



TO: Residency Directors, Chief Podiatric Resident and OHFAMA Residents

FROM: Robert Brarens, DPM – Chair of the 2026 Scientific Paper Competition

DATE: November 17, 2025

SUBJECT: Dr. Gerard V. Yu Scientific Paper Competition
The 110th Annual Foot & Ankle Scientific Seminar May 14-15, 2026

The 110th Annual Foot & Ankle Scientific Seminar will hold the Annual Gerard V. Yu Scientific Paper Competition on Thursday, May 14, 2026.

Active resident members **that are currently members of the Ohio Foot and Ankle Medical Association in good standing** may submit a paper. Papers submitted by anyone who is **NOT** a member of the OHFAMA will not be accepted.

The final papers for the competition will be announced **April 16, 2026**. The papers will be judged by the following criteria:

- 1) Originality
- 2) Amount of research involved
- 3) Topic of interest
- 4) Format (Length, style, etc.)
- 5) Practical applications
- 6) Proper Grammar & Punctuation

Scientific Paper Submission:

Complete the one-page application and mail with your paper submission to the OFAMF. Please submit a copy of the paper with title pages that indicate the title ONLY. Carefully review your submission paper to make sure that any references to a residency program or director are removed. Papers must be HIPAA compliant to protect patient identity on films or pathology reports.

Mail submissions to: OFAMF, 1960 Bethel Road, Suite 140, Columbus, OH 43220 OR email to Lridolfo@ohfama.org

Paper submissions will be compiled and given to Dr. Brarens as well as the selection committee. Neither the doctor nor their committee will know who wrote the paper or from which program it came.

All papers that are mailed must be postmarked by Friday, February 6, 2026 and email submissions must be sent by Friday, February 6, 2026. The paper competition finalists will be announced by April 16, 2026.

The finalists will present their papers during the Annual Seminar at the Columbus Hilton at Easton. If the paper is a group effort, only one representative is allowed to present. Paper presentations are limited to 15 minutes.

If you have any questions, please call Luci Ridolfo, CAE at the OFAMF at 614-457-6269.