AMA Research Challenge
Frequently Asked Questions

What is the poster symposium hall?
Research from approximately 750 medical students, residents and fellows, and international medical graduates with qualifying abstract scores will be featured in the poster symposium hall.

What is the semifinals hall?
Research from the top scored abstracts will be featured in the semifinals hall. AMA members and participants will have the opportunity to score research to help decide the top 5 finalists to advance to the AMA Research Challenge finals.

If I am a top scored finalist, what happens next?
The top 5 scored finalists will be notified after the event and invited to participate in the AMA Research Challenge finals to present research virtually to an elite panel of judges. Winner will receive a $10,000 grand prize sponsored by Laurel Road. Details and next steps for finalists will be communicated directly.

Can I submit a poster to be featured?
An intake form link was distributed directly to accepted participants invited to feature research in either the poster symposium hall or the semifinals hall. The submission deadline has passed. Please contact researchsymposium@ama-assn.org if you have any questions.

When do I need to be available? What are the expectations of participation?
The AMA Research Challenge poster symposium and semifinals will kick off at 8 a.m. Central on Oct. 20 and conclude at 5 p.m. Central on Oct. 22. Access to the event and posters will be available throughout the event duration. You do not need to be accessible throughout the event but we encourage you to log in to explore posters, score posters in the semifinals hall, connect with your peers, and attend live forums to hear from experts on how to get your research published and how to pursue a career in academic medicine.

Can a co-author participate in my place?
No, the lead author/submitter is the invited participant for either the poster symposium hall or semifinals hall. Encourage your co-authors and your network to register for the event for access to view research, connect with participants and provide feedback, and score research in the semifinals hall (scoring is an AMA member exclusive opportunity).

Can a co-author participate in my pre-recorded video presentation?
No, the lead author/submitter is the only permitted presenter. A pre-recorded video presentation up to 2 minutes in length is optional for the poster symposium hall and required for the semifinals hall.

Can I feature research that has already been published?
You may not feature research if it was published as of the abstract submission deadline, July 26, 2022.

Can I present research that was accepted to another conference or research event?
Yes, it is acceptable to present research in the AMA Research Challenge if you have also been accepted to present at another conference or research event.
Who can score posters in the semifinals hall?

An AMA member attendee, including an accepted participant in the poster symposium and semifinals, have access to score posters in the semifinals hall.

How do I access the event?

The event platform link and login instructions will be sent in advance of the event. As a participant, you do not need to complete a registration.

How do I view posters during the event?

Once logged in to the event platform, locate the semifinals hall and poster symposium hall from the navigation. To view posters, you can scroll through the list, search by keyword or author, or filter by topic (listed below) and subtopic.

- Basic Science
- Clinical and Transitional Research
- Clinical Vignettes (Poster symposium hall only)
- Health Systems Science
- Medical Education Innovation
- Public Health and Health Policy

How do I know that someone has commented or submitted a question for my research?

All poster pages have a Questions box on the right side of the page. If you are a poster presenter, you will need to log in to view any comments or questions sent to you by attendees, and you can respond in the Questions box. You will receive an email notifying you that someone has posted a question or comment for you.

Can my family and friends view my poster?

Yes! We encourage you to invite your family, friends, and colleagues to view your research. Share the AMA Research Challenge registration link with your network. As a participant, you do not need to complete a registration.