

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 competition is also open to medical students (second year and higher) currently enrolled in a faculty of medicine in Canada at the time of submission.
- Applicants must be CSIM Resident or Medical Student Associates.

If you are not currently a CSIM associate, you MUST complete an application to join the [CSIM](#). Residents and medical students join the CSIM for free!

Applications must be reviewed prior to approval; please apply at least 5 business days prior to the submission deadline. You will not be able to submit your abstract until your application is approved.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Abstracts must present a clear, concise summary of a unique IM/GIM-related clinical case. Abstracts must be submitted in English and be no more than 350 words (excluding learning objectives).
2. Submissions must include one or two learning objectives stating what an attendee will be able to do or do better as a result of viewing the presentation or poster, beginning with verbs such as *recognize* or *diagnose*. [Learn more](#).
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 [Guidelines for Anonymizing Abstracts](#)**.
7. Individuals may submit up to two abstracts across both 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

- 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.
- A review panel will evaluate each abstract for eligibility and content.
- Applicants will be notified of the results by late summer.

ABSTRACTS SELECTED FOR ORAL/POSTER PRESENTATION

1. All co-authors of selected abstracts will be required to complete a [Conflict Disclosure Form](#).
2. 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.)
3. Copies of original investigations presented in slides/posters (photos, pathology slides, radiographs, echos etc.) must be anonymized.
4. 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 and ACP websites, e-newsletters, and/or social media. Co-authors may be acknowledged on the poster/slides.
5. Only the submitter may present the abstract (co-presenters are *not* permitted).
6. All presenters accepted for oral or poster presentation must register at the posted rates for the CSIM/ACP Atlantic Provinces Chapter Annual Meeting October 15-17, 2025 in Halifax, NS.
7. The top three winners in each category will receive a cash prize.
8. Abstracts presented may be published in the Canadian Journal of General Internal Medicine ([CJGIM](#)); authors may opt out of publication. Authors may be contacted by the CJGIM about submitting the abstract as a full manuscript.

DEADLINE: JUNE 4, 2025

At 4:00pm Eastern Time

The abstract submission system will close at the deadline.

[Click here to submit your abstract](#)

Note: *If you do not receive your confirmation of submission immediately, please check your spam folder or contact 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; neither CSIM nor the ACP assumes 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 submission being rejected.*

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

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