

## CALL FOR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ABSTRACTS CSIM ANNUAL MEETING 2019

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/ACP Atlantic Provinces Chapter Annual Meeting](#) October 2-5, 2019 at the Halifax Convention Centre in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

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. It is also open 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 22, 2019** (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

- Abstracts must present a clear, concise summary of the work. Abstract topics must be IM or GIM related and use QI methodology. 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, or are you planning to implement, as part of the QI project?
  - Measures: What measures were taken, or are you planning to take, to determine if your QI project will lead to an improvement?
  - Project Impact: How do you expect your QI project to lead to an improvement?
  - For completed projects at the time of abstract submission: What were the lessons learned?

(Case reports are not accepted; refer to the [Ted Giles Clinical Vignettes](#) session.)
- A project may only be submitted once by any one of the project authors. Co-applicants are not accepted. 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.
- Images/graphs are not to be included (if selected for presentation, you may include these in your presentation/poster; however, these must be [fully anonymized](#)). Abstracts should be no more than 350 words and must be submitted in English. In the title/body of your abstract submission, do not refer to city, province, hospital, co-authors, references, etc.
- Abstracts must not include any identifying patient information. Copies of original investigations presented in oral/poster (pathology slides, radiographs, echos etc.) must also be anonymized. Prior to submitting your abstract, please review the [CSIM Guidelines for Anonymizing Abstracts](#).

5. Only the name/city/university of the presenter will be included in the meeting program. The winners of the competition will be announced through the CSIM website, newsletter, and social media. All correspondence regarding the submission will be sent only to the submitter.
6. Individuals may submit up to two abstracts across all three CSIM abstract competitions (Research, QI and Ted Giles Clinical); however, only one oral may be presented and only one poster may be presented across all three competitions.
7. 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.
8. The review committee will determine whether a selected abstract is presented as a poster or as an oral presentation. Those selected to present will be notified mid-summer.
9. Abstract submitters **must** complete the [Conflict Disclosure form](#). Abstracts will NOT be accepted if this form has not been completed. All co-authors of abstracts selected for presentation will be required to complete the disclosure form.
10. 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 to [info@csim.ca](mailto:info@csim.ca).
11. Presenters must register for the CSIM meeting for at least the date of their presentation at the posted registration rates. The CSIM does not assume any costs of attending this meeting. The oral and poster sessions are tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 3, 2019 (subject to change). Presentations will be strictly limited with a stopwatch.
12. Abstracts submitted to or presented at other national and international meetings may be submitted. However, 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 4, 2019.
13. In recognition of the importance of the training of internists to the future of academic medicine in Canada, the winners will be awarded a prize. 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 third place \$50.

[Click here to submit your abstract](#)

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: JUNE 4, 2019 by 11:59PM Pacific Time**

*The abstract submission system will shut down on June 4, 2019 at midnight, Pacific Time.*

*Late submissions will not be accepted.*

**NOTE**

- Please advise the CSIM office promptly if you do not receive a confirmation of submission immediately following submission as receipts are system-generated; please check your junk folder first.
- It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the submission is received; late or missing submissions will not be accepted; the CSIM assumes no responsibility for lost or unreceived abstracts.
- Failure to comply with the application process and submitting incomplete applications may result in rejected applications.