

## CALL FOR CLINICAL ABSTRACTS TERMS OF REFERENCE

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.

### ELIGIBILITY

- This competition is open to residents enrolled in a postgraduate residency training program (PGY1 to PGY5) in Internal Medicine (IM) or General Internal Medicine (GIM) in Canada at the time of submission. The applicant *must* also be a CSIM Resident Associate.
- The competition is also open to medical students currently enrolled in a faculty of medicine in Canada at the time of submission. The applicant *must* also be a CSIM Student Associate.

**If you are NOT currently a CSIM Associate, you must complete [an application to join the CSIM](#) BY June 7, 2023.**  
*Delays in submitting your membership application will cause your submission to be rejected by the system.*

### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Abstracts must present a clear, concise summary of a unique clinical case.
  - Abstracts submitted in English must be no more than 350 words (excluding learning objectives).
  - Abstracts submitted in French must be no more than 450 words (excluding learning objectives).
  - Abstract topics must be IM- or GIM-related.
2. Submissions must include one or two learning objectives. A learning objective states what an attendee will be able to do or do better as a result of viewing the presentation or poster. Objectives are action-oriented and begin with verbs such as *recognize* or *diagnose*. [Click here for information](#).
3. **The abstract title must NOT reveal the diagnosis.** The abstract must be structured so that the final diagnosis is *not* disclosed until the point in the case presentation at which the diagnosis was actually made.
4. A case may be submitted only once by any one of the project authors. All correspondence regarding the submission will be sent only to the submitter.
5. Do not include city/province, hospital name, co-authors, initials, references, introductions, historical data, literature reviews, bibliographies or financial support details in the submission. Images and graphs may not be included in the abstract submission but may be included (fully anonymized) in the presentation or poster.
6. Abstracts must not include any potentially identifying patient information. Prior to submitting the abstract, please review the [CSIM Guidelines for Anonymizing Abstracts](#).
7. Individuals may submit up to two abstracts across both CSIM abstract competitions (Research/QI and Clinical); however, only one oral may be presented and only one poster may be presented across both competitions.
8. Abstracts submitted to or presented at other national or international meetings are eligible for submission.
9. 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.

## ABSTRACT REVIEW

10. The abstract will be reviewed as submitted. Abstracts cannot be edited or revised after submission. Grammar, spelling, etc. will not be checked nor edited prior to review. Any identifying information (such as city, province, hospital, etc.) will be removed to blind your abstract.
11. Abstracts will be assessed for content, clarity of presentation as well as pertinence of the learning objectives to the target audience.
12. Applicants will be notified by late summer.

## SELECTED ABSTRACTS

13. All co-authors of selected abstracts will be required to complete a [Conflict Disclosure form](#).
14. Selected abstracts must include a list outlining all the conflicts, or lack thereof, of all co-authors (either on the poster or as a presentation slide.)
15. Copies of original investigations presented in slides/posters (photos, pathology slides, radiographs, echos etc.) must be anonymized.
16. The name, city and university of only the submitter will be included in the listing of posters and/or the program, and may also be acknowledged through the CSIM website, e-newsletter, and/or social media. Co-authors may be acknowledged on the poster/slides.
17. ONLY the submitter may present the abstract (co-presenters are *not* included in the presentation).
18. All presenters accepted for oral or poster presentation must register at the posted rates for the CSIM Annual Meeting October 11-14, 2023 in Quebec City, QC.
19. Authors may be contacted by the [Canadian Journal of General Internal Medicine](#) about publishing the abstract or a project manuscript.

[Click here to submit your abstract](#)

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS**  
**JUNE 15, 2023 by 5:00PM Eastern Time**

*The abstract submission system will close at the deadline.*

## NOTES

- If you do not receive your confirmation of submission immediately, please check your junk folder or contact [info@csim.ca](mailto:info@csim.ca). It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the abstract was properly submitted by the deadline.
- Late or missing submissions will not be accepted; the CSIM does not assume responsibility for lost or unreceived abstracts due to any reason including technical issues.
- Failure to comply with the application process and the terms of reference and/or submitting incomplete applications may result in rejection.

*Terms of reference subject to change without notice at any time.*

*At December 9, 2022*