

Call for Sessions: 2026 Annual Convention and Scientific Seminars

The ACOFP invites session proposals for the 2026 ACOFP Annual Convention and Scientific Seminars. The convention will be held Thursday, April 16 through Saturday, April 18 in Orlando, Florida.

Session Format Options

Please select the format that best aligns with your content and presentation style. All sessions should incorporate active learning strategies.

| Session Type | Length | Room Setup | Participation | Best For |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Interactive | 60 or 90 minutes | Rounds (8–10/ table) | Required | Hands-on group learning |
| Didactic | 30 or 45 minutes | Theater-style | Strongly Encouraged | Presenter-led info delivery |
| On-Demand | 30, 45, or 60 minutes | Online | Strongly Encouraged | Self-paced engagement |

Proposal Checklist

All proposals are blind reviewed. Do not include personal identifiers in the title, plan, description, or objectives.

- Bios, headshots, and speaking experience of all faculty
- Contact info for each faculty
- Preferred session format and duration
- Proposal title (max 90 characters)
- Proposal plan (max 1,500 characters)
- 2–4 learning objectives (max 1,500 characters)
- Session description (max 1,500 characters)
- Up to 3 topic tags from the recommended list

Important Dates

| Date | Milestone |
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| August 11, 2025 | Proposal submission deadline (5:00 PM CT) |
| August 18 – September 12, 2025 | Review period |
| Week of September 1, 2025 | Notifications sent |
| October 2025 | Accepted sessions posted online |
| October 20, 2025 | Last day for faculty changes |
| Week of October 27, 2025 | Faculty portal access sent |
| March 15, 2026 | All slides/handouts due |

Important Information

Content Changes (Submitted Proposals): Changes can be made to proposals through the submission portal until Monday, August 11, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Central.

Content Changes (Accepted Proposals): Changes should not be made to the presenter lineup, description, or title after confirmation of acceptance into the convention program. Should something arise after confirmation of acceptance, the ACOFP must be notified in writing via email (elarning@acofp.org) and presenters must receive ACOFP approval prior to making any changes. No changes to sessions will be permitted after Monday, October 20, 2025, 5:00 p.m. Central.

Faculty Agreement and Financial Disclosure (Accepted Sessions): All faculty (in-person and virtual) must agree to ACOFP's presenter agreement and disclose to ACOFP any financial relationships within the past 24 months companies whose primary business is producing, marketing, selling, re-selling, or distributing healthcare products used by or on patients.

Recommended Topics

Proposals should be interactive and display creativity and innovation in areas that meet the needs of the osteopathic family medicine community. Applicants should rely on their expertise, and collaboration across institutions and/or programs is encouraged. Topics may range from strategies at the institutional level, program level, in the clinical learning environment, or within patient care (among other areas). For the 2026 Annual Convention and Scientific Seminars, the Work Group would like to focus on the top educational topics requested by ACOFP members:

- Diabetes
- Obesity and weight loss
- Heart disease and failure
- Hypertension
- Asthma and COPD
- General mental health
- Cardiology
- Infectious disease
- Dermatology
- Rheumatology
- Business of Medicine/Practice Management (including coding)
- OMT/OMM
- Physician health & wellness

Recommended Topics for Students & Residents

- Exploring Diverse Clinical Pathways in Family Medicine
- Financial Planning and Managing Student Debt
- Financial Talk for Residents and New Physicians
- Contract Negotiations
- Building a Competitive Residency Application
- The Match
- Networking and Mentorship: Building Professional Relationships
- Understanding Healthcare Systems and Policies
- Managing Stress and Preventing Burnout in Medical School
- Navigating Clinical Rotations