

SHM Nebraska Chapter Scientific Abstract Competition Research, Innovations, and Clinical Vignettes (RIV) Submission Guidelines

The SHM Nebraska Chapter cordially invites hospitalists, residents (in Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, and Pediatric specialties), advanced practice providers (APPs), and medical students to participate in the Chapter's Scientific Abstract Competition. Please note that medical students are required to register for SHM Medical Student Membership, which incurs no annual membership dues.

Submission Categories: 1. Research 2. Innovations 3. Posters and Case Reports

Submission Deadline: Friday, October 23, 2026 at 11:59 PM (CT).

Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2026

Venue: Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano, 13655 California Street, Omaha, NE 68154

Agenda:

5:30 – 6:00 PM – Networking with exhibitors

6:00 – 7:45 PM – Dinner with abstract presentations

7:45 – 8:15 PM – Winner announcements and pictures

The highest-scoring abstract will be granted automatic acceptance to the National Scientific Abstract Competition at SHM's annual conference, [Converge](#), in Las Vegas, NV, March 30 – April 2, 2027. To secure this automatic acceptance, the winner must submit their abstract to SHM's National Submission Site by the November deadline.

The first-place winner will receive a \$500 Amazon e-gift card or Converge travel stipend.

The second-place winner will receive a \$200 Amazon e-gift card.

The third-place winner will receive a \$100 Amazon e-gift card.

Abstract Submission Guidelines

Research:

Submissions may include clinical research, basic science research, or systematic reviews of clinical issues. We also encourage research focused on efficiency, cost, or methods of healthcare delivery and medical decision-making.

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 interested in presenting an innovative program in hospital medicine are encouraged to submit their work in this category. While innovations will mainly be descriptive, they can also include preliminary data. If a more rigorous evaluation is conducted, it should be submitted as a research abstract rather than

an innovation. For instance, a submission might describe a novel approach to disseminating practice guidelines, while a research abstract could focus on its effects on length of stay.

Please note that all innovation submissions must pertain to activities that have already been piloted or fully implemented in a healthcare setting. Proposals for innovations that are still in the planning stage and have not yet been executed will not be considered.

Submissions may cover any type of innovation, including (but not limited to) critical pathway development, medical education, faculty development, handheld technology, computerized medical records, billing and collections, patient safety initiatives, communications, and collaboration with other care team members. For example, detailing a unique patient safety issue, the related interventions, and root cause analysis leading to systems-based changes would be a valuable innovation for those in the field of hospital medicine.

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

- Background
- Purpose
- Description
- Conclusions

Posters and Case Reports:

A poster presents one or more cases that highlight a new disease entity, an unusual clinical feature of an established condition, an area of clinical controversy in hospital medicine, or a unique patient safety issue. It may include a summary of relevant patient history, physical findings, laboratory data, or management approaches. The discussion section of the abstract should clearly explain why the report is particularly suited for a hospital medicine competition rather than general internal medicine. Submissions will be evaluated based on originality, organization, writing quality, and relevance to the field of hospital medicine.

Abstracts submitted for the Clinical Vignette category should adhere to these headings:

- Case presentation
- Discussion
- Conclusions