

**American Federation for Medical Research
and
Participating Societies**

**Regional Meetings
Call for Abstracts**

Research Travel Award Opportunities Available



**Western
Medical Research
Conference**

January 20-22, 2022

**Abstract Deadline:
September 24, 2021
11:59 pm PST**

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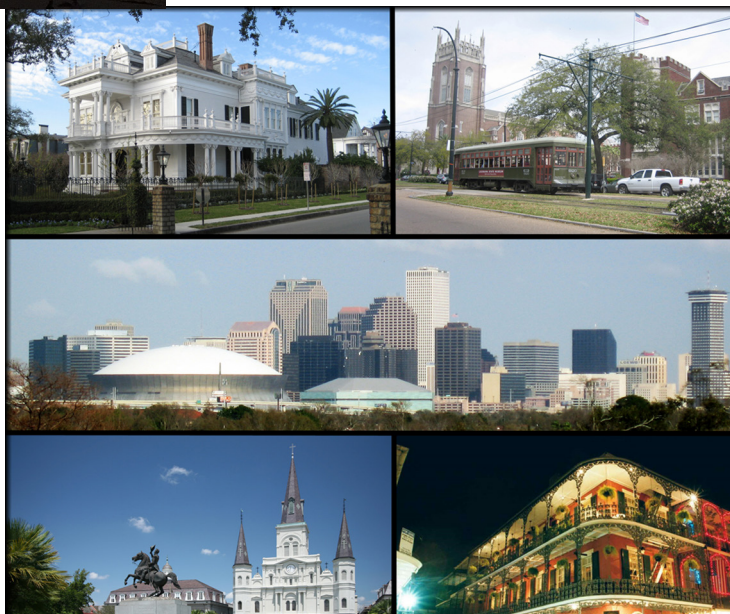
**Southern Regional
Meetings**

February 10-12, 2022

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October 8, 2021
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Abstract Deadlines and Meeting Dates

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PLACE:
Sunset Center
San Carlos between 8th and 9th
Carmel, California
Phone: 831/624-3996

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PARTICIPATING SOCIETIES:

WAFMR	Western Section - American Federation for Medical Research
WAP	Western Association of Physicians
WSCI	Western Society of Clinical Investigation
WSPR	Western Society for Pediatric Research
WSMRF	Western Students and Residents Medical Research Forum

CLUB MEETINGS:*
Western Dysmorphology Club
Western Perinatal Club
Western Respiratory Club

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PLACE:
InterContinental New Orleans
444 St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana
Phone: 504/525-5566

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PARTICIPATING SOCIETIES:

APA	Academic Pediatric Association
SAFMR	Southern Section - American Federation for Medical Research
SSCI	Southern Society for Clinical Investigation
SSGIM	Southern Society of General Internal Medicine
SSPR	Southern Society for Pediatric Research

Important Information

This abstract brochure is for the **2022 Western and Southern Regional scientific meetings** and meetings of other participating societies held in conjunction with these meetings. Included in the Call for Abstracts brochure is information unique to the Western and Southern regional meetings. Investigators may submit abstracts to any of the regional meetings regardless of the section or geographic area in which s/he resides. Please use the appropriate electronic submission form for each of the regional meetings which is found on the Internet at <http://wrm2022.abstractcentral.com> or <http://srm2022.abstractcentral.com>. It is **required** of **all abstract submitters** to complete a CME Disclosure Form and for each co-author. This is available when you log in to submit your abstract. You must fill this form out in order to continue. For further information on the Regional Meetings please visit the AFMR website (<http://www.afmr.org>). It is **REQUIRED** that you submit your abstract electronically. If you encounter problems submitting your abstract electronically, please contact ScholarOne directly: Technical Support: 888-503-1050 / 434-964-4100 or email: ts.acsupport@thomson.com. **Technical Support Hours: 12:00 AM-8:30 PM ET Monday-Friday**. There is no technical support on Saturday or Sunday. If other questions arise, email Lori.Ennis@medpubinc.com for assistance.

Information for Fellows, Trainees, and Jr. Faculty for the Western and Southern Meetings

WESTERN MEETING: The WMRC will accept abstract submissions and the top scoring abstracts will be given the opportunity to give an oral presentation or a poster presentation as well as be eligible for research travel awards. The abstracts will be published in the Journal of Investigative Medicine. Apply as part of the abstract submission process. We strongly encourage Fellows/Jr. Faculty to submit abstracts to the 2022 meeting. This meeting is in an atmosphere that allows networking among physician-scientists.

SOUTHERN MEETING: The SSCI Nephrology Young Investigators' Forum will continue for 2022 fellows. It will be held at the InterContinental New Orleans on Wednesday, February 9, 2022. This postgraduate competition is designed to create a subspecialty forum for oral presentation for fellows training in this subspecialty. This competition is also designed to create a subspecialty atmosphere for networking with other fellows. Those abstracts selected will receive reimbursement for travel, hotel and registration expenses for the forum and the Southern Regional Meeting. We expect that these abstracts will also be submitted to the Southern Regional Meetings. Fellows who are selected for this forum **are not eligible for other awards**, but may apply. Please see www.sscweb.org for further details. The Cardiovascular Club is offering its own program for cardiology trainees. There will be a separate check box on the submission form labeled Cardiovascular Case Report for this program.

Abstract Policies

No revisions or changes will be accepted to submitted abstracts after the deadline.

1. All abstracts are peer-reviewed and ranked on the basis of scientific merit by experts in the category selected. The Program Committees use these rankings to develop the final meeting program. Abstracts submitted for presentation (whether or not selected for presentation) will be published at the discretion of the Regional Program Committees. **The decisions of the Program Committees are final.** Abstracts **will not** be reviewed if received after the deadline.
2. The committee will decide on oral and poster presentations. Submitter will not be given a choice upon submission.
3. AFMR requires a **nonrefundable** abstract fee of **\$75.00** to cover the costs of processing, review and/or publication. This is **separate** from the registration fee. You must register to attend the meeting if you are presenting an abstract. Include separate payment with each abstract submitted. Payment must be made by credit card (American Express, MasterCard, or Visa). **No checks or purchase orders will be accepted.**
4. **INFORMED CONSENT AND DISCLOSURE:** AFMR has adopted guidelines for conflicts of interest (see Clinical Research, Volume 38, Number 2, April, 1990). Investigators should consider and disclose potential conflicts of interest in connection with papers presented at the regional meetings. All abstracts must comply with each of the following: (1) the responsible author **must assure that at the time of submission, the material submitted herein will not have been accepted for publication or published in any full length manuscript or the same abstract published in another journal.** Note, the material may have been presented at another regional or national meeting with a focused audience (i.e., such as a subspecialty meeting), **such that the material presented at the SRM will be new to the broader audience;** (2) that if accepted, **an eligible author must be in attendance to the meeting at the specified date and time to present the abstract;** (3) that any animal studies conform with the "Guiding Principles in the Care and Use of Animals" of the American Physiological Society; (4) that any human experimentation was conducted according to a protocol approved by an Institutional Review Board on ethics of human investigation (if no such Board exists, please state in a separate letter what standards were used to assess the ethical property of the protocol); and (5) that potential conflicts of interest will be disclosed at time of presentation of abstract. All potential conflicts of interest should be detailed in a separate letter and uploaded with your abstract. Such information will not be available to the abstract review committee.

Abstract Procedures

Step-by-Step Instructions for Electronic Submission. All users are considered New and must Create an Account.

1. For the **Western Regional Meeting** proceed to: <http://wrm2022.abstractcentral.com>. For the **Southern Regional Meeting** proceed to: <http://srm2022.abstractcentral.com>
2. The first step is to "Create an Account". Information is not saved from one year to the next. Click on the "Create an Account" link in the left side bar menu. During account creation, please bear in mind:
 - A. All fields with a red asterisk are required.
 - B. Your e-mail address is the primary method of correspondence. All system e-mails and other notifications related to the meeting will be sent to this address. Please keep your e-mail address up-to-date!
 - C. The User ID and password that you create will be needed to log into the site after your account is created. Your User ID must be at least 6 characters long and can be a combination of letters and numbers. User ID and Password are case-sensitive.
 - D. The last step in creating your account is to request a "role." For example, if you are requesting the "Abstract Submission" role, you need only check the box and you will receive the role automatically. You will then be able to submit an abstract by logging in, then clicking on the "Submission" tab at the top of the page. If you are not the presenter, you must have all of their information to complete the submission.
3. Once you have logged in using your User Name and Password, click on the Submission tab at the top of page, then on the "Create a New Submission" link located on the left-hand menu bar.
4. It is recommended that you step through the submission pages in a methodical manner, going page by page and filling in the information as you go along, beginning with **Step 1: Title/Body page**.
5. The title must be brief and indicate clearly the nature of the investigation. The title should be entered in UPPERCASE letters. PLEASE DO NOT enter the title in mixed case. **Abbreviations must not be used in the title.**
6. Do not include authors or institutions in the body of your abstract. Type or copy/paste each section of the abstract body into their respective fields. On Step 1: Title/Body page, the body of the abstract must be separated into the fields designated as: **Purpose of Study, Methods Used, Summary of Results, and Conclusions**, respectively.
7. You must complete the Disclosure Information on **Step 2: Disclosures page**.
8. There is a limit of 3000 characters for the body of your abstract submission. It **does not** include authors, institutions, or abstract title.
9. You may add one table or one image. However, each row in the table will deduct approximately 50 characters from the character limit of 3000 characters. A 3x3 image is about 1200 characters.
10. Please enter all authors in the order they should appear in the heading of the abstract. Complete contact information must be entered for the Presenting Author and the Contact Author. Only name and email address are required for co-authors. If you (the Contact Author) are not the Presenter on an abstract, you will need to provide full contact information on the Presenter.
11. Enter all department and institutional affiliations. Department is an optional field. Only three (3) institutional affiliations will be allowed per author. You do not need to enter institutions in a particular order to be able to designate author affiliations.
12. Carefully check the proof of your abstract. Make sure all special characters and formatting is displaying properly in your proof. If you find errors, return to the appropriate page by clicking on the page name in the sidebar menu, and make your corrections.
13. If you have not completed all required sections/items you will not be able to submit your abstract. In the case of missing items, you will be prompted to enter the missing information. When all required information is entered, click "Submit" to submit your abstract. **Payment is required to complete submission of the abstract.**

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Meeting Dates:
January 20-22, 2022



Sunset Center, Carmel, California

The plenary session and registration for all attendees of the Carmel meeting will be held at the Sunset Center. Check-in on-site when you arrive in Carmel to receive your name badge and your program book. The program for 2022 will begin on Thursday morning with the WAP/WSCI Plenary and subspecialty session presentations in the afternoon. The Plenary Session will be held on **Friday afternoon** and the subspecialty sessions for Friday will be in the morning and continue through Saturday morning. The meeting will conclude at noon on Saturday. Highlights of the 2022 program are listed below.

The WMRC meeting will be held over January 20-22, 2022. Top scoring abstracts will be given the opportunity to give an oral presentation or a poster presentation.

The abstract fee of \$75 is a **separate charge** from the meeting registration. The **abstract deadline** is **September 24, 2021**. The **abstract site is open** and abstracts can be submitted by going to:
<http://wrm2022.abstractcentral.com>

Plenary
Western Association of American Physicians
Western Society for Clinical Investigation
Thursday, January 20, 2022 ♦ 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Plenary Symposium
Friday, January 21, 2022 ♦ 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

State-of-the-Art Talks
Many subspecialty sessions will have a state-of-the-art speaker

Investigator Workshops
Will be held on Thursday and Friday during the lunch hour
(These talks are aimed at Jr. faculty and fellows, but students and trainees also welcome to attend)

Welcome Reception and Poster Session
Thursday, January 20, 2022 ♦ 6:00 pm-7:30 pm

The **Welcome Reception and Poster Session** will include food and beverages and will be held on Thursday, January 20 from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm at the Carmel Mission Inn. All attendees for the Carmel Meetings are welcome and encouraged to attend. **Shuttle will be available from the Sunset Center.**

Western Award Considerations

- ◆ **Fellows, Trainees, and Junior Faculty Awards.** These awards will be presented to meritorious abstracts for selected subspecialties. **The abstract will be chosen for an award based on score.**
- ◆ **WAFMR Young Investigator Award.** A young investigator award will be presented by WAFMR for the outstanding abstract submitted by a junior faculty member (instructor or assistant professor level). Candidates for the award must be available the day of presentation at the 2022 Western Medical Research Conference. Candidates are requested to upload the individual's curriculum vitae, a letter of nomination from their section/division chief or chair attesting to the significance of the work, and a copy of their abstract marked "COPY" by **September 24, 2021.** This information should be uploaded via the ScholarOne website when you submit your abstract.
- ◆ **WSCI Outstanding Investigator Award.** This award will be given for distinguished research to an accomplished investigator. **Names are solicited from the Chairs of Medicine.** If you wish to recommend a candidate, please contact your department chair. Candidates for the awards must check this box on the electronic submission form in order to be considered. Upload a letter of nomination and a copy of the individual's CV. The information will then be sent to W. Conrad Liles, MD, President, WSCI, and submitted by **September 24, 2021.**
- ◆ **Mayo Soley Award.** This award will be given to a **senior investigator for life time achievement** in the area of scientific endeavor and training of junior investigators. A nominating letter and two seconding letters should be uploaded via the Scholar One website by **September 24, 2021** and the items will be forwarded to Dr. Fred Buckner.
- ◆ **WSCI Travel Awards.** WSCI travel awards will be given to the top abstract in each subspecialty category submitted by a resident, fellow or faculty member.
- ◆ **WSPR** offers several annual research and educational awards as outlined in the WSPR Spring Newsletter and WSPR website. Awards that require nomination include an **Abbott Nutrition Young Investigator Award, David W. Smith Pediatric Trainee Research Award, and Joseph St. Geme Education Award.** Highest rated abstract for medical student receives the **Lowell Glasgow Student Research Award** and the highest rated abstract for PL1, PL2, PL3 pediatric trainee receives the **Abbott Nutrition Pediatric Resident Award.** There are awards for the highest rated abstract in each WSPR session.
- ◆ **WAFMR/WSPR Outstanding Student Research Awards.** WAFMR and WSPR will offer awards for outstanding research performed by students in each subspecialty. This award will recognize outstanding abstracts presented by students.
- ◆ **WAFMR/WSPR Outstanding Resident Research Awards.** WAFMR and WSPR will offer awards for outstanding research performed or physiologic case reports given by residents.
- ◆ **AFMR Henry Christian Awards** - These awards were established in 1990 to honor the founder of AFMR, Dr. Henry Christian. Each year, the awards will be given to the presenter (or first author) of the most outstanding abstracts submitted to each of the four AFMR Regional Meetings: the Western Medical Research Conference in Carmel, the Southern Regional Meeting in New Orleans, the Eastern Regional Meeting in Philadelphia, and/or the Midwest Clinical & Translational Research Meeting in Chicago.
Criteria/Eligibility:
Candidates must be physicians who are post-MD trainees, including residents, clinical fellows, physicians pursuing PhDs or other graduate degrees, and other post-doctoral fellows. To qualify for the Henry Christian Award, applicants **must be an AFMR member** in good standing. You may go online to join AFMR or renew your Member ship. Candidates are required to upload a curriculum vitae at time of submission.

Western Meeting Registration

Registration Information for Attendees:

Pre-registration for faculty, fellows, students, and residents is available on-line via www.medpubinc.com. Choose the Meeting Registration tab at the top of the page, next page choose 2022 WMRC Meeting. There is a discount for early registration. Faculty, fellows, students, and residents check in on-site at the Sunset Center in Carmel.

Sunset Center
San Carlos between 8th and 9th
Carmel, California

Registration Hours:

Thursday, January 20, 2022 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday, January 21, 2022 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday, January 22, 2022 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Hotel Accommodations

The 2022 Western Medical Research Conference (WMRC) will take place at the Sunset Center in Carmel. There is **not a Headquarter Hotel**. The Western societies have arranged to use a reservation service that will assist you with your hotel, motel, and inn accommodations for the "Doctor's Meeting", some special rates are being held. Please contact any of the following:

maria@nvreservations.com - or call 707-302-0340

gloriamcpherson327@gmail.com - or call 831-915-7258

NO FEE FOR BOOKING

Student and Resident Hotel Reservations:

All students stay at the Carmel Mission Inn (www.CarmelMissionInn.com) Please use group code: "Western Student Medical Research Forum" when making reservations. To make a reservation call: **1-855-235-3915; cut-off December 22, 2021. Room rate:** \$149 single and \$169 double (plus taxes).

Attention All Students/Residents in the Health Professions

The Western Student Medical Research Committee hosts the 51st Annual Western Student Medical Research Forum in conjunction with the 2022 Western Medical Research Conference (WMRC). The forum is open to all students in the health professions and will be held at the Sunset Center. The forum is hosted by the Western Student Medical Research Committee comprised of members from each participating medical school. Special activities designed especially for student presenters include: Welcome Reception with Posters, snacks, beer and wine.

All students submitting an abstract to the 2022 Western Medical Research Conference (WMRC) **should indicate WSMRF as their membership category**. Additional questions or information about the Western Student Medical Research Forum should be directed to your Student Affairs Office or your WSMRF Committee Member (find them at www.wsmrf.net and click the Contact icon) or contact:

Maralyssa Bann, WSMRF Program Co-Director
Email: mbann@uw.edu
Website: www.wsmrf.net

2022 Registration Fees WAFMR/WAP/WSCI/WSPR/WSMRF

		After 1/8/22
Member	\$245	\$295
Non-Member	\$355	\$405
Fellow/Trainee	\$160	\$210
Emeritus	\$160	\$210
Student	\$155	\$170
Resident	\$155	\$170
CME Credit	\$125	
On-site	(\$75 increase in all categories above)	

Welcome Cocktail Reception and Poster Session

Thursday, January 20, 2022
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - Carmel Mission Inn

All attendees are invited to attend and are encouraged to bring students, fellows and junior faculty from their institution. The reception is sponsored by all of the societies participating in the 2022 Western Medical Research Conference (WMRC).