

## **TED GILES CLINICAL VIGNETTES - CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

### **CSIM ANNUAL MEETING 2018**

**Definition:** *A clinical vignette is a concise presentation of a unique, unusual or complex clinical problem in the management of which the trainee has played an active role. It should summarize the admission complaint or symptoms, relevant history, physical and laboratory findings, tentative diagnosis, diagnostic investigation, treatment and outcome.*

This competition is only open to **CSIM Resident Associates**, 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 June 4, 2018** (delays in submitting a membership application will cause abstracts to be rejected by the system).

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. Abstracts should be no longer than 350 words (*this refers only to the body of the abstract and does not include learning objectives*).
2. Each clinical vignette should identify up to, but no more than, three learning objectives (not included in the 350 word count). A learning objective clearly states what a practicing physician will learn or be able to do as a result of attending the clinical vignette presentation. Objectives are action-oriented and should begin with verbs such as *recognize, assess, diagnose, treat, distinguish, manage*, etc. [Click here for information on creating learning objectives](#). These objectives could include any of the CanMEDS roles and are not necessarily restricted to the role of medical expert. [Click here to learn about CanMEDS roles](#).
3. 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.
4. **The title of your submission should not give away the diagnosis.** If selected for presentation, the clinical vignette should be structured so that the final diagnosis (including any diagnoses mentioned in the learning objectives) is not disclosed until the point in the case presentation at which the diagnosis was actually made.
5. 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](#).
6. 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.
7. 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.

8. The way the abstract is submitted is how it will be reviewed by the judges. Grammar, spelling, etc. will not be checked. 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 oral presentation. Winners will be notified mid-summer.
9. 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](mailto:info@csim.ca).
10. Abstracts will be rated according to content, clarity of presentation as well as pertinence of the learning objectives for the target audience. We will also take particular note of any non-medical expert CanMEDs objectives.
11. 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 session is tentatively scheduled for Friday, October 12, 2018; program subject to change.
12. 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.
13. Abstract submitters are encouraged to submit case reports 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. Articles processing fees are 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>.
14. In recognition of the importance of the training of internists to the future of medicine in Canada, the winners will receive a **Ted Giles Clinical Vignettes Award**, which recognize the best three oral presentations by trainees. The first place **oral** winner will be awarded a \$300 cash prize; \$200 for second place and \$100 for third place.
15. Some abstracts will be selected for the poster display, tentatively scheduled for Friday, October 12, 2018 and Saturday, October 13, 2018; program subject to change. Posters are NOT judged.

[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