



8TH ANNUAL MIAMI-DADE AND BROWARD MEDICAL RESEARCH COMPETITION

ABSTRACT DEADLINE	COMPETITION DATE	LOCATION
December 14, 2026	March 6, 2027	Pullman Miami Airport 5800 Waterford District Drive Miami, FL 33126

1. Competition Overview

The Miami-Dade County Medical Association (MDCMA), in collaboration with the Broward County Medical Association (BCMA), sponsors the 8th Annual Miami-Dade and Broward Medical Research Competition. The competition provides residents, medical students, and eligible research fellows/advanced-degree medical students with an opportunity to present original scholarly work and receive recognition and feedback from physician judges.

The 2027 competition will be held Saturday, March 6, 2027, at the Pullman Miami Airport, 5800 Waterford District Drive, Miami, Florida 33126. The deadline for abstract submissions is Monday, December 14, 2026.

2. Eligibility

The competition is open to eligible medical students, residents, and research fellows/advanced-degree medical students enrolled or participating in qualifying programs in Miami-Dade or Broward Counties, subject to the category requirements below.

Residents: Eligible residents may be U.S. medical graduates or foreign medical graduates participating in a U.S. Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)-approved program serving or located in Miami-Dade or Broward County.

Medical Students: Eligible medical students must be enrolled in a qualifying medical education program serving or located in Miami-Dade or Broward County.

Research Fellows/Advanced-Degree Medical Students: Eligible participants in this group must be engaged in qualifying research or advanced medical education programs serving or located in Miami-Dade or Broward County.

MDCMA reserves the right to determine eligibility and may request documentation to verify an entrant's status.



3. Research Categories

Each entrant must identify the category in which the abstract is being submitted. The available categories are:

- Case Reports — Clinical cases with educational, diagnostic, therapeutic, or other meaningful clinical relevance.
- Original Research — Original scientific or clinical research, including quantitative, qualitative, translational, epidemiologic, or other appropriate research methodologies.
- Quality Improvement Initiatives — Projects designed to improve patient safety, clinical outcomes, workflow, systems of care, education, or other measurable aspects of healthcare quality.
- Advocacy Projects — Projects addressing health policy, public health, physician advocacy, patient advocacy, access to care, or other issues affecting the medical profession or the health of patients and communities.

Entrants must select the category that most accurately reflects the submitted work. MDCMA may reclassify an entry when appropriate.

4. Presentation Format

All eligible participants whose abstracts are accepted will receive an email before the on-site competition identifying their assigned presentation format. The invitation will specify whether the participant is being invited to give a podium presentation or to present a poster.

Podium Presentation: Podium presenters will deliver a live, five (5)-minute presentation of their research or project, followed by approximately two to three (2–3) minutes for questions and answers. Podium finalists are required to submit digital presentation slides and/or other materials by a deadline communicated by MDCMA. Podium presenters should NOT display a physical poster at the on-site competition.

Poster Presentation: Poster presenters will display a physical, printed poster at the on-site competition. Posters may NOT be digital or displayed solely on a computer, tablet, monitor, or other electronic device. The participant is responsible for bringing or otherwise providing the required physical poster in accordance with the specifications and deadlines communicated by MDCMA. Time will be designated on competition day for judges to speak directly with poster presenters. Participants must be prepared to provide a brief summary of their research, not to exceed two (2) minutes, and to answer questions from the judges.

Presentation invitations, poster specifications, presentation schedules, audiovisual instructions, and submission deadlines will be communicated to accepted participants and/or finalists by MDCMA. Participants are responsible for reviewing and following all instructions provided in those communications.



5. Abstract Submission

All abstracts must be submitted electronically through the official MDCMA abstract submission form by the stated deadline.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:

<https://form.jotform.com/262723969476171>

Submission deadline: Monday, December 14, 2026.

The abstract must not exceed 450 words. The 450-word limit applies to the body of the abstract and does not include the abstract title, page numbering, or ancillary entrant information.

Citations or references are REQUIRED and must be included with the abstract. References should be sufficient to support relevant background, clinical context, methodology, or conclusions, as applicable to the submission category. References do not count toward the 450-word abstract limit.

The abstract must be the lead author's original work and must not have been published elsewhere as of the submission deadline. Work that has been presented or submitted for consideration elsewhere may be eligible, provided that it has not been published as of the MDCMA submission deadline and otherwise complies with these rules.

Abstracts must be submitted in English and should be clear, concise, scientifically accurate, and appropriate for professional medical review.

Failure to comply with the word limit, required references, submission deadline, or other mandatory requirements may result in rejection or disqualification.

6. Financial Disclosure and Conflicts of Interest

All authors must disclose relevant financial relationships, conflicts of interest, and research funding.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORM:

<https://form.jotform.com/262793584592170>

The lead author is responsible for ensuring that all co-authors complete the required financial disclosure before the submission deadline. A submission is not considered complete until the required disclosures have been received.

All sources of research funding must be disclosed and must be acknowledged in presentation materials, including posters and/or slides when applicable.

Failure to complete required disclosures, or failure to accurately disclose relevant relationships or funding, may result in disqualification.

7. Review and Judging

Submitted abstracts will be reviewed by an evaluation committee selected by MDCMA and/or its competition partners. Judging will emphasize the quality and significance of the work. Evaluation may include, as applicable:



- Scientific or scholarly rigor
- Originality and innovation
- Clinical, educational, public-health, systems, or advocacy relevance
- Clarity and organization of the abstract
- Appropriateness of methods or approach
- Quality and significance of findings or conclusions
- Quality and professionalism of the presentation
- Ability of the presenter to communicate the work and respond to questions

Abstract Scoring Rubric

Abstracts will be evaluated using the following four criteria. Each criterion is scored from 1 to 3 points. The maximum abstract score is 12 points. Higher scores reflect stronger scientific presentation, originality, relevance, and clarity.

Criterion	Score 1	Score 2	Score 3
Scientific Format	Did not use references adequately	Used some references, but not throughout the abstract	Well referenced
Novelty/Originality	Presents no meaningful new ideas or findings	Some originality; primarily of local interest	Highly original
Relevance	Offers little advancement beyond current medical knowledge or standard practice.	May advance medical knowledge or influence clinical practice.	Will transform clinical practice or advance the field of medicine.
Clarity	Disorganized, difficult to comprehend	Adequate format and information	Clear, concise, ordered, and without ambiguity

Maximum Abstract Score: 12 points

8. Selection of Finalists

MDCMA will notify entrants regarding abstract acceptance and finalist status no later than January 29, 2027, using the contact information provided at the time of submission.

Acceptance of an abstract does not guarantee a podium or poster finalist position. Finalists are selected based on the review process and available presentation slots.



An entrant whose work is selected as a finalist must comply with all presentation deadlines and instructions. Failure to submit required presentation materials or appear for the assigned presentation may result in removal from the finalist program.

9. Photography, Video, and Publicity

The competition is a public professional educational event. Photographs and video may be taken during the event and may be used by MDCMA and/or BCMA on websites, social media, marketing materials, press releases, publications, and other communications related to the associations and their programs.

By participating in the competition, entrants acknowledge and consent to the use of their image and likeness for these purposes, subject to applicable MDCMA policies.

10. Important Dates and Submission Links

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Submit Financial Disclosure:

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Official competition information:

<https://miamimed.com/page/ResearchCompetition>