

American College of Physicians
ACP Doctor's Dilemma® Competition *Rules for Competition*

Competition Structure

The competition will consist of three rounds: the Elimination round, the Semi-Final round, and the Championship round.

Eligibility

Players are eligible to participate in the competition if they are currently residents in an ACGME- or AOA-accredited categorical internal medicine residency training program; preliminary residents in a program and transitional residents in their first year of training are also eligible to participate. Residents in combined internal medicine-pediatrics (Meds-Peds) programs or other ACGME- or AOA-approved combined categorical training programs (i.e. internal medicine-emergency medicine) are also eligible to compete.

Games

Each game will include up to six teams. Each team will be comprised of up to three players.

First Round: Elimination (Thursday, April 19)

The Elimination round schedule will be announced on **March 28, 2018** through LeaderNet, ACP Online, emails to participants and representatives, and ACP social media.

In the Elimination Round, each team will compete in a game against up to five randomly determined opponents. These games will be split between two competition rooms.

A total of 20 teams will advance to the second round. The 20 teams advancing will include the winning team and second place team from each of the first round games.

Second Round: Semi-Final (Friday, April 20)

The Semi-Final round schedule will be announced on the evening of **Thursday, April 19**, through ACP social media, the Internal Medicine 2018 meeting app, and signage at the New Orleans Convention Center.

In the Semi-Final round, each of the 20 advancing teams will compete in a game against up to four randomly determined opponents.

A total of five teams will advance the Championship round: The winner of each of the four Semi-Final games will advance, as will one wildcard team. The wildcard team will be the losing team with the highest overall score in the Semi-Final round. In the event of a score tie in wildcard-eligible teams, the scores from both the Elimination and Semi-Final rounds will be combined to determine the wildcard team advancing to the Championship round. If the combined scores result in a tie, a series of sudden death playoff questions will determine which wildcard team advances. This playoff will occur immediately preceding the Championship Game.

Championship round (Saturday, April 21)

All five finalists will compete in the Championship Round on the afternoon of **Saturday, April 21**.

ACP Doctor's Dilemma® Competitors: Game Regulations

Arrival

Teams should arrive 15 minutes before the start of the first game each day.

Game Start

ACP Chapters designate their representative team. Each team may have no more than three players compete during any round. Teams will be assigned seats on the stage. Each team shares one microphone, one monitor, and one buzzer. Once the teams are seated, the moderator will welcome participants and invite them to introduce themselves. The moderator will then summarize competition rules and the game categories will be displayed. Each game consists of 5 categories with 5 questions in each, for a total of 25 questions plus one Final Dilemma question. All questions are written by physicians in ACP's Medical Education Division using ACP educational resources.

Answering Questions

Once a team selects a question by category and amount, the moderator reads the question. After the question is read in its entirety and is revealed on the game board screen, any team can buzz in to answer. Teams will be unable to buzz in until after the moderator has finished reading the question. The team that buzzes in first is recognized by the software, and the moderator will identify that team. That team will have 15 seconds (counted down by the computer program) to answer. When a team answers correctly, they retain control of the game board and will select the next question.

If a team answers incorrectly, the game board marks an X next to the team name. The team answering incorrectly will have the point value of that question deducted from their score. The screen will reset to allow remaining teams to buzz in. The next team buzzing in will have 15 seconds (counted down by the computer program) to answer the question. For teams buzzing in after an initial incorrect answer, the timer begins as soon as the buzzer is hit. This process continues until the correct answer is given, all teams answer incorrectly, or the allotted time runs out.

While software malfunctions are rare, the Moderator has the authority to correct any procedural errors caused by malfunctions in the game software. This includes (but is not limited to) buzzer malfunctions, and/or the software recognizing the wrong team as having control of the board.

Game Scoring

Games consist of 5 categories with 5 questions in each category, for a total of 25 questions. Question values range from 10 points to 50 points in each category.

The team that answers the question correctly will be awarded the point value of the question. Questions answered incorrectly will have that point value deducted from the team score.

Final Dilemma

After the 25-question game board has been played, teams with positive point values are invited to play the "Final Dilemma" question, which is a wager-based question.

Each team is given a wager sheet and a final answer sheet. When the “Final Dilemma” category is announced, teams will write down the amount they wish to wager. The wager can be up to the number of points the team has entering Final Dilemma. The wager sheets are then collected by a game assistant.

After the moderator reads the question and the question is displayed, teams have approximately 35 seconds to write an answer on the final answer sheet. After 35 seconds (the duration of the “Final Jeopardy” music), the answer sheets are collected and given to the moderator.

Teams answering the questions correctly will have their wager added to their total score.

Teams answering incorrectly will have their wager deducted from their total score.

Game Judges

Each Doctor’s Dilemma game will be monitored by 1-3 Judges. Judges are ACP members with substantial medical knowledge who volunteer to serve in this role. Judges will receive the game questions and answers in advance of the competition, so they can review the content and make informed decisions during the games.

If a team’s answer does not exactly match exactly the acceptable answers provided to the moderator on the official answer sheet, the moderator may defer to the game judges. The judges determine if an answer is acceptable. **All judges’ decisions are final.**