

**THE RAMPS / VACIRCA
YOUNG INVESTIGATORS SYMPOSIUM**

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

1. Abstracts are invited for the February 2009 Young Investigators Symposium honoring Dr. Sal Vacirca. Please submit a one-page abstract to Chandra Burman, e-mail: burmanc@mskcc.org by **January 15, 2009**.
2. A panel will select a number of abstracts for presentation. Each selected speaker will make a limited-time presentation and answer questions from the audience.
3. A "Young Investigator" is defined as a physicist who is no more than five years beyond receipt of his highest degree or, for a physicist who has been retrained, who is no more than five years beyond post-doctoral training. He or she may also be an active graduate student in a medical physics program. He or she must have, or be actively pursuing, a Masters or higher degree and be currently working in the field of medical physics. **A letter from the proper authority certifying the above status should be submitted with the abstract.**
4. Each presentation will be evaluated by a RAMPS panel for the following criteria:
 - a. Originality
 - b. Usefulness to clinical medical physics
 - c. Merit of the scientific approach
 - d. Clarity of the presentation
 - e. Finished within the allotted time (10 min.)
 - f. Quality of the audio-visual aids
 - g. Ability to answer questions at the end of the presentation
5. The best presenter will be awarded a RAMPS scholarship in the name of Dr. Sal Vacirca to cover the expenses of attending the next Annual AAPM Meeting. The amount, not to exceed \$1500, will be to cover the costs of travel, lodging, living expense and registration fees. Original receipts must be submitted for reimbursement. All presenters will be invited to attend with one guest, free of charge, the RAMPS social-event dinner in June.