

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS!**

**Society of Hospital Medicine – North Carolina Triangle Chapter - Research, Innovation and Clinical Vignette Poster Competition.**

**Link to Abstract Submission - [SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT HERE](#)**

**Event Date:** Wednesday, October 15, 2024

**Location:** NC Biotech Conference Center (15 Tw Alexander Dr, Durham, NC 27709 )

**Time:** 5:30 – 8:30 PM

**Content:** Networking / Poster session / Onsite judging of competition

**Deadline to submit:** Saturday, August 31, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.

**Award for Winners:** Overall winner will receive automatic abstract acceptance to Society of Hospital Medicine Converge Meeting in Las Vegas, NV taking place April 2025. They will also receive free conference registration.

*Note: In order to participate at the SHM Converge 2025 RIV Competition, the overall winner of this competition must submit their abstract into the SHM Converge 2025 abstract submission site in Fall 2024 before the deadline.*

**RIV Competition Coordinators:** North Carolina Triangle Chapter Leadership

**SHM Membership:** Due to the growth of this conference over recent years and limited space capacity for posters at least one author must be a current SHM member for the 2025 Abstract Competition.

**Not an SHM Member Yet?:** Student, resident, APP memberships are included and are available at no cost to students / reduced cost for residents and APPs. You may also use discount code NCTRI10 for a 10% discount on membership. More information regarding membership can be found here: [Join SHM](#).

## **Type of Submissions:**

### **Research**

Submissions can report clinical research, basic science research, or a systematic review of a clinical problem. Research abstracts concerned with the highlighted topic areas above, as well as efficiency, cost, or method of health care delivery methods and medical decision-making are also encouraged.

Abstracts submitted for the research category should adhere to the following headings:

- Background
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusions (Do not use phrases such as “The results will be discussed.”)

### **Innovations**

Authors who wish to describe an innovative program in hospital medicine are encouraged to submit to this category. Innovations will primarily be descriptive, but they may also include preliminary data. A more rigorous evaluation of an innovative program should be submitted as a research abstract rather than as an innovation.

For example, an innovation may describe a novel strategy for disseminating practice guidelines, whereas a research abstract may analyze its impact on length of stay. Please note that all innovations submissions must report on an activity that has already been piloted or fully implemented in the healthcare setting. Ideas for innovations that are being planned but have not yet been implemented will not be reviewed.

Any type of innovation may be submitted, including (but not limited to) critical pathway development and dissemination, medical education, faculty development, handheld computers, computerized medical records, billing and collections, patient safety interventions, communications, and teamwork with other care team members. For example, a description of a unique patient safety issue, the associated interventions, and root cause analysis resulting in systems-based modifications would be an innovation of interest to others in the field of hospital medicine.

Abstracts submitted for the innovations category should adhere to these headings:

- Background
- Purpose
- Description
- Conclusions

### **Clinical Vignettes**

A clinical vignette is a report of one or more cases that illustrates a new disease entity or a prominent or unusual clinical feature of an established disease, highlights an area of clinical controversy in hospital medicine, or illustrates a unique patient safety issue. It may include a

summary of pertinent patient history, physical findings, laboratory data, or management description. It should be clear from the discussion portion of the abstract why the vignette is most appropriate for a hospital medicine (versus general internal medicine) competition. Clinical vignettes will be judged on originality, organization, writing ability, and relevance to hospital medicine. Clinical vignettes can be submitted as adult vignettes or pediatric vignettes and will be judged separately.

Abstracts submitted for the clinical vignette category should adhere to these headings:

- Case presentation
- Discussion
- Conclusions

### **Instructions on Abstract Submission:**

All abstracts must be submitted via Qualtrics by Saturday, August 31 by 11:59 PM. The link for submission is below:

[https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_03p5pHleLNPPHPo](https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_03p5pHleLNPPHPo)

**Within the Qualtrics submission form, please have the following information ready to submit:**

- Submitting author name, email address (to be used for all correspondence regarding competition)
- Submitting author's active SHM Member ID (10 digit number found on your SHM profile page)
- Submitting author's institution / affiliation
- Abstract Category (Research, Innovation or Clinical Vignette)
- Abstract Title
- List of authors
- Abstract Body
- References / Works Cited
- Optional 2 figures
- Confirmation of availability to present at the local conference
- Availability to present at the national conference

Receipt of an online submission will also communicate your agreement to adhere to the author responsibilities as dictated in this document and abstract competition rules.

### **Character Count:**

- **The abstract limit is 3,500 characters, including spaces. No exceptions**

### **Tables and graphics:**

- **No more than 2 tables or graphics will be accepted.**
- Graphics should be clear and adequate resolution to be reviewed
- Please only upload .PDF, .doc, .jpeg/.jpg, .gif files. Other file types may not be able to be opened by our reviewers and may not be included in the review

**Style:** Write for clarity and directness. It is NOT acceptable to state that “the results will be discussed.” Avoid the use of medical jargon or stock empty phrases. Abstracts with numerous grammatical errors may be given less priority for acceptance.

**Abbreviations, Symbols, and Nomenclature:** Usage should conform as closely as possible to that recommended in the CBE Style Manual (6<sup>th</sup> edition, 1994), published by the Council of Biology Editors and available from CBE Secretariat, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD, 20814. Nonstandard abbreviations must be kept to a minimum and must be explained when used. Generic names of drugs are preferred: a propriety name may be given only with the first use of the generic name.

**Units of Measurement:** Metric (SI), including those for height, length, mass (weight), and body temperature should be used. Measurements for substances of known, pure composition should be in millimoles/milliliter or millimoles/liter. For mixtures of substances where exact composition is not known, use grams/liter.

**IRB or other research approval:** If human or animal species were exposed to risks not required by their medical needs during the study included in the abstract, the author affirms that the study was approved by an appropriate committee. If no such committee was available and informed consent was needed, the author affirms that approval was obtained in accordance with the principles set forth in “The Institutional Guide to DHEW Policy on Protection of Human Subjects” and the “Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals,” published by the NIH. Abstracts including research with questionably methodology will be disqualified.

**Proofread abstracts carefully to avoid errors before they are submitted.** We are unable to make changes to your abstract after the submission deadline has passed. This includes typographical errors. If you need to re-submit you abstract for any reason prior to the submission deadline, please do so through the same Qualtrics link above as an additional submission and email [napiazza@email.unc.edu](mailto:napiazza@email.unc.edu) to notify – if multiple abstracts are submitted, we will use the most recent.

**Abstract Selection and Scoring:** Abstracts will be blinded and scored by a panel of reviewers assigned to each category (research, innovations, and clinical vignettes). The reviewers may decide to reassign your abstract to another category, and ultimately, they will decide whether your abstract is selected to present at the local chapter meeting. Abstract will be scored based on originality, relevance to hospital medicine, and clarity of presentation. Abstracts may be disqualified if unoriginal/previously presented elsewhere or in previous years or if concerns for plagiarism, deemed not applicable to hospitalist medicine, or if significant / severe grammatical errors.

Authors of selected abstracts will be invited to create a poster to display and compete at the October 15, 2024 North Carolina Triangle Chapter meeting. Invitations and instructions for poster presentations will be provided upon notification of selection. Please note that dates and times are subject to change; we will notify abstract authors via e-mail of any changes.

**Notification of Results:** All submitting authors will be notified if abstracts are accepted via email by mid-September.

**Presenting Author's Availability:** The presenting author must be available to present his or her work onsite at the local chapter meeting. Poster presenters, including students, residents, and fellows, are responsible for any associated costs of attending the meeting, including travel and poster preparation.

**Judging:** Abstracts will be judged by reviewers prior to the competition (see Abstract Selection and Scoring above) as well as during an on-site review by a competition judge. On-site judges will consider not only the quality of the initial abstract submission (originality, relevance to hospital medicine, clarity) but also the quality of the poster and presenting author's discussion of his/her work during the poster session.

**Winners:** Finalists will be named for top research, innovation, and vignette – the top scoring poster of these three finalists will be awarded overall, first-place winner. The first-place winner is provided automatic acceptance into the National competition (SHM Converge 2025, Las Vegas, Nevada April 22-25) as well as complimentary conference registration fee – note: the person attending the meeting / presenting the poster must be an SHM member. Winner is responsible for travel and accommodations at the national conference. In the instance the first-place winner is unable to attend, the award will be provided to another finalist.

#### **Acceptance/Withdraw of Your Abstract**

Acceptance notifications will be emailed by mid-September. You will have 1 week to accept the invitation to present your poster. Your acceptance will be considered a commitment to attend the meeting and present the poster. After accepting, if you find that you are no longer able to attend the meeting, you may send someone to present in your place, please email [napiazza@email.unc.edu](mailto:napiazza@email.unc.edu).

#### **Official Rules**

**Eligibility:** The NC Triangle SHM is accepting abstract submissions in three categories: research, innovations, and clinical vignettes. Abstracts are eligible for submission if they have not been published in a peer-reviewed journal prior to October 15<sup>th</sup> of the current year. Submissions presented at SHM regional meetings or other organizations' meetings (e.g., SGIM, ACP) within the past year are eligible for submission unless they have been published in a peer-reviewed journal or journal supplement. Abstracts published in meeting proceedings or other materials that are not copyrighted are eligible for submission. It is the responsibility of the submitter to check on whether material is copyrighted. SHM does not prohibit authors from submitting their abstracts to other meetings following acceptance to the SHM annual meeting or require permission for the abstracts to be printed in other publications.

## **Statements of Disclosure**

### **Conflict of Interest Policy**

The North Carolina Triangle Chapter of the Society of Hospital Medicine (SHM) promotes improved inpatient care, teaching, and research in the field of hospital medicine. The NC Triangle Chapter of SHM strives to ensure that these goals are met throughout its educational activities and academic competitions. All authors submitting abstracts to the Research, Innovations, and Clinical Vignette Competition are required to disclose any relationships with pharmaceutical companies, biomedical device manufacturers, or other organizations that could represent potential conflicts in their presentation. The submitting author is responsible for providing disclosure information for all co-authors. This requirement applies to currently existing relationships or relationships within the past year that relate to the abstract entry. The principal intent of this disclosure is not to prevent authors with a potential conflict from submitting an abstract or presenting their work. Rather, disclosure information will assist the chapter leadership in the review process.

### **Permissions**

The author submitting this abstract acknowledges that he/she and all coauthors have seen and agree with the following: the contents of the abstract; responsibility for clinical trial data (if applicable); that the abstract has not been published in a peer-reviewed journal prior to October 15th of the current year (prior presentation of the abstract at other meetings is allowed); disclosures of financial interest in or support from, or equity positions in, manufacturers of drugs, services, or products mentioned in the abstract; trial registry information. Finally, all authors and coauthors acknowledge understanding that plagiarism will not be tolerated and result in withdraw of the abstract and a thorough investigation that could result in prohibition from participation. Accepted abstracts to the national SHM meeting will appear in an online abstract supplement of the Journal of Hospital Medicine. Abstract authors are solely responsible for obtaining any applicable permission for using graphics or information included in their abstract.