

2026 FELLOWS' INTERESTING CASE CONTEST

Rules and Regulations

OBJECTIVE:

To promote interesting case presentations among fellows-in-training and to highlight the specialty field.

GENERAL RULE:

The contest is open to all fellows-in-training in any of the nineteen (19) accredited training institutions of the Philippine Society of Maternal Fetal Medicine, Inc. (PSMFM). An individual who graduated from an accredited PSMFM training program within one year from the oral presentation may join the contest.

SPECIFIC RULES:

1. The interesting case must be relevant to the science or practice of Maternal-Fetal Medicine.
2. The principal author must be a fellow-in-training or must have graduated one fiscal year from interesting contest date. One of the co-authors must be an active consultant of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the same institution.
3. Authorship credit should be based only on the following:
 - Substantial contributions to the writing of the paper
 - Drafting the article or revising it critically for important intellectual content
 - Final approval of the version to be presented
 - Agreement to be accountable for all aspects of the work
4. There is no limit to the number of papers a fellow-in-training may submit.
5. The paper should *not* have been published in any local or international journal.
6. Resubmission of previously submitted non-winning papers is not allowed.
7. The manuscript shall be prejudged by the PSMFM Research Committee. A manuscript must garner at least 70% to be eligible for oral presentation.

8. The oral presentation will be held via face-to-face and/or online (hybrid) on October 17, 2026.
9. The Society reserves the right to publish at its discretion both winning and non-winning papers. Submission of research to non-PSMFM affiliated journals or entities is permitted provided that the Society is formally informed prior to such submission.
10. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winning papers.
11. If less than three entries are submitted or meet requirements, the contest may be cancelled.

MANUSCRIPT:

1. The manuscript must be written entirely in English, using Arial font size 12, double-spaced, on 8½ x 11-inch white bond paper, one side only, with 1¼ inch margin on all sides.
2. The use of word processing tools such as Spelling and Grammar Check, Word Count, and Thesaurus is encouraged.
3. The use of a Plagiarism Detection Software is encouraged. Similarity Index should ideally be less than 20%.
4. Format: Title; Abstract (≤300 words) and Keywords; Introduction; Case Discussion; Summary and Conclusion; References; Appendices; Tables; Illustrations and Pictures.
5. SI units and degree Celsius should be used. Generic names preferred.
6. Acronyms must be spelled out initially.
7. Vancouver referencing style shall be used.

GUIDELINES:

1. Six (6) printed copies of the manuscript and one electronic PDF copy must be submitted.
2. The identity of the author or institution should not be mentioned in the manuscript.
3. Author details must be submitted in a separate sealed envelope.
4. Submission address: Philippine Society of Maternal Fetal Medicine, Inc., Committee on Research and Scientific Works, POGS Building, Malakas St., Diliman, Quezon City.
5. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF MANUSCRIPT:

July 25, 2026 (Saturday) at 5:00 PM

PROCEDURE FOR JUDGING:

Manuscripts will be pre-screened by the PSMFM Research and Scientific Works Committee. Final decisions of the judges are final and irrevocable.