SCIENTIFIC ABSTRACT SUBMISSION CATEGORIES

Aging/Geriatrics/End of Life: submissions addressing issues of care of older adults and of issues related to aging and/or end-of-life care decisions regardless of patient age.

Clinical Decision-Making and Economic Analyses: submissions about clinical decision-making; formal decision analyses of medical practice; shared patient-physician decision making; patient preferences or utilities; and cost-effectiveness and cost-benefit analyses of specific interventions.

Clinical Epidemiology/Healthcare Effectiveness Research: Submissions with a focus on the investigation and control of the distribution and determinants of disease in clinical populations or submissions with a focus on the evaluation of effectiveness of therapies or interventions in clinical care settings.

Global Health/Preparedness: Submissions that address global public health issues (such as chronic disease management in developing countries, global epidemics, and emerging pathogens) and the role of general internal medicine in addressing these issues.

Health Disparities/Vulnerable Populations: submissions devoted to the health and health care of underserved and special populations, health disparities, and health literacy.

Health Policy/Advocacy/Social Justice: submissions that focus on advocacy and issues of import to generalists that impact health policy at local, state/province, and national levels.

Hospital-based Medicine: studies that focus on the care of hospitalized patients, the inpatient care of medical conditions, and the role and effectiveness of hospitalists and hospital-based systems.

Medical Education Scholarship and Professional Development: submissions that focus on issues related to medical education: needs assessment, curricular design, curricular implementation, and outcomes assessment in undergraduate, graduate, and continuing medical education; Submissions that address issues that impact career development, satisfaction, and balance between personal and professional life in medical personnel.

Medical Humanities and Ethics: submissions that focus on areas as diverse as the history of medicine, literature, clinical ethics, philosophy, theology and/or spirituality in medicine.

Mental Health/Substance Abuse: submissions addressing mental health and substance abuse from educational, research or clinical perspectives. This includes a broad range of substances – alcohol, tobacco, both prescription and non-prescription drugs in addition to street drugs.
Organization of Care and Chronic Disease Management: submissions with a focus on organization of health care delivery, patient-centered medical home, strategies to increase the efficiency or effectiveness of a medical practice system, management of one or more chronic diseases, or broader perspectives on disease management, such as complementary and alternative medicine practices.

Preventive Medicine: submissions that address disease prevention, early detection, and health promotion, including screening, case finding, health habits and beliefs, and interventions to improve these areas.

Qualitative research: submissions that use non-numeric methods (such as focus groups or in-depth interviews) to explore issues in health services research, educational process and outcomes, health care delivery, quality of care, and faculty development.

Quality of Care/Patient Safety: submissions that focus on quality assessment, gaps in quality of care, medical errors, quality improvement, and patient safety in the inpatient or outpatient setting.

Women’s Health: submissions addressing issues and conditions specific to or important to women.

SECONDARY SUBMISSION CATEGORIES (optional, you may only choose one – do not duplicate your primary category. Secondary categories do not impact peer review committee assignments. The program committee reserves the right to use a secondary category selection in scheduling.

Cancer Research
Ethics
Geriatrics
Women’s Health
VA-based Research

Example: if your primary category is women’s health, do not select women’s health as your secondary category.