
- A maximum of one abstract per first author (Clinical Vignette, Research and/or Innovation) may be submitted. The abstract word limit is 450 words.
- No edits are allowed once the abstracts are submitted. Please ensure that all errors are corrected before submitting. It is highly recommended that a faculty mentor at your institution reviews the abstract prior to submission. Abstracts that don’t appear professional will not be accepted.
- If the abstract is accepted, you must bring a poster (no larger than 44” x 44”) to the competition. Poster criteria will be available on the abstract acceptance letter. If the first author is not available to present the poster, then the second author can do so.
- First place resident winners in the Clinical Vignette and Research category will be sponsored to present their poster at the ACP National Internal Medicine 2017 Poster Competition in San Diego on March 30th – April 1, 2017. Recognition awards will be presented to all other winners.

**Deadline**
The deadline for abstract submission is **Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 11:59 p.m.** For questions contact Gus Chavez at SoCalACP1@gmail.com.