



**2026**

# 17TH ANNUAL RESEARCH POSTER SYMPOSIUM

## IMPORTANT DATES

03/15/2026- Abstracts  
& Posters Due

04/15/2026- Judges  
Results Due

04/30/2026- Finalists  
Presentations &  
Awards

Please email Kennedy with your submission  
and any related questions.



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The Oklahoma Osteopathic  
Association

Medical students and residents are invited to showcase their research during the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association's 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention! All entrants must be a current medical student or physician currently in a postgraduate training program. Osteopathic and Allopathic medical students and residents are invited to participate. Ongoing Research for your residency or medical school can be submitted. Literature research submissions are also eligible for this symposium. The judging panel will select first, second and third place winners. The top three finalists will present their research on Friday, April 30, 2026



ALL STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS IN POSTGRADUATE TRAINING PROGRAMS RECEIVE FREE REGISTRATION TO THE 126<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION AND ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND



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# MISSION & AWARDS

## Mission

The mission of the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association's Research Poster Symposium is to showcase current osteopathic research and stimulate interest in future research projects. This will be accomplished through the exchange of ideas and information between participants of the symposium and attendees of the OOA 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention.

## Awards

- First Place will receive \$2500
- Second Place will receive \$2000
- Third Place will receive \$1500
- All participants- whether students, interns, residents or fellows- will be eligible to win.
- All participants are encouraged to attend the presentations of awards
- Research of the three winners will be published in a future edition of the Oklahoma D.O. Journal

In order to receive award money, winners must present their research at the 126th Annual Convention

# ABSTRACTS

## Requirements:

- Only one abstract allowed per individual. Multiple submissions from the same person will automatically be rejected.
- Length is not to exceed 250 words and title must be centered and bold faced.
- Immediately under the title, list your name and year (OMS I, OMS II, PGY I, PGY II, etc.)
- Abstract should be double spaced and sent in a Microsoft Word.doc via email to [communicationdirector@okosteo.org](mailto:communicationdirector@okosteo.org). Your email should include the following information:
  - Name
  - Research Title
  - Cell Phone Number
  - Email/Mailing Address
  - year of osteopathic or allopathic medicine, school name, or year of postgraduate training, specialty and postgraduate institution.



## Format:

- List authors and their respective institution(s). The student or physician who will present the poster must be listed as the first author. The principle investigator must be listed as the last author. Only the entrant is required to be a student or physician in training.
- The body must include purpose of research and brief preview on method, result, and conclusion.
- No diagrams or tables should be included in the abstract
- Do not include references
- Your abstract can be about previously reported or current results. If your abstract has been previously accepted and/or presented at other conferences and/or published, please provide the following relevant information.
  - Conference name
  - Conference location
  - Date
  - Format or journal name
  - Journal volume
  - Journal edition
  - Journal Date
  - Page Numbers

Submissions not in this format will not be accepted



## Criteria For Evaluating Abstracts

The judging panel will be evaluating the abstracts submitted based on the following criteria:

- Statement of the hypothesis
- Clear organization of the project
- Effective use of the scientific method is evident
- All significant variables have been identified. Efforts to eliminate bias between control and experimental groups are clear
- The conclusion is consistent with the data and/or observations.
- Potential pitfalls of methodology or interpretation have been addressed.
- The potential significance of the experiment is placed in the proper perspective
- Abstract is in required form and organized, well written, concise, and readable.
- The project demonstrates on a novel approach and/or idea.

# POSTERS

## Requirements:

- Submit digital posters in the form of a PowerPoint slide (no animations), high resolution JPEG or PDF via email by the submission deadline
- By submitting a poster to the OOA Research Poster Symposium, you certify that the poster is your original work or/if original work conducted by you and another author, or any co-authors are appropriately credited for their contribution and have been informed of the submission. Infringements will result in disqualification from the symposium.
- Any research involving human research subjects must attach a copy of IRB approval with your abstract
- Posters should be free of commercial bias, product endorsement or marketing.



## Criteria for Evaluating Posters

- The judging panel will be evaluating the posters submitted based on the following criteria
  - Clear statement of a research question
  - Evidence to support research
  - Explanation of methodology
  - Graphic materials to illustrate results, such as a table or graph
  - Significance of findings
  - Credible and cited references

## Use of Graphics

- Are figures, tables, illustrations, maps, and other illustrative material used effectively?
- Are the illustrations correctly sited and presented well?
- Does the visual materials integrate well into the evidence of the argument?
- Is the material presented well organized?

## Relevance:

- Is the research presented relevant to osteopathic physicians today?



## Quality of Argument & Evidence:

- Is there a clear statement of research question or relationship being investigated?
- Does the poster require additional explanation? Stand alone?
- Is there a logical and thorough explanation of the research question?
- Are all components of the research given appropriate levels of attention?
- Is there adequate consultation of sources cited correctly?
- Are the research objectives outlined precisely?
- Was an appropriate research methodology selected and explained effectively?
- Is the significance of findings stated clearly?
- Is the argument well supported by extensive primary research, with accurate evidence, and examples?