

Best Paper Competition
College of Healthcare Operations Management
Production and Operations Management Society Conference – Online April 30 – May 5, 2021

The College of Healthcare Operations Management of the Production and Operations Management Society (POMS) announces its 2021 Best Paper Competition. This competition is held each year to honor outstanding papers in the field of Healthcare Operations Management. Each submitted paper will be judged based on its contribution towards the advancement of theory and practice of Healthcare Operations Management.

The research should have relevance to theory and a potential to impact practice. The topic of the paper should fall within the scope of healthcare operations management. All research methods are encouraged, including field/case studies, empirical methods, and analytical modeling.

There are four conditions for eligibility:

- Entrants must submit an abstract of the paper in any of the Healthcare Tracks and register for the POMS conference. (See next section for submission of the full-length paper.)
- The paper must present original research conducted primarily by the entrant following the POMS rules for conference submissions (i.e., the paper cannot be previously published or be currently accepted for publication elsewhere).
- The paper should not have been submitted to another POMS college's Best Paper competition during the 2020-2021 academic year.
- Only one paper can be submitted by an author team. Author team overlap will be evaluated at the discretion of the CHOM executive committee.

Timeline and instructions for submission of papers:

1. Submit an abstract of the paper to POMS before the conference CFP deadline.
2. Email the full-length paper to Vikram Tiwari (vikram.tiwari@Vanderbilt.Edu) with the subject line—*CHOM 2021 Best Paper Competition*—by **January 15, 2021**. (Note: Do not send the paper to POMS.)
3. Include the following information in the email: title of the paper, list of authors, and the confirmation number of the abstract. You receive this confirmation number when you submit your abstract (while the official deadline for abstract submission is February 15, 2021, you must submit it before you send the full paper to Vikram Tiwari).
4. Register for the conference as per the registration deadline, but preferably as soon as possible.

A complete entry includes:

1. A cover document that includes:
 - The entrant's and all co-authors' names, current affiliations, mail addresses, e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers.
 - The title of the paper, its topic, and the research method(s) used.
 - The file name should be the first author's initials and the first three words of the title
2. The body of the paper should be in pdf format - including tables, figures and appendices - and should not exceed 32 pages in standard format (1" margins, double-spaced, 12-point font). **Authors' names should not appear anywhere on the paper.** Please see other formatting requirements at http://www.poms.org/journal/author_instructions/

Between three and five finalists will be chosen, and their presentations will be scheduled in the "CHOM Best Papers Presentation" session at the 2021 Annual POMS conference. Winners will be announced, and prizes will be awarded, in the CHOM's business meeting following the Best Paper Presentation session.

The first prize is accompanied by a \$500 honorarium, and the second prize by a \$250 honorarium.