

CALL FOR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ABSTRACTS CSIM ANNUAL MEETING 2018

The Canadian Society of Internal Medicine (CSIM) invites you to submit abstracts to the **Postgraduate Quality Improvement Oral and Poster Quality Improvement Session** to be held during the CSIM Annual Meeting October 10-13, 2018 at The Banff Centre in Alberta.

This competition is only open to **CSIM Resident Associates** (PGY1 to PGY5 at the time of submission) enrolled in a postgraduate residency training program in Internal Medicine (IM) or General Internal Medicine (GIM) in Canada, and to **CSIM Student Associates** enrolled in a faculty of medicine in Canada. **If you are not already a CSIM Associate, you must complete [your application to join the CSIM](#) BY May 25, 2018** (delays in submitting a membership application will cause abstracts to be rejected by the system).

The CSIM encourages eligible research fellows, clinical associates and PGY6s and above to submit their work to the GIM Faculty Research Showcase. Learn more at: <http://csim.ca/awards-abstracts/>.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Abstracts must present a clear, concise summary of the work. Abstract topics must be IM- or GIM-related. Do not include introductions, historical data, literature reviews, bibliographies or mention corporate support. Organize the body of the abstract to include:
 - Background: What is the QI problem of interest (preferably one sentence)?
 - Aim: What is the aim of the QI project?
 - Improvement / Innovation: What changes were implemented as part of the QI project?
 - Measures: How do you know if your QI project led to an improvement?
 - Project Impact: Did your changes result in an improvement?
 - Lessons Learned: What are the implications and lessons learned?*(Case reports are not accepted; refer to the Ted Giles Clinical Vignettes session.)*
2. Only one person may present. The person submitting the abstract MUST also be the presenter and is to complete the [abstract submission form](#). Abstracts will NOT be accepted via email attachment. Only one abstract per project may be submitted. Images/graphs are not to be included (if selected for presentation, you may include these in your presentation/poster). Abstracts should be no more than 350 words and must be submitted in English.
3. In the title/body of your abstract submission, do not refer to city, province, hospital, co-authors etc. Abstracts must not include any identifying patient information. Copies of original investigations presented in oral / posters (pathology slides, radiographs, echos etc.) must also be anonymized. Prior to submitting your abstract, please review the [CSIM Guidelines for Anonymizing Abstracts](#).
4. Only the name/city/university of the actual presenter will be included in the meeting program. The winners of the competition will be announced through the CSIM website, newsletter, social media and the [Canadian Journal of General Internal Medicine](#) (CJGIM). All correspondence regarding the submission will only be sent to the submitter. All authors and co-authors of selected abstracts will be required to complete a Conflict of Interest disclosure form.

5. Individuals may submit up to two abstracts across all three CSIM abstract competitions (Research, QI, Ted Giles Clinical); however, only one oral may be presented and only one poster may be presented across all three competitions.
6. The way the abstract is submitted is how it will be reviewed. Grammar, spelling, etc. will not be checked nor edited prior to review by the judges. Once an abstract is submitted, revisions to the text cannot be made. The review committee will determine whether an abstract is presented as a poster or as an oral presentation. Winners will be notified mid-summer.
7. Medical students submitting must provide a letter from the student's supervisor or the program's administrative coordinator confirming the presenter is a trainee and at what level. This letter can be e-mailed directly to info@csim.ca.
8. Presenters must register for the CSIM meeting for at least the date of their presentation; posted registration rates in the resident/medical student category apply. The CSIM does not assume any costs of attending this meeting. The oral and poster sessions are tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 11, 2018; program subject to change.
9. Abstracts submitted to or presented at other national and international meetings may be submitted. Abstracts are not eligible for submission if the work has been published as a full paper in a peer-reviewed journal prior to the submission deadline of June 6, 2018.
10. Abstract submitters are encouraged to submit a full manuscript of their findings to the [Canadian Journal of General Internal Medicine](#) (CJGIM), the official, open-access journal of the CSIM. Manuscripts under consideration undergo the peer review process. The CJGIM does not charge article processing fees for original research/quality improvement articles and review articles. Articles processing fees are also waived for CSIM members and associates. For more information and to submit your manuscript, please visit <http://csim.ca/csim-journal/index.php/csim/index>.
11. In recognition of the importance of the training of internists to the future of academic medicine in Canada, the winners will receive a **CSIM Award for Quality Improvement**, which recognize the best oral and poster presentations in the field of Quality Improvement by a trainee. The first place oral winner will be awarded a \$300 cash prize. There will be up to three poster winners: first place \$150; second place \$100; and \$50 for third place.

[Click here to submit your abstract](#)

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: JUNE 6, 2018 by 11:59PM Pacific Time

The abstract submission system will shut down on June 6, 2018 at midnight, Pacific Time.

Confirmation letters to those accepted to present will be sent in mid-summer.

NOTE: *Please advise the CSIM office promptly if you do not receive a confirmation of submission email within 24 hours of submitting. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the submission is received and late or missing submissions will not be accepted. Failure to comply with the procedures listed may result in rejected applications.*

Terms of Reference subject to change.

Dated February 1, 2018