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**Failure to Follow These Instructions May Result in
Your Submission Being Rejected.**

FOMA's Annual Poster Competition is open to
Students, Interns, Residents, and Fellows who are **Members of the FOMA.**

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, the competition will take place virtually on Friday, **February 19, 2021.**

1. Entrants are encouraged to submit research that is original to this competition; however, entries that have been shown at local hospitals or regional and national conferences will be accepted.
2. The work presented must be the work of the Student, Intern, Resident, or Fellow submitting it.
3. The final posters must contain the results of each study.

A. THE APPLICATION

1. The **Electronic Application Form** with your Abstract as a Word document (NOT as a PDF or JPEG) must be submitted no later than **11:59 PM on Friday, December 4, 2020.** Please go to the FOMA website – FOMA.org – for additional information.
2. Only **ONE** entry per first/primary author will be accepted. All communication regarding the FOMA competition will go only to the selected first/primary author.
3. The following information is required for everyone whose name will be included on the abstract/poster:
 - For students – first and last name followed by the OMS year (OMS1, OMS2, OMS3, OMS4)
 - For interns, residents, fellows – first and last name followed by degree (DO or MD) followed by the PGY year (PGY1, PGY2, PGY3, etc.)
 - For physicians – first and last name followed by degree (DO or MD)
 - For other authors – first and last name followed by appropriate credentials (PhD, EdD, MPH, RN, etc.)
4. For fellows, residents, and interns, the signature of their Program Director is required, and for 3rd year medical students, the signature of their core campus' assistant dean or rotation preceptor is required on each applicant's form to ensure that permission is granted to be excused from patient care/program responsibilities to participate in the competition on February 19, 2021.

5. All entrants are required to complete the box on the application form that the research project received IRB approval or state why IRB approval was not necessary.

B. THE ABSTRACT

1. The **Poster Abstract** must be sent **electronically as a Word document** (NOT as a PDF or JPEG) along with the **Application**.
2. The abstract must be **no longer than one 8.5" x 11" page in Times New Roman 12-point font size** (no more than 600 words) and single spaced typed. The margins should be one inch wide. The abstract must contain sufficient preliminary information to permit adequate assessment of the case, although final results are expected on the poster itself. The abstract **must not** be the actual poster.
3. The abstract should include title and authors followed by the following subsections:

For CASE STUDIES:

- Introduction
- Case Description
- Discussion

For EXPERIMENTAL RESEARCH:

- Background
- Objective
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusions

A more detailed description of the abstract format and sample abstracts are available on the FOMA website. Entrants **must** follow these format guidelines.

4. The abstracts will be reviewed and scored based on the above outlined criteria (see #D-3 below).
5. Notification of acceptance will be sent the first week of January, 2021.
6. **The top 60 abstracts will be invited** to participate in the Poster Competition on Friday, February 19, 2021.

C. THE VIRTUAL EVENT

1. The final poster must be received at least three days prior to the competition as a PDF or JPEG file. The poster itself must be only one "page" or one "picture".
2. Posters will be presented electronically using either Zoom.
3. The posters will be made available electronically to all FOMA attendees during the conference.

CI. THE POSTER PRESENTATION AND JUDGING

1. Each entrant will have **three minutes** to present their research information to the judges. This will be a live electronic presentation, not recorded, during the virtual event.

2. Only one author will be permitted to present, presumably the first/primary author. In the event the first author cannot be present, the presentation may be made by another Osteopathic author listed on the application; however, points will be lost for presentation.
3. A panel of judges appointed by the FOMA Executive Committee using predetermined objective criteria and scoring forms will do the judging. Judging will focus on the:
 - Overall Poster Appearance
 - Case or Research Presented
 - Oral Presentation
4. The judges' decision will be final.

E. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. AWARDS -

The prize for the first place winner is \$750, second place \$250, and third place \$150 in two categories – Student posters and Resident/Intern/Fellow posters.

Additionally, the judges *may* choose to award an additional prize of \$250 (either to a winning author or other author) for a study that best advances the principles and practices of Osteopathic Medicine. The FOMA Prize (Future of Osteopathic Medicine Award) must be merited by the research in the unanimous opinion of the judges and may not be awarded if a suitable recipient is not found.

2. Winners will be announced electronically at the conclusion of the judging.
3. The first author of each poster presentation will receive an electronic Certificate of Participation, to be shared with all authors on the poster.
4. FOMA will publish an Abstract Book that will be distributed electronically after the event.