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Resident Paper Competition of American College of Surgeons (ACS)

Attention is being brought to the surgical trainees of all disciplines to participate in the ATLS Global Symposium scheduled for March 2027, organized by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) in the USA. To qualify for this event, there will be a National Competition held on September 2026, where all interested participants from Bangladesh will compete.

The winner of the Region XVI Meeting will have the opportunity to present their paper at the ATLS Global Symposium in March 2027. In the event that the symposium is conducted in person, the presenter will be honored by the ACS with air travel and three days of hotel accommodation will honor the presenter during the symposium in USA.

In light of the aforementioned information, all surgical trainees who are interested in participating are requested to submit their papers to the Department of Skill Development, BCPS, by August 15, 2026. The competition itself will take place on September 2026, and each presentation must adhere to the eligibility and guidelines established by the ACS Committee on Trauma. It is worth noting that surgical trainees from all disciplines are permitted to partake in the competition.

Please find attached a copy of the eligibility and guidelines for your reference.

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Eligibility

The competition is open to all general surgery residents, surgical specialty residents, and trauma fellows. Medical students are **not** eligible. To be eligible for presentation at the COT Annual Meeting (Central competition), abstracts submitted may have been previously presented but not published as full papers in any peer-reviewed journal before March 30, 2027. See following link for complete details [Trauma Papers Competition | ACS \(facs.org\)](#)

Scope

- The one-page abstracts should describe original research in **any aspect of trauma care**.
- The topics must be categorized as either: **basic laboratory research** or **clinical investigation (as applicable)**.
- All presenters at the final Central competition will be expected to submit a full manuscript in advance of competition.

Specifications for preparation and submission of abstracts

- The abstract should be **no more than ONE page** and provide adequate information and objective data to evaluate abstract properly.
- The abstract is accompanied by completed titled page (Refer Page 3 and 4)
- The abstract should be submitted electronically, as a Word document. It is permissible to single space the abstract. Charts and graphs may be embedded in the document as .jpeg files.
- At the top of the title page, the full title of the abstract and full name of the **principal** author with academic degrees, are to be stated.
- At the bottom of the first page, a footnote should be included to provide the principal author's mailing address, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. **This contact information is very important.**

Awards and presentation of Papers

The pathway involves:

1. Presentation of clinical or basic science research paper to the ATLS Region XV1 meeting is planned on **October 2026**. Presentation of papers will be in person.
2. Closing date for submission of abstract is **September 2026**. Each country in Region 16 will select and submit **ONE** entry to this competition.
3. **Timing** of each Presentation is 15 minutes which includes:
 - a. Presentation = 10 minutes
 - b. Questions = 5 minutes



4. The winning paper from the Region XV1 meeting will be selected to present their paper in-person during the March 2027, Annual Meeting of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Committee on Trauma (COT), in the United States. ACS will pay for an economy airfare to the USA and a three (3) days hotel stay for the Region 16 paper competition winner to attend and present their paper at the ASC-COT Resident Paper Competition (with representation of all 17 regions worldwide).
5. The first-place papers from both the Basic Science and Clinical Science categories at the ACS-CoT International meeting will be eligible for publication after the Annual meeting) in the Journal of the American College of Surgeons.
6. **General Criteria used for judging the paper competition include:**
 - Topic/Title
 - Paper quality
 - Presentation quality
 - Scientific merit
 - Relevance and importance
 - Originality and individual work
 - Question response
7. Abstracts must be submitted to: ATLS Office, BCPS



Title Page (To accompany submitted abstract)

Principal Author's Information

Given Name	
Family Name	
Academic Qualification/ Degrees	
Title of Abstract	
Institution Name	
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Mobile number (include country code)	
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Paper Category	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic Laboratory Science <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Research/Investigation

Declaration

Please check the box after reading each statement below:

- ✓ It is understood that the primary author is a surgery trainee, surgical sub-speciality trainee or trauma fellow.
- ✓ It is understood that although the abstract can be presented to other meetings, it cannot be published prior to March 31, 2024

Signature/ Date

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