Western Medical Research Conference

Call for Abstracts

Research Travel Award Opportunities Available

Meeting Dates:
January 16-18, 2025

Abstract Deadline:
September 20, 2024
by 11:59 pm (midnight) PST
Abstract Deadline and Meeting Dates

Western Medical Research Conference
Application for CME credit has been filed with the American Academy of Family Physicians. Determination of credit is pending.

MEETING DATES:
January 16-18, 2025

PLACE:
Sunset Center
San Carlos between 8th and 9th
Carmel, California
Phone: 831/624-3996

ABSTRACT DEADLINE:
September 20, 2024 - 11:59 pm midnight (PST)

PARTICIPATING SOCIETIES:
WAFMR Western Section - American Federation for Medical Research
WAP Western Association of Physicians
WSCl Western Society of Clinical Investigation
WSPR Western Society for Pediatric Research

CLUB MEETINGS:* 
Western Dysmorphology Club 
Western Perinatal Club 
Western Respiratory Club
Important Information

This abstract brochure is for the **2025 Western Medical Research Conference**. Included in the Call for Abstracts brochure is information unique to the Western Medical Research Conference. Please submit your abstract via the electronic submission form: [https://wrm2025.abstractcentral.com](https://wrm2025.abstractcentral.com). It is **required** of all abstract submitters to complete a CME Disclosure Form and for each co-author. This is available when you log in to submit your abstract. You must fill this form out in order to continue. For further information on the Meeting please visit the AFMR website ([http://www.afmr.org](http://www.afmr.org)) or WSPR ([https://www.westernspr.org](https://www.westernspr.org)). It is **REQUIRED** that you submit your abstract electronically. If you encounter problems submitting your abstract electronically, please contact ScholarOne directly: Technical Support: 855-258-5858 or email: s1abstractshelp@clarivate.com. **Technical Support Hours: 12:00 AM-8:30 PM ET Monday-Friday.** There is no technical support on Saturday or Sunday. If other questions arise, email Lori.Ennis@medpubinc.com for assistance.

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**Information for Fellows, Trainees, and Jr. Faculty**

The WMRC will accept abstract submissions and the top scoring abstracts will be given the opportunity to give an oral presentation or a poster presentation as well as be eligible for research travel awards. The abstracts will be published in the *Journal of Investigative Medicine*. Apply as part of the abstract submission process. We strongly encourage Fellows/Jr. Faculty to submit abstracts to the 2025 meeting. This meeting is in an atmosphere that allows networking among physician-scientists.

**Student or trainee researchers are expected to have appropriate oversight. To ensure this, we require that any submissions from a student or trainee must include a faculty member as a co-author.**

**If the abstract involves human research, IRB approval is needed upon submission.**

**Is Mentor a Jr. Faculty, Instructor or Assistant Professor - will need to include on submission.**

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**Abstract Policies**

**No revisions or changes will be accepted to submitted abstracts after the deadline.**

1. All abstracts are peer-reviewed and ranked on the basis of scientific merit by experts in the category selected. The Program Committees use these rankings to develop the final meeting program. Abstracts submitted for presentation will be published at the discretion of the Western Medical Research Conference Program Committee. **The decisions of the Program Committee are final.** Abstracts will not be reviewed if received after the deadline.

2. The committee will decide on oral and poster presentations. Submitter will not be given a choice upon submission.

3. AFMR requires a **nonrefundable** abstract fee of **$85.00** to cover the costs of processing, review and/or publication. This is separate from the registration fee. You must register to attend the meeting if you are presenting an abstract. Include separate payment with each abstract submitted. Payment must be made by credit card (American Express, MasterCard, or Visa). **No checks or purchase orders will be accepted.**

4. **INFORMED CONSENT AND DISCLOSURE:** AFMR has adopted guidelines for conflicts of interest (see Clinical Research, Volume 38, Number 2, April, 1990). Investigators should consider and disclose potential conflicts of interest in connection with papers presented at the regional meetings. All abstracts must comply with each of the following: (1) the responsible author **must assure that at the time of submission, the material submitted herein will not have been accepted for publication or published in any full length manuscript or the same abstract published in another journal.** Note, the material may have been presented at another regional or national meeting with a focused audience (i.e., such as a subspecialty meeting), (2) that if accepted, an eligible author **must be in attendance at the meeting at the specified date and time to present the abstract;** (3) that any animal studies conform with the “Guiding Principles in the Care and Use of Animals” of the American Physiological Society; (4) that any human experimentation was conducted according to a protocol approved by an Institutional Review Board on ethics of human investigation (if no such Board exists, please state in a separate letter what standards were used to assess the ethical property of the protocol); and (5) that potential conflicts of interest will be disclosed at time of presentation of abstract. All potential conflicts of interest should be detailed in a separate letter and uploaded with your abstract. Such information will not be available to the abstract review committee.
**Abstract Procedures**

**REQUIRED:** The person submitting the abstract has contacted all individuals who have contributed to the research whether they are co-authors or not and have obtained their approval for the submission. The author list and order cannot be changed once the submission is processed. The author who submits the abstract is responding for all authors. All authors should be in agreement about the submission of the abstract. Falsifying answers to these statements below could result in an ethics violation. All contributing authors of this abstract concur with the submission of this abstract, with their names being included and with the order in which the names are listed.

**Step-by-Step Instructions for Electronic Submission.** All users are considered New and must Create an Account.

1. For the Western Medical Research Conference proceed to: [https://wrn2025.abstractcentral.com](https://wrn2025.abstractcentral.com).
2. The first step is to “Create an Account”. Information is not saved from one year to the next. Click on the "Create an Account” link in the left side bar menu. During account creation, please bear in mind:
   A. All fields with a red asterisk are required.
   B. Your e-mail address is the primary method of correspondence. All system e-mails and other notifications related to the meeting will be sent to this address. Please keep your e-mail address up-to-date!
   C. The User ID and password that you create will be needed to log into the site after your account is created. Your User ID must be at least 6 characters long and can be a combination of letters and numbers. User ID and Password are case-sensitive.
   D. The last step in creating your account is to request a “role.” For example, if you are requesting the “Abstract Submission” role, you need only check the box and you will receive the role automatically. You will then be able to submit an abstract by logging in, then clicking on the “Submission” tab at the top of the page. If you are not the presenter, you must have all of their information to complete the submission.
3. Once you have logged in using your User Name and Password, click on the Submission tab at the top of page, then on the “Create a New Submission” link located on the left-hand menu bar.
4. It is recommended that you step through the submission pages in a methodical manner, going page by page and filling in the information as you go along, beginning with **Step 1: Title/Body page.**
5. The title must be brief and indicate clearly the nature of the investigation. The title should be entered in UPPERCASE letters. PLEASE DO NOT enter the title in mixed case. **Abbreviations must not be used in the title.**
6. Do not include authors or institutions in the body of your abstract. Type or copy/paste each section of the abstract body into their respective fields. On **Step 1: Title/Body page,** the body of the abstract must be separated into the fields designated as: **Purpose of Study, Methods Used, Summary of Results, and Conclusions,** respectively.
7. You must complete the Disclosure Information on **Step 2: Disclosures page.**
8. The character limit is 3000 characters for only the Abstract Body and can include up to 1 table and 1 image.
9. Please **enter all authors in the order they should appear** in the heading of the abstract. Complete contact information must be entered for the Presenting Author and the Contact Author. Only name and email address are required for co-authors. If you are **not the Presenter on an abstract,** you will need to provide full contact information on the Presenter.
10. Enter all institutional affiliations.
11. Carefully check the proof of your abstract. Make sure all special characters and formatting is displaying properly in your proof. If you find errors, return to the appropriate page by clicking on the page name in the sidebar menu, and make your corrections.
12. If you have not completed all required sections/items you will not be able to submit your abstract. In the case of missing items, you will be prompted to enter the missing information. When all required information is entered, click “Submit” to submit your abstract. **Payment is required to complete submission of the abstract.**

**Abstract Categories to choose from on abstract submission form:**

- Adolescent Medicine and General Pediatrics
- Behavior, Development and Child Psychology
- Cardiology
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Research
- Endocrinology and Metabolism
- Gastroenterology
- Genetics
- Healthcare Delivery Research
- Community Health Project
- Medical Education and Training Research
- Quality Improvement
- Hematology and Oncology
- Immunology and Rheumatology

- Infectious Diseases
- Morphogenesis and Malformations
- Neonatology General
- Neonatology - Perinatal Biology
- Neonatology - Pulmonary
- Nephrology and Hypertension - Adult
- Neuroscience
- Pulmonary & Critical Care Adult
- Surgery
Sunset Center, Carmel, California

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**Plenary**

Western Association of American Physicians  
Western Society for Clinical Investigation

Distinguished Lecture  
Robert (Chip) Schooley, MD  
University of California, San Diego

**Thursday, January 16, 2025**  
10:00 AM – 11:45 AM

**Plenary Symposium**

**Friday, January 17, 2025**  
1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

**State-of-the-Art Talks**

Many subspecialty sessions will have a state-of-the-art speaker

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**Investigator Workshops**

**Thursday, January 16, 2025**

How to Publish: Tips from the Editor  
(Fellows, Trainees, and Jr. Faculty)

Editor, Journal of Investigative Medicine - High Impact Case Reports  
Michael McPhaul, MD

**Friday, January 17, 2025**

Mentor Workshop  
Role of Research in Residency/Fellowship Applications

Adam Stevenson, MD  
Associate Dean of Student Affairs  
University of Utah School of Medicine

**Food Truck Available in Sunset Center Parking Lot**

(These talks are aimed at medical students and residents also welcome to attend)
Western Award Considerations

♦ **Fellows, Trainees, and Junior Faculty Awards.** These awards will be presented to meritorious abstracts for selected subspecialties. **The abstract will be chosen for an award based on score.**

♦ **WAFMR Young Investigator Award.** A young investigator award will be presented by WAFMR for the outstanding abstract submitted by a junior faculty member (instructor or assistant professor level). Candidates for the award must be available the day of presentation at the 2024 Western Medical Research Conference. Candidates are requested to upload the individual’s curriculum vitae, a letter of nomination from their section/division chief or chair attesting to the significance of the work, and a copy of their abstract marked “COPY” by **September 20, 2024.** Candidates must be an active AFMR member to receive the award. You may go online to join AFMR or renew your Membership. This information should be uploaded via the ScholarOne website when you submit your abstract.

♦ **WAP-WSCI Outstanding Investigator Award.** This award will be given for distinguished research to an accomplished investigator. **Names are solicited from the Chairs of Medicine.** If you wish to recommend a candidate, please contact your department chair. Candidates for the awards must check this box on the electronic submission form in order to be considered. Upload a letter of nomination and a copy of the individual’s CV. The information will then be sent to Dr. W. Conrad Liles, MD, President, WAP-WSCI, and submitted by **September 20, 2024.**

♦ **Mayo Soley Award.** This award will be given to a **senior investigator for lifetime achievement** in the area of scientific endeavor and training of junior investigators. A nominating letter and two seconding letters should be uploaded via the Scholar One website by **September 20, 2024** and the items will be forwarded to Dr. Fred Buckner.

♦ **WAP-WSCI Travel Awards.** WSCI travel awards will be given to the top abstract in each subspecialty category submitted by a resident, fellow or junior faculty member.

♦ **WSPR** offers several annual research and educational awards as outlined in the WSPR Spring Newsletter and WSPR website. Awards that require nomination include an **Abbott Nutrition Young Investigator Award,** **David W. Smith Pediatric Trainee Research Award,** and **Joseph St. Geme Education Award.** Highest rated abstract for medical student receives the **Lowell Glasgow Student Research Award** and the highest rated abstract for PL1, PL2, PL3 pediatric trainee receives the **Abbott Nutrition Pediatric Resident Award.** There are awards for the highest rated abstract in each WSPR session.

♦ **WAFMR/WAP-WSCI/WSPR Outstanding Student Research Awards.** WAFMR and WSPR will offer awards for outstanding research performed by students in each subspecialty. This award will recognize outstanding abstracts presented by students. Ensure you choose student as the presenter on the submission form.

♦ **WAFMR/WSPR Outstanding Resident Research Awards.** WAFMR and WSPR will offer awards for outstanding research performed by residents.

♦ **WAFMR Trainee Research Award** - These awards will be given to the presenter (or first author) of the most outstanding abstract(s) submitted to Western Medical Research Conference in Carmel, CA. The number of awards given is at the discretion of the committee.

**Criteria/Eligibility:** To accept the AFMR Trainee Research Award, trainees must become an AFMR member. Candidates must be either medical students, residents, clinical fellows, physicians pursuing PhDs or other graduate degrees, and other post-doctoral fellows. You may go online to join AFMR or renew your Membership. Candidates are required to upload a curriculum vitae at time of submission.
Western Meeting Registration

Registration Information for Attendees:
Pre-registration for faculty, fellows, students, and residents is available online: https://www.medpubinc.org/booking/?code=WRM2025. There is a discount for early registration. Faculty, fellows, students, and residents check in on-site at the Sunset Center in Carmel.

Sunset Center
San Carlos between 8th and 9th
Carmel, California

Registration Hours:
Thursday, January 16, 2025  7:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday, January 17, 2025  7:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday, January 18, 2025  7:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Hotel Accommodations
The 2024 Western Medical Research Conference (WMRC) will take place at the Sunset Center in Carmel. There is not a Headquarter Hotel. The Western societies have arranged to use a reservation service that will assist you with your hotel, motel, and inn accommodations for the "Doctor’s Meeting", some special rates are being held. Please contact any of the following:

maria@nvreservations.com - or call 707-302-0340
gloriamcpherson327@gmail.com - or call 831-915-7258

NO FEE FOR BOOKING

2025 Registration Fees

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Welcome Cocktail Reception and Poster Session
Thursday, January 16, 2025
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - All Saints Church and Sunset Center

All attendees are invited to attend and are encouraged to bring students, fellows and junior faculty from their institution. The reception is sponsored by all of the societies participating in the 2025 Western Medical Research Conference (WMRC).

Hotel Accommodations for Students:
By Phone: 855-235-3915 or On-Line: www.carmelmissioninn.com
Callers identify themselves as being with the Western Medical Research Conference - January 15 to 19, 2025

Carmel Mission Inn CA - Boutique Hotel in Carmel, California
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www.carmelmissioninn.com
Enter the arrival and departure dates. Click Promo Code drop down and select Group Code. Enter the code 2501WESTER
Click Apply. A credit card is required to book each reservation. No charge is made unless someone were to cancel within 72 hours of arrival or no-show.

All reservations must be made no later than December 28, 2024 to secure the group rate, subject to group block availability.

Attention All Students/Residents in the Health Professions
The Western Medical Research Conference is a key activity to provide presentation and networking opportunities for young scientists. Those in training are encouraged to submit their work and to attend the conference. All students or residents submitting an abstract to the 2025 Western Medical Research Conference should indicate if you are a student or resident as the presenting author on the submission form.