

2026 CoC–SCCACS Abstract Competition

The American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer (CoC) 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.

The CoC and Southern California Chapter of the American College of Surgeons (SCCACS) are hosting a regional CoC-SCCACS Physician-in-Training Cancer Research Paper Competition to foster the importance of oncologic research in our region. The top three selected abstracts will be announced at the SCCACS Annual Meeting in January 2026. The best abstract will be awarded \$500. There is no monetary prize for 2nd and 3rd place abstracts.

Judging Criteria

Clinical Research: Originality, scientific merit, clinical relevance to oncology, and the mission of the CoC.

Requirements

Only abstracts – not full papers – will be accepted.

The deadline for submission is the same as that for general SCCACS annual meeting.

The format of the abstract should follow the same formatting guidelines as required for submission to the SCCACS annual meeting.

During the submission process of an abstract for the SCCACS Annual Meeting, simply check the box that you would also like the abstract to be considered for the CoC-SCCACS Physician-in-Training Cancer Research Paper Competition.

Selection of abstracts for the CoC-SCCACS Physician-in-Training Cancer Research Paper Competition awards will be separate from decisions about presentation at the SCCACS Annual Meeting.

Case reports will not be accepted.

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 CoC.

Submission to the CoC-SCCACS Physician-in-Training Cancer Research Paper Competition does not affect your consideration for abstract or paper acceptance to the SCCACS meeting or any related journal publication. Being awarded a prize for the CoC-SCCACS Physician-in-Training Cancer Research Paper Competition does not automatically get the paper accepted for the national level CoC Cancer Research Paper Competition as this is a separate competition, although you may submit the same abstract to this competition.

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your submissions.

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