

2026 NJAOPS Poster Presentation Competition



CALL FOR POSTER ABSTRACTS

The New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons is accepting poster abstracts for the AROC 2026 Conference.

This is your opportunity to present a clinical or research project to over 500 physicians. Posters will be judged by an expert panel and awarded publishing prizes for first three place in each of the categories below:

- **Research** – Summarize the results of a well-defined basic or clinical research project, including a hypothesis, dependent and independent variables, tests for measures of association, a succinct discussion of data, etc. All work should be original. Projects may involve observational or interventional studies.

Research also includes Quality Improvement Studies that report on efforts to improve patient safety or outcomes measurement. Such efforts may be projects developed and initiated to promote patient safety and/or processes that have improved or created a safer environment for patients.

- **Case Presentation** – Present a clinical scenario with discussion of an actual patient presentation. A clinical case presentation must include an introduction, case description, and discussion of current practice guidelines for management of the patient's condition.

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Poster Abstract Submission Instructions

- The research must be of interest and contain educational value, and be conducted by a resident or Medical student.
- Work must be original and recent.
- Works that have been published prior to AROC 2026 are not eligible.
- All projects must be completed at the time of application.
- Entries may not be taken from previously published papers.
- Submissions must meet the requirements of the applicant's local institutional review board (approval or waiver), if applicable.

Abstract & Poster Guidelines

Abstracts are limited to 400 words, excluding title and authors, and should include:

Research / QI:

1. Background information
2. Hypothesis
3. Methods
4. Results
5. Discussion (include summary, study limitations, relevance to family medicine and conclusions)

Case Presentation:

1. Introduction
2. Case
3. Results/Outcomes
4. Conclusion / Discussion

Abstracts do not require references.

- Commercial product names are not permitted in poster content. Use only generic names of drugs and other products. Company logos may not be used in any part of the poster.
- If you disclosed financial support, you must include a credit line as a footnote in type not exceeding ¼ inch high. The footnote must read "Financial support for this poster was provided by (supporting company)."

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Disclosure of Financial Support

Any financial support must be indicated on the disclosure form. NJAOPS and ACCME require all authors to submit a disclosure form at the time of submission. Failure to disclose financial support will result in the submission being rejected or the poster being disqualified.

Submission Steps

1. Contact Tajma Kotoric at tkotoric@njosteo.com with your project title, level of training, and a list of authors.
2. Each listed author must submit a conflict-of-interest disclosure form, which will be emailed to the applicant at the time of application by NJAOPS' CEO, Tajma Kotoric, at tkotoric@njosteo.com
3. Once disclosure forms are received from all authors, the primary author submits the abstract directly to the NJAOPS CEO Tajma Kotoric, at tkotoric@njosteo.com

NOTE: The primary author is responsible for ensuring that all authors submit a disclosure form.

Abstract Submission Deadline

Your abstract and supporting material must be submitted **by 11:59 PM on Sunday, April 12, 2026**. The online application will close at **12:00 AM on Monday, April 13th**. Please email your abstract along with supporting materials to Tajma Kotoric via email at tkotoric@njosteo.com

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Selection Criteria and Review Process

Selection for poster presentation at AROC 2024 is based on the following criteria:

All categories

- Value/Applicability to Family Medicine
- References (reference page may be in addition)

Research and Quality Improvement

- Project description
- Objectives/purpose
- Methodology
- Presenters' role in project
- Results
- Conclusions/discussion

Clinical Inquiry/Vignette

- Introduction
 - Case description
 - Results / Outcomes
 - Conclusions/discussion
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Poster Contest

If your abstract is accepted for poster presentation:

- The primary author will be notified of acceptance for presentation via email by Monday, April 26, 2026.
- The first and/or second author must attend AROC 2026 to:
 - **Set up your poster by either 7:00 pm, Tuesday, May 12th or 8:00 AM on Wednesday, May 13th, 2026.**
 - Present your poster for **judging between Wednesday, May 13th and Thursday, May 14th.**
 - Have your poster “elevator speech” ready and be prepared to answer questions from judges
 - Breakfast and Lunch will be served, so expect conference attendees during designated breaks.
 - **Remove your poster by 2:00 pm Thursday, May 14th** (posters not removed will be discarded)

The poster should include the title of the presentation and the names of the authors. Lettering should be easily legible from about 3 feet. You are responsible for printing your poster. Poster dimensions are limited to a **maximum of 24” high x 36” wide**. Posters that exceed this size will be excluded from judging. The NJAOPS will provide push pins and a 4’ high x 8’ wide poster/tack board. Your poster should be prepared on heavyweight paper or lightweight cardboard, so it can be attached to the tack board with push pins.

Ethical Considerations

Poster content must be up-to-date and presented in an ethical manner. Comparisons of efficacy, contraindications, modes of administration, etc. between competitive products shall be fully presented. Editorial conclusions should be made with ethical restraint. If applicable, please provide a copy of your letter of approval from your Institutional Review Board (IRB), confirming that you have designed your project so as to protect the rights and welfare of your research subjects.

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Judging and Prizes

Posters will be judged on the following criteria:

- Originality
- Quality and clarity
- Organization
- Creativity of presentation
- Scientific merit

Winners will be published in the NJAOPS Winter edition of the NJAOPS Journal.

Winners will be announced at the conclusion of AROC 2026. Winners will also be contacted individually.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact Tajma Kotoric at tkotoric@njosteo.com

GOOD LUCK!!