What: The North Central chapter will be hosting a Med Phys Slam Competition. The rules of MedPhys Slam are simple but challenging. Participants have three minutes to present their research using a maximum of three PowerPoint slides. Contestants are evaluated on their ability to convey their research and its significance to a lay audience. The selected winner will be awarded a $100 prize and will represent the North Central chapter at the annual AAPM Med Phys Slam in Houston.

Eligibility: The participant must be a student, post-doc, resident and a member of the NCC AAPM to participate in the Chapter competition. If you are not a member, it is as easy as emailing your name with your intention to join our chapter. The North Central Chapter AAPM Membership is free for Student/Post-docs and residents.

If you are selected as the Chapter winner, you must be a student, junior or resident member of AAPM.

Why: MedPhys Slam is a competition similar to 3MT (three-minute thesis) which encourages students, postdocs, and residents to build their science communication skills. MedPhys Slam presents a unique challenge: directing one’s scientific communications to non-specialists who may have no knowledge of physics or medical physics.

Where: The Med Phys Slam will be pre-recorded and the judging will occur remotely. Videos are to be uploaded to YouTube and a link sent to: 2023.ncc_officers@aapm.org

When: Video submissions are due April 14, 2023. Judging will take place online and the winner announced at our Spring Meeting on April 28, 2023 at the Corporate Offices of Health Partners in Bloomington, MN.

How:

Please see: Instructions for MedPhys Slam Participants

Judging Criteria:
There will be a panel of 4 judges scoring each presentation on the following:

**Research Question:** Did the presenter clearly identify the research question/topic being addressed?

**Significance:** Did the presenter indicate the significance of the research?

**Methods:** Did the presenter clearly outline the nature and aims of the research?

**Flow:** Did the presenter follow a logical sequence?

**Slides:** Did the slides enhance, rather than distract from the presentation?

**Verbiage:** Did the presenter use appropriate language for non-specialist audience and avoid scientific jargon?

**Pace:** Did the presenter spend the correct amount of time on each element of the presentation?

**Nonverbals:** Did the presenter make good use of eye contact, posture and facial expressions?

**Energy:** Did the presenter have confidence and enthusiasm throughout the presentation?

**Audience Engagement:** Did the presenter capture and maintain the audience's attention?

In addition to the 4 judges, there will be a Viewer’s Choice selected by the NCC voting members.

If there are any questions, please contact: 2023.ncc_officers@aapm.org