



The **ACC Medical Student Member Community** (ACC-MSMC) has a student-led perspective piece section that serves as a forum for promoting the writing of ACC medical student members. This initiative serves as a publication vehicle for medical students.

ACC-MSMC: Perspective Pieces will accept submissions that are well-composed and present clear learning objectives. The articles should focus on non-clinical topics from the perspective of the medical student, including topics listed below:

- Advocacy
- Advice for students
- Career goals
- Diversity & inclusion
- Entrepreneurship
- Mentorship
- Opinion
- Personal views and experiences
- Patient encounters
- Research experiences
- Well-being & burnout

Perspective pieces that are focused on a topic not listed above should be emailed to the editorial committee to determine if the topic will be considered for publication.

1. **Deadlines**

Submissions will be reviewed on a rolling basis with a notification issued as soon as the editorial committee can be convened every month.

2. **Formatting**

Submissions must be prepared using Microsoft Word using the following format requirements:

- Calibri font size 12
- Half-inch margins
- Single-spaced
- Saved as file name: Last name_First name_MSMC_Perspective Piece ID#_Date of Submission

3. **ACC Guidelines**

Please do not produce an article promoting a competing organization or association or promote a program of a competing organization or association. However, we welcome articles on broader topics that include mention of a competing organization's program along with the College's programs.

Other guidelines for articles:

- Articles may not be previously published or submitted to other publications.
- Articles must be non-clinical and **no more than 800 words**.
- Articles can include photos, and/or hyperlinks to other articles. If photos are submitted, please confirm we have permission to post to *ACC.org* and/or please include appropriate attribution.

- Articles should include 1) high-resolution professional headshot, 2) one-sentence author bio, and 3) Twitter handle (if applicable).
- Please use the following format for the bio: **This article was written by [name], a medical student at [school/institution]. Twitter: [@username]**

4. **Content Order**

The order in which these items appear should also be the order in which they appear in your submission. Please review the [template](#) for assistance.

- Title Page (required)
- Text (required): No more than **800** words
- References (if relevant)
- Images/Figures: (optional but highly encouraged): No more than 3. **All images and figures should be in the same document as the article**

5. **Required Components:**

- **Title Page**
 - Title (no more than 15 words)
 - Author's name (including full first name, middle initial, degrees—BS, MS, MPH, JD, etc.)
 - Author's headshot picture to be featured on the ACC website
 - Total word count
 - Perspective piece ID#
 - Topic (choose one from the list above)
 - Author's class year and institution
 - Author contact information: Provide telephone, an e-mail address, and a Twitter handle, if available.
 - Acknowledgements (optional): 100 words or less.
 - Twittorial (optional): Provide a short tweet summarizing your paper to your title page. The tweet should be approximately 150 characters, including spaces. Please note that the editors will review your content, and it may not ultimately be published by our social media committee members' Twitter account
- **Every reference and figure should be cited using AMA style in the text in numerical order according to order of mention.**

6. **Optional Component:**

- **Figures**
 - All figures must have a caption. All abbreviations used in the figure should be identified either after their first mention in the legend or in alphabetical order at the end of each legend. All symbols used (arrows, circles, etc.) must be explained. Figures should be cited in numerical order in the text.
 - Figure titles should be short.
 - If the figure has been previously published, cite the figure source in the legend.
- **Permissions**
 - If an image/figure is reprinted or adapted from a previously published work, permission must be obtained from the copyright holder and sent to the editorial committee.

7. **Editorial Policies**

By submitting an article to *ACC-MSMC: Perspective Pieces*, the author agrees to receive emails from the editorial committee regarding submission.

- **Authorship**
 - The work must have been created by a single author who must be a registered member of the American College of Cardiology.
- **Patient Confidentiality**
 - Please anonymize the patient's details and maintain compliance with HIPAA. Therefore, identifying information, including patients' images, names, initials, or hospital numbers, should not be included in videos, written descriptions, and photographs. The *ACC-MSMC: Perspective Pieces* editorial committee, which oversees quality control will review issues of concern, as they arise.

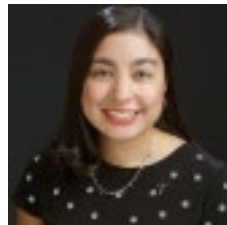
- **Research Descriptions**
 - If writing on the topic of research, please do not include specific methods and/or factual findings of your research project. Please include only personal experiences and general explanations.
- **Review Process**

Each paper will be evaluated by at least two members of the *ACC-MSMC: Perspective Pieces* editorial committee before one of the four publication decisions below is made.

 - **Accept.** The perspective piece is acceptable for publication in its current form. However, minor edits may be made by the *ACC-MSMC: Perspective Pieces* editorial committee, ACC Marketing, or the publisher, and authors will need to work to ensure these changes are made post-acceptance.
 - **Minor Revision.** It is important to note that this decision does not guarantee acceptance. However, less significant edits are required than a Major Revision Required decision.
 - **Major Revision.** The perspective piece is unacceptable for publication in its current form. However, the editors are willing to reconsider a thoroughly revised perspective piece. The authors must respond to all editor comments and the submission will be re-reviewed and treated as a new submission.
 - **Reject.** The perspective piece is unacceptable for publication and/or is not an appropriate fit for *ACC-MSMC: Perspective Pieces*.
 - Lastly, quality articles will be recommended to ACC's Marketing Department for ACC style review and branding, and returned to the author via email for approval before posting on ACC.org.

8. Contacting Us

For inquiries relating to the submission of perspective pieces or to perspective pieces currently under review, please contact the *ACC-MSMC: Perspective Pieces* editorial committee, Adriana Mares and Fariha Hameed, at acc.medstudent@gmail.com. *ACC Medical Student Member Community: Perspective Pieces* editorial committee is comprised of members from the *ACC Medical Student Leadership Group*.



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