



American College of Surgeons

Southwestern Pennsylvania Chapter

MOST INTERESTING CASE PRESENTATIONS

ELIGIBILITY

*The competition is open to all general surgery residents and surgical specialty residents. Medical students are **not** eligible. Having presented at the national level is not a disqualifier to submitting an abstract.*

Send two copies of each abstract to be presented (one blind copy with only the paper's title for judging and one version with the **principal author's name, institution, phone, and e-mail address**) to the SW PA Chapter Office by **Friday, May 1st, 2020**. The abstracts will be reviewed with a number being selected for presentation at the May 27th event. Each selected presenter will be notified shortly thereafter.

Presentations will be judged by a panel of surgeons with cash prizes awarded to the top three "Most Interesting Cases." 1st Place \$500, 2nd Place \$300, 3rd Place \$200

The "Most Interesting" case will be submitted for publication in the *ACS Case Reviews in Surgery*.

The recently launched ACS Case Reviews in Surgery (ACS Case Reviews) publishes case reports in various surgical specialties six times a year. The content of each case report should be something of interest to practicing surgeons and describe experiences that may not be routinely seen or was treated in a unique fashion. Case reports that involve patients who have common surgical problems—where the clinical presentation and/or challenges of management produced knowledge and insights that have educational value—are also worthy of submission to ACS Case Reviews. Case reports will be reviewed with the understanding that the work has not been published by, and is not under consideration at, any other journal. All manuscripts are peer reviewed.

As per submission guidelines, residents can submit to ACS Case Reviews if an ACS Fellow is included as one of the case report authors. Chapters would judge submitted entries and the winner of the competition would receive guaranteed review of the publication in ACS Case Reviews and a free one-year subscription to the journal (annual subscriptions are \$125 with CME and \$75 without CME).



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SPECIFICATIONS FOR PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

- The abstract should be **no more than one page** (approximately 500 words) and provide adequate information and objective data to evaluate the abstract properly.
- The abstract should be submitted electronically, preferably as a Word document or PDF. It is permissible to single-space the abstract.
- At the top of the first page, the full title of the abstract and full name of the **principal** author, with academic degrees, are to be stated.
- At the bottom of the first page, a footnote should be included to provide the principal author's mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address. **This contact information is very important.**
- A short video can be included as part of your submission
- Abstracts not submitted in this manner will not be accepted

The details of the May 27th Chapter meeting are still to be determined. The event may be virtual depending upon the state of COVID-19. Those whose abstracts are selected will be provided with details regarding the presentation of their abstract at the Chapter meeting.

Abstracts are to be submitted to MIC2020@acms.org. Any questions, please contact Jim Ireland at 412/321-5030 or jireland@acms.org.