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PHILIPPINE ASSOCIATION OF THORACIC, CARDIAC, AND VASCULAR SURGEONS INC.
an affiliate sub-specialty society for Thoracic, Cardiac and Vascular Surgery of the
PHILIPPINE COLLEGE OF SURGEONS (PCS)



RESEARCH PAPER PRESENTATION 2026

CONTEST RULES



Open to GS Residents,
Fellow-in-Training, PATACSI Fellows,
PCS Fellows & Practicing Surgeons



Original, unpublished work in the
field of Thoracic, Cardiac &
Vascular Surgery



ERB approval or equivalent body
Paper completed within 3 years



At least one author must be a
PATACSI / PCS Fellow. Presenter
must be the major author



More than 1 paper may be
submitted per participant.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS



Submit manuscripts
in PDF format to
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on or before
15 AUGUST 2026



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MUST NOT
contain **any**
identifying
marks or author
information



Follow the
Instructions
for Authors
as required
by the PJTCVS
Editorial Board



Author names,
institution, &
contact details
must be
submitted in a
separate PDF file



Include
ethics
approval (for
research
papers and
protocols)



Photos,
drawing, etc.
must be placed
on separate
sheet; **references**
appended



DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:

AUGUST 15, 2026

CATEGORY I: RESEARCH PROTOCOL ORAL PRESENTATION



5-minutes
presentation



5-minutes
Q & A



Maximum of two (2)
audience questions



P5,000.00



P3,000.00



P2,000.00



CATEGORY II: CASE REPORT ORAL PRESENTATION



5-minutes
presentation



5-minutes
Q & A



Maximum of two (2)
audience questions



P6,000.00



P4,000.00



P2,000.00



CATEGORY III: COMPLETED RESEARCH ORAL PRESENTATION



8-minutes
presentation



5-minutes
Q & A



Maximum of two (2)
audience questions



P7,000.00



P5,000.00



P3,000.00

DETAILS



5th FLOOR, AMPHITHEATER
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29 AUGUST 2026
SATURDAY
01:00 PM - 05:00 PM

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PATACSI RESEARCH PAPER PRESENTATION 2026

I. OBJECTIVES

1. To motivate graduates, fellows-in-training, and surgical trainees in demonstrating their creativity, knowledge, and skills in research;
2. To promote academic exchange of ideas between surgeons from different institutions; and
3. To provide an opportunity for the participants, especially trainees, to have their papers published in the Philippine Journal of TCVS

II. CONTEST RULES

- 2.1 The contest is open to original research by any of the following: General Surgery resident, fellow-in-training, Fellow of PATACSI or PCS, or surgeon in general.
 - 2.1.1 One of the authors/co-authors must be a PATACSI or PCS Fellow.
 - 2.1.2 At least one major author must have updated Good Clinical Practice Certificate/s
 - 2.1.3 The presenter has to be a major author in case of multiple authorships.
 - 2.1.4 Contestants may submit more than one paper.
 - 2.1.5 The completed research paper and protocol must have the following approvals/endorsements from:
 - Training Officer (when applicable) and/or Department Chair of the institution
 - Ethics Committee approval or equivalent body
 - 2.1.6 The Committee reserves the right to determine the eligibility of a paper for presentation in the contest.
 - 2.1.7 The Committee reserves the right to declare a “no contest” as the need arises.
- 2.2 Research topic should be focused on thoracic, cardiac or vascular surgery.
- 2.3 Research paper should have been completed within the last three (3) years and has not been published in a national or international journal.



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2.4 There will be **THREE categories:**

2.4.1 Completed Research Paper Oral Presentation

2.4.1.1 Descriptive

2.4.1.2 Analytical

2.4.2 Case Report Oral Presentation

2.4.3 Research Protocol Presentation

2.5 *Completed Research Paper Oral Presentation Category*

2.5.1 Descriptive and Analytical study

2.5.1.1 All of the submissions will be pre-judged and five (5) entries will be selected for oral presentation

2.5.1.2 There will be three (3) winners – 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place

2.6 *Case Report Oral Presentation Category*

2.6.1 A minimum of three submitted case reports will be required to continue with the competition for the category

2.6.1.1 All of the submissions will be pre-judged and five (5) entries will be selected for oral presentation

2.6.1.2 There will be three (3) winners – 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place

2.7 *Research Protocol Category*

2.7.1 A minimum of three submitted case reports will be required to continue with the competition for the category

2.7.1.1 All of the submissions will be pre-judged and five (5) entries will be selected for oral presentation

2.7.1.2 There will be three (3) winners – 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place

2.7.2 *Protocol should have already been approved by their corresponding Research and Ethics Board*

2.8 *Poster Presentation of Completed Research Paper and Case Report*

2.8.1 Select entries from the Completed Research Paper and Case Report Categories will be invited to submit a poster of their study.



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- 2.8.2 All posters will be displayed on August 29, 2026 at the venue of the Research Contest, and also during the PATACSI Annual Convention on December 9-10, 2026 at the Marco Polo Hotel.
- 2.8.3 All posters shall be presented as an e-Poster

III. RULES FOR SUBMISSION

3.1 CASE REPORT

3.1.1. General Information

- 3.1.1.1. Title
- 3.1.1.2. Summary
- 3.1.1.3. Full name/s of Author/s in capital letters
- 3.1.1.4. Name of institution

3.1.2. Abstract of the Case

- 3.1.2.1. Introduction with literature review
- 3.1.2.2. Description of the case report (with imaging/documentation)
- 3.1.2.3. Discussion of the case
- 3.1.2.4. Brief / Summary of the case
- 3.1.2.5. Conclusion
- 3.1.2.6. References

- *The case report must be typewritten, double-spaced, Times New Roman font, and font size 12 with 8.5" x 11" dimensions (letter size).

3.2. COMPLETED RESEARCH PAPER

- 3.2.1. The research must be typewritten, double-spaced, Times New Roman font, and font size 12 with 8.5" x 11" dimensions (letter size) strictly following the "Instructions for Authors" as mandated by the PJTCVS Editorial Board.

- 3.2.2. Accompanying photographs, drawing, etc. must be placed in separate sheets and references are to be properly appended.

- 3.2.2.1. High resolution photos preferably 127 mm x 173 mm (5x7 inches) and a resolution of at least 150 pixel/inches.



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3.3 RESEARCH PROTOCOL

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 - 3.3.2.1 High resolution photos preferably 127 mm x 173 mm (5x7 inches) and a resolution of at least 150 pixel/inches
- 3.3.3. A copy of the Ethics Review Board's approval should be annexed
- 3.4 All manuscripts must be in PDF form and emailed to the PATACSI Secretariat, through patacsi.tcvvs1959@gmail.com on or before **August 15, 2026**.
- 3.5 There should be no identifying marks in the body of the paper. The name of the author(s) and the institution should not be placed in the title page. This information should be submitted in a separate PDF file.
- 3.6 All completed research papers submitted for the contest will automatically be the property of PATACSI. These cannot be published without the consent of the Board of Directors of the Association.

IV. SELECTION PROCESS

- 4.1 Review of entries to check for eligibility and completeness of documents by the Research Committee.
- 4.2 All entries will be pre-screened by the Research Committee and the top 8 papers, reports and protocols will be forwarded to the judges for evaluation.
- 4.3 For Case Report Presentation:
 - 4.3.1 Five (5) case reports will be selected oral presentation category.
- 4.4 For the Completed Research Paper Presentation:
 - 4.4.1 Five (5) research papers will be selected for oral presentation category.



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V. PAPER PRESENTATION

5.1 PLATFORM: Face-to-Face

5.2 VENUE: 5th Floor Amphitheater, CHF Center for Excellence

5.3 DATE: August 29, 2026 / Saturday

5.4 TIME: 01:00 PM – 05:00 PM

5.5 GENERAL RULES

5.5.1 The Research Protocols will be presented first, followed by the Case Reports, and finally the Completed Research Papers.

5.5.2 Delivery of presentation:

5.5.2.1 Research Protocol – 5 minutes

5.5.2.2 Case Report – 5 minutes

5.5.2.3 Completed research paper -8 minutes

Open forum follows after each presentation.

5.5.3 Each presenter will be allotted 5 minutes for the Q&A. Only the presenter will be allowed to answer the questions.

5.5.4 One or 2 questions from the audience may be entertained

VI. DECLARATION OF WINNERS

6.1 PRIZES:

6.1.1 Completed Research Paper Oral Presentation

6.1.1.1 First: P7,000

6.1.1.2 Second: P5,000

6.1.1.3 Third: P3,000

6.1.2 Case Report Oral Presentation

6.1.2.1 First: P6,000

6.1.2.2 Second: P4,000

6.1.2.3 Third: P2,000

6.1.3. Research Protocol Presentation

6.1.3.1. First: P5,000

6.1.3.2. Second: P3,000

6.1.3.3. Third: P2,000



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6.2. Certificate of Recognition will be given to all participants

6.2.1. The declaration of winners will be announced during the PATACSI Annual Convention and Postgraduate Course.

6.2.2. The Committee reserves the right to declare a “no contest” upon recommendation of the Board of Judges.

VII. CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

7.1. The papers will be judged as follows (for case report and oral presentation of completed paper):

Pre-judging = 70%

Oral presentation = 30%

Total: 100%

7.2. The decision of the judges will be final.

VIII. COMPOSITION OF JUDGES

8.1 The panel of judges will be composed of the following members:

8.1.1 Clinician (content expert)

8.1.2 Biostatistician

8.1.3 Clinical Epidemiologist

IX. MECHANICS IN PRESENTATION

9.1 Each presenter is given:

9.1.1.1 Research Protocol – 5 minutes

9.1.1.2 Case Report – 5 minutes

9.1.1.3 Completed research paper -8 minutes

9.2 After which each judge is given 5 minutes for question and answer

9.3 An official timekeeper will be present to remind presenters and judges of the allotted time

9.4 The event attire is strictly formal for the presenters

*Awarding of certificates will done at the end of the program