



AHCDC Trainee Policy for the AGM

The AHDCDC encourages trainees at all levels (senior Medical Students, Residents, and Fellows) to be involved in activities of the AGM, in order to encourage them to pursue a career in hemostasis. However, dedicated sponsorship for trainee attendance is limited. This policy sets out the general processes in fostering and supporting trainee participation in the AGM.

1. AHDCDC Members should be attentive to medical trainees at their centre who express an interest in bleeding disorders, to encourage further activities in the area.
2. Trainees should be encouraged and mentored to submit abstracts for consideration at the AGM. With the recent introduction of the poster session, generally all submitted abstracts are presented either orally or in poster form.
 - a. All trainees with an accepted abstract will be invited to attend the AGM, including social activities.
3. Airfare and accommodation support is available through a grant from industry for 5-6 trainees. Support will only be considered for trainees who have submitted an abstract. Application for support should be submitted as a letter of support from the supervising AHDCDC member with the abstract submission. Selection will be based on the following (not exclusive) criteria:
 - a. Abstracts selected for oral presentation will take precedence over poster presentations.
 - b. Canadian trainees who intend to practice in Canada will take priority over international medical graduates.
 - c. Senior trainees will take priority over more junior trainees.
 - d. A mix of centres should be represented at and across successive meetings.
4. Supervising AHDCDC members will be encouraged to look for alternate sources of travel support, in the event that the trainee does not receive support from AHDCDC.
5. Coordination between the Abstract Selection working group and the Membership and Nominating Committee (which awards the support) is important for timely decisions on trainee support.
6. Local trainees (who live in the host city) will be encouraged to attend the meeting, excluding social activities.