

CALL FOR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ABSTRACTS 2017

The Canadian Society of Internal Medicine (CSIM) invites you to submit abstracts to the **Postgraduate Quality Improvement Oral and Poster Research Session** to be held during the CSIM Annual Meeting November 1-4, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency Toronto.

This competition is only open to **CSIM Resident Associates** (PGY1 to PGY5 at the time of submission), in good standing, enrolled in a postgraduate residency training program in Internal Medicine or General Internal Medicine in Canada and to **CSIM Student Associates**, in good standing, 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, 2017 (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/>

1. Abstracts must present a clear, concise summary of the work. Do not include introductions, historical data, literature reviews, bibliographies or mention corporate support. Organize the body of the abstract to include:
 - a) Background: What is the QI problem of interest (preferably one sentence)?
 - b) Aim: What is the aim of the QI project?
 - c) Improvement / Innovation: What changes were implemented as part of the QI project?
 - d) Measures: How do you know if your QI project led to an improvement?
 - e) Project Impact: Did your changes result in an improvement?
 - f) Lessons Learned: What are the implications and lessons learned?

NOTE: Case reports are not accepted for the research session but can be submitted to the Ted Giles Clinical Vignettes session (see www.csim.ca for details).
2. Only one person may present. The person submitting the abstract **MUST** also be the presenter and is to complete the [abstract submission form](#). Only one abstract per project may be submitted. No images or graphs may be used. Abstracts should be no more than 350 words and must be submitted in English. In the title/body of your abstract, do not refer to patient names, city, province, hospital etc.
3. Only the name of the actual presenter will be included in the final meeting program and, for winners, announced through the CSIM website, newsletter, social media and journal. All correspondence regarding the submission will only be sent to the submitter.
4. Individuals may submit up to two abstracts across all three CSIM abstract competitions; however, only one oral may be presented (including Research and Ted Giles orals) and only one poster may be presented (including Research and Ted Giles posters). The way the abstract is submitted is how it will be reviewed. Grammar, spelling, etc. will not be checked. The review committee will determine whether an abstract is presented as a poster or as an oral presentation. Once an abstract is submitted, revisions to the text cannot be made.
5. Medical students submitting must provide a letter from the student's supervisor confirming the presenter is a trainee and at what level. This letter can be e-mailed directly to info@csim.ca.
6. Presenters must register for the CSIM meeting for at least the date of their presentation; posted rates applicable. The CSIM does not assume any costs of attending this meeting. The oral presentations and judged poster session is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 2, 2017; program subject to change.
7. 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, 2017.
8. Trainees will be *eligible for a CSIM Award for Quality Improvement*. In recognition of the importance of the training of internists to the future of academic medicine in Canada, these awards 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. The first place recipient will be awarded a \$150 cash prize; \$100 for second place and \$50 for third place.

[Click here to submit your abstract](#)

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: JUNE 6, 2017 by 5:00PM Eastern Time
Confirmation of acceptance will be sent in mid-July

NOTE: Please advise the CSIM office promptly if you do not receive a Notice of Receipt of Submission within 72 hours of your submission. 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.