

# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS – *DEADLINE EXTENDED!*

## Illinois Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Founders' Competition

at the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Illinois Surgical Conference (Virtual)  
April 24, 2021

The Illinois Chapter of the ACS is now accepting abstracts from residents of training programs throughout Illinois for consideration of presentation at the 2nd Annual Illinois Surgical Conference. This meeting is a joint meeting with the Illinois Chapter of the ACS, the Metropolitan Chicago Chapter of the ACS, the Illinois Surgical Society, the Chicago Surgical Society, and the Illinois Surgical Quality Improvement Collaborative. The meeting will be held via ZOOM on April 24, 2021. The Founders' Competition for resident research will occur **Saturday April 24 at 8:15 am**. Presentations should be 5 minutes long and will be allotted an additional 2-3 minutes for questions. Presentations will be evaluated by conference attendees based on: Originality, Importance of Topic, Project Design, Data/Results, Analysis & Conclusion, and Presentation/Response to Questions.

Residents of all surgical specialties are invited to present scientific papers. Currently unpublished research projects can be submitted as can research that has been presented locally or regionally within the last year. However, the review committee will only accept one abstract submission per resident, so residents should choose their strongest abstract to send. We cannot accept case presentations of one patient. Trainees in a fellowship program and medical students are not candidates for this competition.

A committee will review submitted abstracts and choose those that will be presented at the Founders' Competition. Abstract submission guidelines are included below. Accepted presenters will be required to submit a pre-recorded video (Powerpoint video or MP4) of their presentation and be available during the meeting session to field questions live immediately following their video. Failure to submit the video in the requested format, by the requested date, or be present for the Q&A will result in ineligibility to present and for consideration in the competition.

### Abstract Submission guidelines:

- Do not reference Authors or Institution Names on the Abstract page to assure anonymity in the selection process. Please submit a Title page listing all authors as a separate document.
- Submit the Abstract as a PDF
- Limit of 250 words and one page, do not include tables or figures
- Abstracts should include the Title (in all caps) and the following subheadings (in Bold): Introduction, Methods, Results, Conclusions

Abstracts for the Resident Competition may be sent to Luann White at [lhwhite26@gmail.com](mailto:lhwhite26@gmail.com). The deadline for submission of abstracts is **March 10, 2021**.

Cash prizes for the top 3 presentations. Winners announced before the close of the meeting.

