

# A QUALITY PROGRAM of the AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

## ANNOUNCING THE COMMISSION ON CANCER 2019 Cancer Research Paper Competition

The Commission on Cancer (CoC) is hosting a paper competition for physicians-in-training to foster the importance of oncologic research in support of its mission. The selected winner will have an oral presentation at the CoC annual meeting at the Clinical Congress in October. Second and third place winners will have a poster presentation.

#### CoC MISSION

The Commission on Cancer is a consortium of professional organizations dedicated to improving survival and quality of life for cancer patients through standard-setting, prevention, research, education, and the monitoring of comprehensive quality care.

#### **Eligibility**

- The competition is open to all Residents and fellows-intraining. Medical students are not eligible.
- The abstract topic MUST be specific to oncology and related to the mission of the Commission on Cancer (CoC).
- To be eligible for presentation at a national level, abstracts submitted may have been previously presented but not published as full papers in any peer reviewed journal before October 27, 2019.

#### Requirements

- Papers will be accepted through July 31, 2019.
- Submit your paper to coc@facs.org.
- A Microsoft Word file is the only acceptable submission format.

### **Judging Criteria**

Judging is based on originality, scientific merit, and clinical relevance to oncology and the mission of the CoC.

### **Awards and Presentation of Papers**

The national award winners will be announced August 30, 2019. The first place winner will receive a \$1,000 honorarium plus travel expenses to present his or her research to the Annual Meeting of the Commission on Cancer during the ACS Clinical Congress on October 27, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

The authors of the second and third place winning abstracts will receive a \$500 cash award and an invitation for displaying a poster presentation of their research during the 2019 Annual Meeting of the CoC. With permission, the posters will be posted to the CoC website.

The competition is funded by the American Cancer Society and the American College of Surgeons.

The first-place winner will be eligible for publication (after the Annual Meeting) in the Journal of the American College of Surgeons.

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