



Submission Guidelines, Policies and Instructions

Trainee Cases Deadline: 11:59pm EST, Monday, February 2, 2026

Submission Policies

GEST invites residents, fellows and medical students from around the globe to share their work with peers and industry. All trainee case submissions will undergo a blinded peer review for overall quality, novelty, impact, and execution.

Electronic Submission

All submissions must be submitted electronically via the GEST Trainee Cases submission website. Paper or emailed submissions will not be accepted.

Financial Disclosure

The primary author will be required to complete a financial disclosure upon case acceptance. Industry employees cannot be presenters if the content of the case relates to the business lines and products of its employer.

Important Timelines

Trainee Case Competition

Submission Site Opens:	Monday, November 10, 2025
Submission Deadline:	Monday, February 2, 2026– 11:59 pm EST
Notification of Case Acceptance:	Thursday, March 12, 2026

Notification of Acceptance

Notifications of acceptance or rejection will be emailed from gestabstracts@spargoinc.com to the presenter(primary author) Please add this email to your safe senders list and check spam filters/junk folders for notification emails. It is the responsibility of the presenter to relay all correspondence to all case authors/co-authors.

Submission Type

Trainee Case Competition (Oral):

Open to all medical students, residents, and fellows to share their interesting cases and have a chance to present amongst your peers at GEST 2026.

Submission Format:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Clinical History/Chief Complaint of Present Illness (with Optional Chart/Table Upload)- Diagnosis, Treatment Options- Results/Intervention (with Optional Chart/Table Upload)- Outcomes
Word Limit:	2,500 characters
Final Presentation:	Oral Presentation Only*

*Top scoring cases not accepted for oral presentation may be accepted for ePoster presentation.

Submission Site Instructions

- Once registered on the online case submission portal, click 'Login' to begin your first submission.
- Complete account profile, moving forward you will be the contact person for all information that is submitted using this account. A confirmation email will be sent providing account details and personal information submitted.
- Begin a new case submission by clicking on the green text that reads "+ Click here to begin a new submission".
- Follow the instructions listed for each relative section.

Accepted Cases

Oral Trainee Cases:

Selected trainee cases will be chosen to be presented orally at GEST 2026 during the Trainee Case Competition. The primary author must register and attend the meeting in-person. Details on discounted registration will be provided upon acceptance notification.

Awards

Oral Trainee Cases:

The Trainee Committee will select the top three cases to be recognized at the Best Scientific Abstracts session. A certificate will be sent to awardees electronically after the conclusion of the meeting.

Questions

For questions regarding the case submission process please contact gestabstracts@spargoinc.com or 703.631.6200. The SPARGO office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Eastern.