



Harry M. Vars Award and Promising Investigator Award Evaluation Criteria and Responsibilities

Vars and Promising Investigator Candidates Are Chosen According to the Following:

- Candidates have chosen to participate in the Vars competition by opting in on the Abstract Submission Site.
- The candidate has submitted an Original Abstract (abstract represents original work that is presented for the first time at CNW).
- The abstract score as determined by the Abstract Review Committee.
- The quality of the candidate's manuscript, as well as their presentation and responses to questions at the CNW Premier Paper Session.
- The presentation evaluation criteria are:
 - Command of material; expertise commensurate with level of experience and training
 - Quality of slides
 - Gave optimal amount of data for a paper presentation; timed talk well
 - Data presented relevant to research questions/study aims
 - Presented complicated concepts & results at level understandable to general audience
 - Organization/format of talk appropriate for paper presentation
 - Summarized appropriately; findings interpreted with appropriate level of caution
 - In control of speaking situation; poised/composed during Q/A
 - Articulately handled responses, explanations, discussion during Q/A
- The Promising Investigator Award is given to the runner-up for the Vars Award. Selection is based on the same evaluation criteria.

Vars and Promising Investigator Candidates Agree to Comply with Award Responsibilities:

- The presenting author is specified at the time of abstract submission and will attend CNW.
- The presenting author is an Early Career Investigator (he/she is within 10 years of completing a terminal research degree or medical residency (or the equivalent)) and is the primary contributor to the research represented in the abstract.
- A manuscript based on the candidate's abstract will be produced and submitted to *JPEN* prior to the stated submission deadline. Failure to meet the deadline will result in disqualification of the candidate. Note: Manuscript submission does not guarantee acceptance by *JPEN* editors.
- Candidates will attend CNW to present their abstract at the Premier Paper Session.
- Candidates will attend the Rhoads Lecture and Awards Ceremony to be available to receive the Vars Award or Promising Investigator Award. One candidate will receive the Vars Award and the runner-up will receive the Promising Investigator Award; however, all candidates must attend the lecture and ceremony.