The Florida Chapter is excited to announce the Call for Abstracts for the Resident/Fellow and Medical Students Abstract Competition at the FL Chapter ACP 2016 Annual Residents & Medical Students Meeting, taking place April 9 – 10, 2016 at the Doubletree by Hilton Orlando Downtown in Orlando, Florida. Please mark your calendars and plan to participate in the meeting.

**DEADLINE**

The deadline for submitting entries is Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at midnight. No abstracts will be accepted after that time. **We encourage you - DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!** Computer glitches DO happen, however, we cannot take responsibility if your abstract was not submitted correctly.

- **ACP automatically sends you an immediate e-mail confirmation once your abstract has been successfully submitted.** If you do not receive your email confirmation within 24 hours of your submission, you should do the following:
  1. Check to see if the confirmation went to your spam folder
  2. Follow up with Bridget Anderson in the FL Chapter office at flacp@comcast.net to be sure that it was received.

- **Please be sure to correctly enter your most current e-mail address when submitting your abstract as all communication regarding the abstract competition will be sent electronically to the email address that you provide.**

**HOW TO SUBMIT**

*In order to submit, you must:*

1. Be an ACP member. First authors must be Medical Student or Resident members of ACP or have made official application for membership in order to enter this competition. **There will be no exceptions to this requirement.** If you have not joined ACP (medical students join for free; residents should contact their residency program directors), please visit ACP Online to find out more and apply.

2. Be currently enrolled as a student at a Florida Medical or Osteopathic School or enrolled in an Internal Medicine residency or specialty fellowship training program within the state of Florida.
3. Abstracts can only be submitted electronically through the Online Abstract Submission Form: https://forms.acponline.org/webform/florida-chapter-abstract-form

Each resident or medical student may submit up to 2 abstracts per category; however; only ONE abstract per medical student or resident will be chosen for competition or display.

**NO EDITS ARE ALLOWED ONCE AN ABSTRACT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED.** Please make sure to submit your abstract in the proper category and carefully proof for errors before submitting.

Each abstract will undergo careful review and will be ranked for scientific merit, originality, proper presentation, and clinical application. Abstract selections will include 2 abstracts for oral presentation and 3 for the poster competition from each Florida Internal Medicine Residency program; and up to 3 for the poster competition from each Florida Medical School. Those abstracts not chosen for competition will be given an opportunity to display as space permits.

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:**
- If you are selected to present your abstract, you must complete the Chapter Meeting Registration Form, which will be available on the Chapter website.
- If your abstract is chosen for competition and you are unable to present it at the meeting, it may be presented by another resident-medical student as long as ALL of the following criteria are met:
  1. The person presenting must be listed as an additional author on the original abstract submission
  2. They must be a FL Chapter ACP member, in the same membership classification (i.e. - only residents may present in the residents competition, only medical students may present in the medical student competition.)

To view ACP's guidelines and tips on preparing an abstract, visit http://www.acponline.org/residents_fellows/competitions/abstract/prepare/.

**WHY SUBMIT?**
- Educational opportunity to showcase your work.
- The top 3 Oral Presentations will be invited to present at the Florida Chapter ACP 2016 Annual Scientific Meeting in September.
- Free meeting registration for all Resident and Medical Student Members who attend

**Questions & Further Information:**

For questions concerning this abstract competition, please contact Bridget Anderson at 800-542-8461 or 904-355-0800 or FLACP@comcast.net.

Thank you,

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