



2026 RESIDENT/STUDENT POSTER & PODIUM COMPETITION

April 25, 2026

MedStar Washington Hospital Center – True Auditorium

Schedule:

8:15 AM	Registration/Poster Set-up
9:00 AM	Welcome
9:10 AM	Podium Session I – Research
9:45 AM	Podium Session II – Clinical Vignette
10:45 AM	Poster Competition
12:30 PM	Lunch
12:45 PM	Award Announcements

Podium Presentations

Name	Program	Category	Title
Alayna Gallagher, DO	George Washington	Clinical Vignette	Improvement of Interventricular Mechanical Conduction Delay With Micra Leadless Pacemaker After TAVR: A Retrospective Analysis
Cameron Burris, MD	Georgetown	Clinical Vignette	Prying Out Prion: A Protracted Presentation and Diagnosis of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease

Dagmawi Wale, MD	Howard	Clinical Vignette	When Both Kidneys Turn to Stone: A Devastating Case of Bilateral Xanthogranulomatous Pyelonephritis in a Patient with Spina Bifida
Theresa Chiappe, DO	Kaiser	Clinical Vignette	Peritoneal Tuberculosis in a Postpartum Female
Shriya Khurana, MD	MWHC	Clinical Vignette	Vancomycin-Associated Acute Tubular Injury Leading to Transient Arginine Vasopressin Resistance
Aisha Hassam, MD	UMM	Clinical Vignette	When the Biopsy Lies: Masson Tumor as a Diagnostic Decoy in Primary Cardiac Angiosarcoma
Georgina Tiarks, DO	George Washington	Research	Promoting health maintenance in underserved adult populations in Washington, DC
Rimsha Rana, MD	Georgetown	Research	Implementation and Quality Improvement of Urine Sodium-Guided Diuretic Dosing in Acute Decompensated Heart Failure: A Resident-Led Educational Model for Heart Failure Management
Ifeoma Anaya, MD	Howard	Research	When Ticagrelor Underperforms: Higher MACE and Mortality Compared With Clopidogrel in a Predominantly Minority U.S. Population.
Abdullah Al Qaraghuli, MD	MWHC	Research	Opioids And The Coronary Microvasculature: A Hidden Cost In ANOCA?
Rasna Thandi, MD	UMM	Research	Predictive Value of the TAPSE/PASP Ratio in High-Acuity Pulmonary Embolism: A Real-World Cohort Study

Resident Posters

Poster Number	Name	Program	Category	Title
1	Valerie Stark, MD	George Washington	Clinical Vignette	From Psychosis to Shock: HLH Presenting with Psychiatric Symptoms in a Critically Ill Adult
2	Alekhya Peruri, MD	George Washington	Clinical Vignette	Evaluation of Unexplained Cardiac Arrest in a Young Woman
3	Jessica Anderson, MD	George Washington	Research	Closing the Gap: Increasing Annual Physical Visits in Primary Care
4	Joyce Chen, DO	George Washington	Clinical Vignette	A Case of Paroxysmal Sympathetic Hyperactivity Complicating Non-Aneurysmal Subarachnoid Hemorrhage
5	Mahnoor Khurshid, DO	George Washington	Clinical Vignette	Atypical Presentation of Leptospirosis With Severe Myalgias and Intrinsic Acute Kidney Injury in an Otherwise Healthy Woman
6	Mustafa Shehadeh, MD	George Washington	Clinical Vignette	Unleashing the Storm: A Case of Severe Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor-Associated Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis
7	Nathaniel Walcott, MD	George Washington	Clinical Vignette	A Case Demonstrating Use of CGM data for Inpatient Diagnostic Work-Up of Hypoglycemia
8	Bhurint Siripanthong, MD	MWHC	Clinical Vignette	Scurvy Presenting as a Bleeding Disorder of Unknown Cause: Case Reports and Literature Review

9	Leen Bani Hani, MD	MWHC	Clinical Vignette	Prolonged Hungry Bone Syndrome Following Parathyroidectomy Requiring 47 days of Intravenous Calcium Therapy: A Case Report
10	Mohammed Al-Nusair, MD	MWHC	Research	Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease and Cardiovascular Risk Factors in Young Women with and without Preterm Delivery: Evidence from the ANCORS YW Study
11	Dhyana Shivakumar, MD	MWHC	Clinical Vignette	Spontaneous Tumor Lysis Syndrome in Solid Tumors: Fatal Presentation of Metastatic Urothelial Carcinoma
12	Nelson Martinez Merizalde Balarezo, MD	MWHC	Research	Reference Values For O2-pulse And Vo2peak For Heart Failure Patients And Indications For Advanced Therapies
13	Sahana Karkera, MD	MWHC	Clinical Vignette	Index Presentation of Hyperleukocytic AML with Spontaneous Splenic Rupture and Acute Hepatic Failure
14	Karla Zamudio, MD	MWHC	Research	Variability in Time to Therapeutic Anticoagulation with Unfractionated Heparin and 30-Day Mortality in Acute Pulmonary Embolism: A Pilot Study
15	Uchenna Amaechi, MD	Howard	Research	The Anticoagulation Paradox in Sickle Cell Disease: Direct Oral Anticoagulants vs Warfarin in Venous Thromboembolism

16	Bewketu Mihretea, MD	Howard	Research	Cardiovascular Complications of Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors: Insights from a Large Real-World Cohort
17	Shahzad Zafar, MD	Howard	Research	Colchicine After Myocardial Infarction: Updated Meta-Analysis Finds No Reduction in Cardiovascular Events
18	Dagmawi Wale, MD	Howard	Clinical Vignette	A Fatal Imposter: Wellens' T-Waves Mimicking Acute Coronary Syndrome In Acute Aortic Syndrome: A Case Report
19	Elizabeth Fernandes, MD	Howard	Research	Predictors of Germline Genetic Testing Referral and Completion in Ovarian Cancer Patients at a Comprehensive Cancer Center
20	Wail Alsafi, MD	Howard	Research	Sodium-Glucose Cotransporter-2 Inhibitors and Risk of Acute Kidney Injury Among Patients with Heart Failure and no Diabetes mellitus.
21	Somtochukwu Abazu, MD	Howard	Research	Predictors of Colonoscopy Utilization Among the Ethnic Minorities in the US; Insight From the 2024 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) Data
22	Sudaba Rahimi, DO	Kaiser	Clinical Vignette	Silent but Significant: Coexistence of Transient Sinus Pause and High-Grade AV Block in an Asymptomatic Athletic Patient
23	Rebecca Lees, MD	Kaiser	Clinical Vignette	Diagnostic Difficulties of Stiff Person Spectrum Disorder

24	Abraham Alex, DO	Kaiser	Clinical Vignette	Severe Case of Hydralazine Induced Vasculitis Presenting as Sweet Syndrome
25	Navid Chowdhury, MD	Kaiser	Clinical Vignette	Resolution of diabetes after treatment of entwined GIST and IgG-4 related disease
26	Shreya Agarwal, MD	Georgetown	Clinical Vignette	A case of acquired hemophilia in the setting of uncontrolled auto-immune hepatitis
27	Sulabh Singhal, MD	Georgetown	Clinical Vignette	Recurrent Hyperammonemia After Kidney-Pancreas Transplantation in the Absence of Chronic Liver Disease
28	Thomas Reilly, MD	Georgetown	Clinical Vignette	A Case of Isolated Endobronchial Metastasis Seven Years After Melanoma in Situ Excision
29	Addison Ward, MD	Georgetown	Clinical Vignette	Rapid improvement in respiratory status following induction therapy with FLAG-idarubicin-venetoclax regimen in a patient with AML complicated by ARDS at the time of initial diagnosis
30	Siddharth Madapoosi, MD	Georgetown	Clinical Vignette	Pulmonary-Renal Syndrome in ANCA-Associated Vasculitis Requiring Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation
31	Saman Asdjodi, MD	Georgetown	Clinical Vignette	Mast cell activation syndrome complicated by pleural effusions
32	George Taylor, MD	Georgetown	Research	Impact of Lipoprotein(a) on Early Bioprosthetic Aortic Valve Degeneration

33	Mexan Mapouka, MD	UMM	Research	Survival and Mortality Risk Among Patients with Alzheimer's Disease and MASLD: A 30-Year National Retrospective Cohort Study
34	Luis Bejar-Saona, MD	UMM	Research	Two-Dose Hep-B-CpG Vs. Three-Dose Hep-B-Alum Among People With HIV and Prior Vaccine Nonresponse: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis
35	Sravya Gundapaneni, MD	UMM	Clinical Vignette	Procedure-triggered late-onset congenital thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura: Unmasking functional impact of a heterozygous synonymous ADAMTS13 variant (c.1716G>A) associated with reduced enzyme expression
36	Tasha Phillips-Wilson, MD	UMM	Clinical Vignette	Uncontrolled Hypertension After Rifampin Initiation: Drug-Induced Resistant Hypertension in Patient with Latent Tuberculosis
37	Saad Abdul Kareem, MD	UMM	Clinical Vignette	Factors associated with acute and chronic graft-versus-host disease after unrelated donor hematopoietic cell transplantation using post-transplant cyclophosphamide-based GVHD prophylaxis.
38	Nmachi Obasi, MD	UMM	Research	Perceptions of Artificial Intelligence Use for Residents and Medical Students
39	Adam Salma, MD	UMM	Research	Between bullets and outbreaks: epidemic control in Sudan's forgotten war

Student Posters

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101	Liora Rabizadeh	Georgetown	Clinical Vignette	Successful Use of Sutimlimab in a Case of Refractory Vaccine-Induced Immune Thrombocytopenia after Non-Covid-19 Vaccines
102	Gregory Tarman	Georgetown	Clinical Vignette	ANCA-Associated Vasculitis Presenting with Acute Hypoxic Respiratory Failure and Atypical Mucocutaneous and Gastrointestinal Features
103	Deeptha Bejugam	Georgetown	Research	Heterogeneity in the Association Between Sleep Duration and Diabetes Among Asian American Adults
104	Eesha Balar	Georgetown	Research	How Do Physicians and ChatGPT Communicate About Medical Errors? A Linguistic Analysis of Uncertainty and Certainty Expression
105	Amanda Hamze	Georgetown	Research	Memory-Like and EphA2 CAR-Engineered NK Cells Enhance Anti-Tumor Activity in Triple Negative Breast Cancer
106	Ethan Weatherdon	Georgetown	Clinical Vignette	The Benefit of POCUS in Differentiating Lung Pathology: A Case Report
107	Angela Weinhouse	Howard	Research	Breaking the BMI Barrier: Do Robotic Surgical Outcomes Hold in Severe Obesity?
108	Akila Islam	Howard	Research	Metabolic Therapy Meets Genetic Risk: GLP-1 Agonists and Breast Cancer in BRCA Carriers

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109	Daniel Holguin	Howard	Research	Beyond Glucose: Reward Related and Neuropsychiatric Outcomes in a Three-Arm Comparison of GLP-1, SGLT2, and Metformin in Type 2 Diabetes
110	Brianna Watson	Howard	Research	Sex-specific patterns of IgE-mediated cross-reactivity between latex and plant-derived foods across the COVID-19 era