

The American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma (ACS COT) announces the call for abstracts for the 2025 Resident and Fellow Trauma Paper Competition (RFTPC).

Region 15 specifications

- The competition is open to all residents, specialty residents and fellows. Medical students are not eligible.
- Abstracts submitted may have been previously presented but not published in any peer-reviewed journal before March 30, 2025.
- The one-page abstracts should describe original research in any aspect of trauma care.
- The abstracts should be **no more than one page** (excluding the Title Page) and provide adequate information and objective data to evaluate the abstract properly. Graphs and tables must fit on the one page.
- The topics must be categorized as either: basic laboratory research or clinical investigation (as applicable).
- The two winning abstracts from each ACS COT Region are submitted to the COT.
- The regions' first place choice will be presented at the COT Annual Meeting for the final Central competition with travel costs provided.
- For more details: [Trauma-papers-competition](#)

- The abstract should be submitted electronically, preferably as a Word document. It is permissible to single space the abstract. Charts and graphs may be embedded in the document as .jpeg files.
- The abstract must have a title page (not included in the page count) that includes the principal author's name, the title of the abstract, the author's institution, the author's preferred mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address. (Please use our **Title Page template**.)

- Please send it to Christoph.Woelfl@marienhaus.de **BEFORE 15th of November!**

What's next?

- Each Region Chief will establish a regional competition to select one abstract for consideration to present at the Central competition and a second abstract for consideration of the TCCACS scholarship.

- The first two winning papers from the Central competition will be submitted to JACS for publication consideration, but publication in this journal may be declined by the presenter. The hope is that all manuscripts will be submitted for publication to a journal. The abstract page should be one page (8 1/2 x 11 inches), font Times Roman, size 11 or 12, and it should not include the name nor affiliation of the authors.

Format is: Title. Background (1 paragraph) Study Design (about 1 paragraph) Results (1-2 paragraphs) Conclusion Describe the problem addressed in the manuscript, how the study was performed, the salient results, and the conclusions of the authors.

One winning resident from each Region will attend the Annual Meeting of the Committee on Trauma in Chicago, IL for 2025. The competition will pay for coach airfare to the meeting and up to a three-day hotel stay for each winning presenter (four-days for international participants).

Papers will be presented during the Scientific Session on **Thursday, March 13, 2025**. All regional winners are expected to attend the COT Banquet on **Friday, March 14, 2025**, where the winners of the Central competition will be announced.

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

So: please send this to all participating hospitals and ATLS friends!