



Symposium by the Sea 2026
Resident Competitions

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

*Submissions will be reviewed on a rolling basis, while space is available.
Hard Deadline of May 30, 2026, for CPC and Drop the Mic competitions.*

On behalf of the Florida College of Emergency Physicians, the Florida Emergency Medicine Foundation, and the Symposium by the Sea Planning Committee, we are excited to invite your residents to participate in the Residency Competitions taking place during Symposium by the Sea 2026, from August 7-9, 2026 at the Omni Amelia Island Resort, Fernandina Beach, FL.

The following pages will detail the submission guidelines for each of our FIVE (5) competitions taking place during Symposium by the Sea. You are welcome to submit to any or **ALL** of the competitions listed below (but must register as an Attendee for SBS first).

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We look forward to welcoming you to beautiful Amelia Island for the competitions, didactic sessions from national leaders in EM, hands-on skills training, networking, and FUN! Questions can be sent to Diane Bennett at dbennett@emlrc.org, or Rocio Reilly at reilly@emlrc.org. We're looking forward to an incredible event with room for ALL of our amazing residents and students across the state!

Best,
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SBS26 Competition Leads



Emergency Medicine Research and Clinical Case Poster Competition

Co-chairs: Dr. Jason Wilson (University of South Florida) and Dr. Brandon Allen (University of Florida)

The poster session will be open to all medical students, emergency medicine residents, emergency medicine fellows, faculty, and any practicing physician in Florida. **For a poster to be judged in this competition, the individual who appears as the first author of each abstract or case must be a medical student, emergency medicine resident, or emergency medicine fellow. In addition, although not mandatory, the individual should be available to present their poster to the judges at Symposium by the Sea.**

IMPORTANT! Judging will take place as follows:

Group A- Residents & Fellows - Friday, August 7th from 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM

Group B- Medical Students - Saturday, August 8th from 8:00 AM- 10:00 AM

Topics can include a broad range of issues involving emergency medicine practice, education research, innovations in education and clinical as well as basic science research. Original hypothesis-driven research, although not a prerequisite for submission, will be favored significantly in judging. **Abstracts presented at prior scientific assemblies (SAEM, ACEP, SBS) and other regional meetings will no longer be accepted** given the high volume of submissions we have received in the last few years.

Research presentations will be judged for “best overall” presentation based on concept, original hypothesis, study quality, and overall impact. Case presentations will also be judged for both interesting or unique content, as well as potential impacts on the practice of emergency medicine, for a “best overall” title.

The form will ask you for the title of the abstract, author(s), affiliations, IRB approval or exemption if applicable, mailing address, and primary author’s e-mail address. This information will be generated into a cover sheet. Then you will upload your abstract at the bottom of the form.

Abstract Submission Guidelines:

- Must submit as Microsoft Word document
- Character limit: 3,000
- Research Presentations MUST include the following subsections: Title, Study Objectives, Methods, Results, & Conclusions
- Case Presentations MUST include the following subsections: Introduction (explain the relevance of the case), Case Description, and Discussion. A key lesson from the case should be stated. Submissions of photos or interesting visual cases should follow the same format as above
- The abstract should be written in complete sentences using grammatically correct English and all abbreviations should be spelled out on first usage
- Authors should not be identified in any way on the page containing the abstract
- Any illustrations and graphics must be 300 dpi

Posters created for the research presentations should not exceed the poster board surface area of 5’10” wide x 4’10” tall. No digital poster submissions will be accepted.



Emergency Medicine Resident Case Presentation Competition (CPC)

Chair: Dr. Jennifer Jackson (St. Mary's Medical Center)

The Case Presentation Competition is open to all emergency medicine residents in Florida. This will be a live, in-person event at Symposium by the Sea where programs gather for a competition focused on an educational discussion of real emergency department cases.

Residents from each of the selected programs will deliver discussions of the initial approach, differential diagnosis, and final impression of an unknown ED case from one of the other programs. The program that submitted the case then completes the case conclusion with the actual patient outcome. Each participating program should have **one resident** to present their case and **another resident** as the discussant for another program's submitted case.

Due to recent positive feedback, we will continue to keep the shortened presentation time limits to allow for an overall shorter session with quicker case presentations.

The event promotes healthy competition while providing an outstanding mechanism for gaining continuing medical education.

*We will utilize a random lottery draw if we have more programs interested than we can accommodate.
Note: only one team per program will be permitted.

Tentative CPC Timeline:

May 30 – Interest Forms due

June 9 – Final Program Selection and notification (*random lottery draw if necessary—participation is limited!*)

June 22 – Case Presentations due

June 29 – Blinded Cases sent out to programs

July 27 – Case Discussion Due

August 7 – CPC Competition (**must be in person to participate at SBS; 8-7-26 from 2:30-5:00 pm.**)

Program Case Submission Guidelines:

1. Submit an actual ED case
2. Difficult and challenging, but not totally obscure
3. Sufficient information provided to arrive at the diagnosis
4. The case has one unifying diagnosis
5. Last slide of case presentation should end with a transition statement (ex. This diagnostic test/ intervention was performed) to query the next ED appropriate step(s)
6. Case is sanctioned by a faculty advisor
7. Video and/or audio files can be included in your presentation files but must be embedded into PowerPoint slide.

We know how exciting and educational these Florida EM cases are for learning and appreciate the continued support of Florida's EM residency leadership.



Emergency Medicine Resident Quiz Bowl

Chairs: Dr. Erich Heine & Dr. Sara Baker (Orlando Health)

The 5th Annual EM Quiz Bowl is open to all emergency medicine residents in Florida. This will be a live, in-person event at Symposium by the Sea where programs gather for a competition focused on medical knowledge application in trivia- and debate-style formats.

Registration is limited to **one team** per program, **three residents** per team. The competition will begin with a team trivia speed round in which all but four teams will be eliminated during a "trivia night"-style format. The final four teams will participate in a two-round, debate-style competition, leading to one final round of debate between the two remaining teams.

The winning residency program earns bragging rights for 1-year and a lamp of knowledge trophy to bring back home to their program.

*Note: this competition is designed to accommodate one team from EVERY residency program in Florida. If you submit interest in participating, please plan to attend SBS in-person for the competition, taking place on Saturday, August 8th (1:00 pm - 4:00 pm).



Drop the Mic Competition

Chair: Dr. Andy Little (AdventHealth)

The 4th annual Drop the Mic Competition is open to all medical students, emergency medicine residents, emergency medicine fellows, faculty, and any practicing physician in Florida. This will be a live, in-person event at Symposium by the Sea where speakers compete for a chance to win recognition, bragging rights, and a trophy!

Selected participants will give an exciting lecture in fewer than 6 minutes with automatically advancing slides. Up to 10 lecturers will compete for a panel of expert, nationally renowned lecturers and academicians. Topics can include ANY facet of emergency medicine including clinical work, research, fellowships, other niches, wellness, or life outside the emergency department.

The form will ask you for the title of your presentation, brief description of the topic, presenter name, affiliations, and contact information. Presentations must be created and presented in Microsoft PowerPoint format and be fewer than 6 minutes in duration. You may submit as many proposals as you would like. Our panel of judges will select the top 10 ideas to present during the live event at SBS26, scheduled on **Friday, August 7, 2026 between 2:30 to 5:00 pm.**



SonoRace (Ultrasound Competition)

Chairs: Dr. Taryn Hoffman (HCA Orange Park), Dr. Javier Rosario (UCF/HCA Greater Orlando),
and Dr. Lidalee Silva (UCF/HCA Greater Orlando)

The FCEP Ultrasound Committee is excited to bring back the SonoRace Competition for SBS26! This will be a live, in-person event at Symposium by the Sea where programs gather for a competition focused on knowledge and skills in emergency ultrasound.

Registration is limited to **one team** per program, **three residents** per team!

*Note: this competition is designed to accommodate one team from EVERY residency program in Florida. If you submit interest in participating, please plan to attend SBS in-person for the competition, taking place **Sunday, August 9, 2026, from 8:00 am – 11:00 am.**