ANNOUNCING THE COMMISSION ON CANCER
2021 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 ACS Clinical Congress in October 2021. Second and third place winners’ posters will be posted on the CoC web page.

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-in-training. 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 24, 2021.

Requirements

- Only abstracts – not full papers – will be accepted.
- Abstracts must be submitted as a Microsoft Word file.
- Limit is 250 words with one (1) figure or table
- Abstracts will be accepted through June 30, 2021.
- Submit your abstract to mleeb@facs.org.

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 by July 31, 2021. The first-place winner will receive a $1,000 honorarium plus travel expenses to present his or her research to the CoC Annual Meeting during the ACS Clinical Congress on October 24, 2021 in Washington, D.C.

The authors of the second and third place winning abstracts will receive a $500 cash award and an invitation to display a poster of their research on 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 CoC Annual Meeting) in the Journal of the American College of Surgeons.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT mleeb@facs.org.