

2025 Clinical Vignette Poster Competition

Event Date/Time: Wednesday, November 12th, 2025 from 6:00pm - 9:00pm CT

Event Location: Maggiano's Little Italy - 3106 West End Ave. Nashville, TN 37203

Abstract Submission Deadline: Friday, October 17th, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. CT

Send abstracts, posters, and questions to the SHM Mid TN Chapter: SHMmidTN@gmail.com

Eligibility:

- All Middle Tennessee IM and FM residents, and medical students are eligible.
- SHM membership is not required.
- There is no cost for entry.
- Abstracts and posters presented at other conferences are eligible.

Submission Details:

- Participants will submit an abstract of 400 words or less, or their finished poster via email - SHMmidTN@gmail.com.
- All submissions will be reviewed by the Mid TN Chapter leadership, and selected finalists will be notified via email by Friday, October 24th, 2025.
- Finalists will be invited to present their posters in-person and participate in a brief question & answer session with judges at the Chapter Meeting on Wednesday, November 12th, 2025 at Maggiano's Little Italy - 3106 West End Ave. Nashville, TN 37203.
- The foam boards to which you will attach your posters are approximately 3 feet by 5 feet, so please take this into account when printing your posters.
- In general, posters should address the following sections: Case Presentation, Discussion, and Conclusions.

Awards:

- 1st place winner will receive a \$200 Amazon gift card, complimentary registration to SHM Converge (March 29 – April 1, 2026) in Nashville, TN; and a one-year SHM membership.
- 2nd place winner will receive a \$100 Amazon gift card + one-year SHM membership.
- 3rd place winner will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card + one-year SHM membership.

Poster Judging:

Posters will be given a summative score based on a 10-point scale in the following categories:

- Originality
- Organization
- Writing Ability
- Relevance to Hospital Medicine
- Effective use of Figures and Images
- Ability to Discuss the Case

Hospital Medicine National Meeting Information:

<https://shmconverge.hospitalmedicine.org>

Please Note: In order to participate at the National RIV Competition, the overall winner of this competition must submit their abstract to the [abstract submission site](#) before the deadline in November 2025.

Competition Coordinators: Middle Tennessee Chapter Leadership

Clinical Vignette Guidelines and Official Rules

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 submission 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.

Submissions for the clinical vignette category should adhere to these headings:

- Case presentation
- Discussion
- Conclusion

Instructions on Submission:

Abstracts should be 400 words or less, and may be submitted as a word document using .doc or docx format. No macros are allowed. Please include all tables and figures in one document.

Name the file: LastName_FirstName, for example: Doe_John.doc

Within the body of the email, please also include the following information:

- Submission Title
- For the first author, please include:
 - Email
 - Phone number
- For each author, include:
 - Author name
 - Degree
 - Institution
 - Department
 - Section
 - Training Level
 - National SHM Member Status (Y/N)
 - Disclosures of any conflict of interest
- Receipt of an submission by email will also communicate your agreement to adhere to the author responsibilities as dictated in this document

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 video, 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.

Eligibility: The Middle Tennessee Chapter of SHM is accepting submissions for clinical vignettes only. Submissions are eligible for submission if they have not been published in a peer-reviewed journal prior to October 31 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. Submissions 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 and Wiley Blackwell do not prohibit authors from submitting to other meetings following acceptance to the SHM annual meeting or require permission to be printed in other publications.

Author/Submitter Responsibility: There is no membership requirement to present in the SHM Middle Tennessee Poster Competition, and nonmember registration to the conference automatically grants a year of membership. Current members of SHM will need to maintain membership through the time of the national meeting to present. However, if the first author appoints another person to present the poster or presentation at SHM’s annual meeting, the presenter must be, or become, an SHM member prior to the meeting.

The first author is also responsible for adhering to the Conflict of Interest Policy, obtaining disclosure information from all coauthors, and ensuring that all coauthors meet the definition of authorship as stated by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors. Only the first author will receive email communications regarding the submission, and it is his/her responsibility to communicate any notifications with co-authors, to accept or decline the invitation to present the submission, if applicable, and to withdraw the submission, if applicable.

Finalist Selection: Submissions will be blinded, scored by a panel of reviewers, and finalists will be selected to present at the SHM Middle Tennessee Chapter meeting in November. Guidelines and instructions for poster production and presentation will be provided upon notification of selection.

Notification of Selection: All first authors will be notified if their submission is accepted via the email used to submit their abstract according to the timeline detailed above.

Judging: Judging will occur during the poster presentation and the winners will be announced the week following the meeting.

National Meeting: While only the first-place winner is provided automatic acceptance into the National competition, everyone is encouraged to submit their abstracts to the National Competition. In the instance the first-place winner is unable to attend, the award will be offered to the second place and then the third place winners, in turn.

Please Note: In order to participate at the National RIV Competition, the first-place winner must submit their abstract to the Hospital Medicine National Meeting abstract submission site before the deadline.

Acceptance/Withdrawal of Your Submission: Upon notification of acceptance, submitters have 48 hours to accept the invitation to present. Acceptance will be considered a commitment to attend the meeting and present the poster. If a submitter is no longer able to attend the Middle Tennessee Chapter Meeting, they may send another author to present, but this must be communicated to the chapter leadership at least one day prior to the Chapter Meeting.

If a submitter is no longer able to attend the Hospital Medicine National Meeting, they may send another author to present, but this must be communicated to the chapter leadership prior to the end of the current calendar year.

STATEMENTS OF DISCLOSURE

Conflict of Interest Policy

The Middle Tennessee Chapter of the Society of Hospital Medicine (SHM) promotes improved inpatient care, teaching, and research in the field of hospital medicine. The Chapter strives to ensure that these goals are met throughout its educational activities and academic competitions. All authors submitting to the 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 entry. The principal intent of this disclosure is not to prevent authors with a potential conflict from submitting or presenting their work. Rather, disclosure information will assist the chapter leadership in the review process.

Permissions

The submitting author acknowledges that he/she and all coauthors have seen and agree with the following: the contents of the submission; responsibility for clinical trial data (if applicable); that the submission has not been published in a peer-reviewed journal prior to October 31st of the current year (prior presentation 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 submission; trial registry information. Finally, all authors and coauthors acknowledge understanding that plagiarism will not be tolerated and result in withdraw of the submission and a thorough investigation that could result in prohibition from participation. Accepted submission to the national SHM meeting will appear in an online supplement of the Journal of Hospital Medicine. Submitting authors are solely responsible for obtaining any applicable permission for using graphics or information included in their submission. For guidelines, please see the Wiley Blackwell Permission Guidelines for Authors.