

American College of Surgeons – Arizona Chapter Committee on Trauma Resident Paper Competition

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**The American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma –AZ Chapter (ACS COT)
announces the call for abstracts for the 2019 Resident Trauma Paper Competition**

ELIGIBILITY

The competition is open to all general surgery residents, surgical specialty residents, and trauma fellows. Medical students are **not** eligible for the main competition but can present posters in this area of surgery. **TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PRESENTATION AT THE REGIONAL/NATIONAL LEVEL, ABSTRACTS SUBMITTED MAY HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED BUT NOT PUBLISHED AS FULL PAPERS IN ANY PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL.**

SUBMISSION OF MILITARY/CIVILIAN RESIDENT TRAUMA PAPERS

If the resident or fellow is in the US military, the abstract must be submitted through the ACS COT Military Region, regardless of whether the work was performed in a military or civilian institution. If the resident or fellow is a civilian, the abstract must be submitted through the resident or fellow's geographic region, regardless of whether the work was performed in a military or civilian institution. Exceptions may be made only through a mutual discussion and decision by the respective Region Chiefs.

SCOPE

The abstracts should describe original research in trauma, critical care or injury prevention. The papers must be categorized as either: 1) basic laboratory research or 2) clinical research/investigation. Two abstracts from each ACS COT Region (one abstract from each category) are submitted for consideration for presentation at the national meeting, but only one will be selected for the national competition.

TIME SCHEDULE FOR SUBMISSION OF PAPERS

Residents should submit a **one-page abstract** (format attached) to Joni Bowers at Joni@azmed.org, by **midnight August 14, 2019**. A pre-selected panel of judges will rank these abstracts and residents will receive notification of the acceptance of their abstracts for presentation at the meeting by **September 3, 2019**. The first and second-place papers from both the Basic Science and Clinical Research/Investigation categories will be forwarded for presentation at the COT Regional meeting. **The first, second and third best papers will each receive a cash prize.** The prizes are \$500 for first place, \$300 for second, and \$200 for third place.