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Announcing the Commission on Cancer 2027 Cancer Research Paper Competition

The Commission on Cancer (CoC) and American Cancer Society are hosting a paper competition for physicians-in-training to foster the importance of oncologic research in support of its mission. The CoC State Chair Paper Competition Advisory Group will choose first, second, and third place winners for the 2027 Paper Competition.

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.

Requirements

- Only abstracts – not full papers – will be accepted. When submitting, please indicate if the abstract topic falls under clinical research or basic science. The deadline for submission is **June 7, 2027.**
- Title should be all CAPS.
- List authors and institutions under the title, but do not reference authors or institution within the abstract.
- Body of abstract should be limited to 250 words or less and should include the following headlines, in **bold**:
  - Background
  - Methods
  - Results
  - Conclusion
- 1 table or 1 figure/image is permitted. Embed under Results section.
- Case reports will not be accepted .

Abstracts that do not adhere to these criteria will be disqualified.

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.
- To be eligible for presentation at a national level, abstracts submitted may have been previously presented at local or regional meetings. Abstracts cannot be previously published or under consideration for review of publication in a national journal.

Awards and Presentation of Papers

The award winners will be notified by August 2027.

First place winner will receive:

- $1,000 honorarium (plus domestic travel expenses, if travel is required).
- An opportunity to present their research to a national audience at the CoC Plenary Session in October 2027.

Second and third place winners will each receive:

- $500 cash award

All winners are encouraged to:

- Provide a recording of their research presentations that will be posted to the American College of Surgeons' website.
- Submit their research for publication after the CoC Plenary to the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons* (acceptance is not guaranteed).

Judges

Abstracts will be reviewed by the CoC State Chair Paper Competition Advisory Group:

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