

**ATTENTION HOSPITALISTS, MEDICAL STUDENTS, RESIDENTS AND
FELLOWS IN NEW JERSEY: ANNOUNCING A CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:**

**Annual Society of Hospital Medicine
North Jersey Chapter Research,
Innovation and Clinical Vignette Poster
Competition**

Call for Abstracts!

Date: November 10, 2026

Location: Morton's Steakhouse, One Riverside Square Mall, Suite 274, Hackensack, NJ 07601

Time: 5:30 – 9:00 PM

Cost: Free

Awards

- 1st place: \$500 travel stipend + automatic acceptance to SHM Converge 2027 National RIV Competition
- 2nd place: \$200
- 3rd place: \$100
- Best Original Research/Innovation: \$200

Benefits for Presenters

- Showcase your work locally
- Receive attendee feedback
- Gain encouragement and pathway for SHM national submission

Submission Categories

1. **Research** – Clinical/basic science/systematic reviews
 - o Format: Background, Methods, Results, Conclusions
 - o Topics: Patient Safety, QI, Outcomes, Education, Technology, Value, Geriatrics, Pediatrics, etc.
2. **Innovations** – Programs or strategies already piloted/implemented

- o Format: Background, Purpose, Description, Conclusions
- 3. **Clinical Vignettes** – Unique or illustrative cases (adult/pediatric)
 - o Format: Case Presentation, Discussion, Conclusions

Submission Guidelines

- **Deadline:** October 5, 2026
- **Length:** Max 3,000 characters (tables/figures = 200 chars each)
- **Send to:** njshmchapter@gmail.com
- Include author contact info, disclosures, and mentorship details if applicable.

Type of Submissions:

2025 e Poster Gallery-

<https://shmconverge2025.eventscribe.net/posters/posterWall.asp>

1. 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.”)

Research categories include:

- Communication
- Transitions of Care
- Outcomes Research
- Patient Safety
- Quality Improvement
- Translating Research into Practice
- Technology in Hospital Medicine
- Value in Hospital Medicine
- Education
- Geriatrics
- Pediatrics
- Perioperative
- Consultative Medicine
- Pediatrics
- Other

2. 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**

Suggested categories include:

- Communication
- Transitions of Care
- Outcomes Research
- Patient Safety
- Quality Improvement
- Value in Hospital
Medicine
- Translating Research
into Practice
- Education
- Geriatrics
- Pediatrics
- Perioperative
- Consultative Medicine
- Pediatrics
- Other

3. 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.

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

- Case presentation
- Discussion
- Conclusions

INSTRUCTIONS ON ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:

The abstract limit is 3,000 characters including spaces.

Tables and graphics: Please keep in mind that each table and graph will count as 200 characters and will contribute to the total character count.

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.

Abbreviations, Symbols, and Nomenclature: Usage should conform as closely as possible to that recommended in the CBE Style Manual (6th 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.

Proofread abstracts carefully to avoid errors before they are submitted.

Abstract Selection

Authors of selected abstracts will be invited to create a poster to display and compete at the Northern New Jersey SHM meeting.

Judging will occur on-site during the poster session and winner will be announced that day.

**TO SUBMIT: Send abstracts meeting the above criteria to
njshmchapter@gmail.com**

Please send your contact information including e-mail and disclosure statements for all authors.

Trainees may have mentors or co-authors who should be credited for their contributions, but the majority of the effort and first authorship should be on the part of the trainee.

Statements of Disclosure:

Conflict of Interest Policy

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