

FAMILY MEDICINE TOPIC/DISEASE CATEGORIES

Family Medicine topic and disease categories identify areas to be presented at the 2025 Spring Forum. (Complete list provided on the submission portal.)

SUBMISSION CATEGORIES BASED ON TYPE OF WORK:

The following categories represent different aspects of medical or clinical work, ranging from complete studies to ongoing projects, quality initiatives, and individual clinical observations.

- **Completed Research**

This refers to research studies that have been fully conducted, analyzed, and concluded. It includes all aspects of research, such as hypothesis formulation, methodology, data collection, data analysis, and final conclusions. The study's results are finalized, peer-reviewed, and typically published. Completed research may include clinical trials, observational studies, or other types of empirical investigations that have reached a definitive end point.

- **Research in Progress**

This category refers to research that is still underway and has not yet been completed. It may involve preliminary results, ongoing data collection, or in-progress analysis. Abstracts in this category present the research design, objectives, and the methods being used, but the final conclusions and outcomes are still to be determined. These studies are often in early stages or in mid-course and are presented to highlight the current state of the work.

- **Quality Improvement/Patient Safety Project**

Work in this category focuses on initiatives aimed at enhancing healthcare processes, increasing the quality of care, and ensuring patient safety. It typically involves systematic efforts to improve healthcare delivery, reduce errors, optimize workflows, or address specific patient safety concerns. The goal is to achieve measurable improvements, often through the implementation of new protocols, staff training, or technological interventions. These projects are usually local or institutional efforts and may not involve traditional research methodologies but are intended to drive improvement in patient outcomes and healthcare efficiency.

- **Case Report**

A case report is a detailed description of a single patient or a small group of patients, highlighting unusual or novel aspects of their diagnosis, treatment, or clinical course. Case reports often focus on rare diseases, unique clinical presentations, or unexpected outcomes. They contribute to medical knowledge by providing insights into conditions or scenarios that are not widely understood or that might offer new perspectives on diagnosis and treatment. A case report is typically anecdotal and does not involve a large-scale research design but rather focuses on the experiences of individual patients.