On Thursday, October 25, 2018, we will have the 23rd annual University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) Department of Medicine American College of Physicians (ACP) Abstract Day at the Norman C. Nelson Student Union on the UMMC campus in Jackson. Poster presentations will begin at 9:30 AM and conclude at 11:30 AM in the gymnasium on the first floor, and oral presentations will begin at noon and conclude at 1:00 PM on the second floor. Following the oral presentations, there will be a luncheon; a keynote address by our guest, Danny Newman, MD, FACP, Chair of the Council of Early Career Physicians of the ACP; and presentation of awards.

All students, residents, and subspecialty fellows in an accredited medical school or internal medicine residency or subspecialty training program in Mississippi are eligible to submit their work. We will have four categories of abstracts:

- Clinical vignettes
- Clinical research
- Basic science research
- Quality improvement and patient safety

The winner from each category will earn an automatic entry to Internal Medicine 2018, the ACP’s annual national meeting, which will be in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 11-13, 2019. Faculty judges will assess abstracts prior to the competition and will assess the presentations on the day of the competition to determine the winners.

This year we will use the ACP abstract submission portal for collection of abstracts. The portal will remain open until Wednesday, September 19, 2018, at 11:59 PM CDT. There will be no extensions of this deadline. Please keep that in mind when asking your co-authors to review your abstract drafts.

Your abstract must be no longer than 400 words, not including title, authors, and author affiliations. Do not use tables, graphs, figures, or pictures in your abstract. Also, do not include references in your abstract. The content of your abstract must pertain to internal medicine. If your abstract is not pertinent to internal medicine, you will receive notice within 48 hours of submission that your abstract is not eligible.

Submitting authors will receive an email notifying them of the judges’ decision regarding acceptance and type of presentation (oral or poster) on or before Thursday, October 4, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Wynn at cswynn@umc.edu.