VA Committee on Trauma and Commission on Cancer Resident & Student Paper Competition 2026				
Time	**Title**	**Presenter**	**Institution**	**Category**
12:15 PM	Introduction	COT & COC Chair		
12:30 PM	Locoregional Recurrence After Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy Following Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy in Node-Positive Breast Cancer	Karina Seth	VCU	COC Student
12:40 PM	Tertiary lymphoid structures and patient survival in primary desmoplastic melanoma	Amrita Sarkar	UVA	COC Basic
12:50 PM	Safety and immunogenicity of helper peptide vaccine plus BRAF/MEK inhibition for advanced melanoma	Amrita Sarkar	UVA	COC Clinical
1:00 PM	Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy in Triple Negative Infiltrating Ductal Carcinoma after Bilateral Prophylactic Mastectomy for ER+ Breast Cancer: A Case Report	Sabrina Elliott	Mary Washington	COC Clinical
1:10 PM	Are Lobectomy and Neoadjuvant Therapy the Missing Link in Improving Early-Stage Small Cell Lung Cancer Survival?	Demitra Chavez	VCU	COC Clinical
1:20 PM	Chronic Wounds after Surgical versus Radiation Therapy for Non-melanoma Skin Cancer: A National Claims Database Study	Luke Juckett	UVA	COC Clinical
1:30 PM	Class IV Obesity Versus Lower-Class Obesity: Mortality and Complications After Emergent Trauma Laparotomy	Ryan Mancoll	EVMS at Old Dominion	COT Student
1:40 PM	Assessing the Impact of Emergency Medical Services Transportation on Clinical Outcomes in Trauma Patients in Malawi Using National Trauma Registry Data	Elie Abecassis	Virginia Tech Carilion	COT Student
1:50 PM	Building and Implementing a Trauma Team Response System in Hawassa, Ethiopia: Preliminary Findings	Jenny Chung	VCU	COT Student
2:00 PM	**Break (20 min)**			
2:20 PM	Opioid Exposure and Post-Extubation Delirium Following Implementation of Nurse-Driven Bolus Analgesia in Trauma ICU Patients	Jordan Peck	Virginia Tech Carilion	COT Student
2:30 PM	Psychiatric Outcomes Following Cranioplasty: A Comparison of Traumatic and Non-Traumatic Craniectomy Etiologies	Abhishek Kumar	UVA	COT Student
2:40 PM	One in Four: The Disconnect Between Prehospital Tourniquet Use and Effective Hemorrhage Control	Cassandra Birnbaum	VCU	COT Student
2:50 PM	Association of Tranexamic Acid Administration with Clinical Outcomes in Adult Trauma Patients with Significant Hemorrhage: A Single-Institution Propensity-Matched Analysis	Marissa Yee	VCU	COT Student
3:00 PM	Reassessing Resource Utilization in Pediatric Low-Grade Blunt Renal Trauma	Alexis Boscia	EVMS at Old Dominion	COT Student
3:10 PM	The Implant as Its Own Guide: Self-Centering Patient-Specific Orbital Implants Placed Without Navigation or Intraoperative Imaging	Alejandro Mendoza	UVA	COT Student
3:20 PM	Comparison of mortality rates based on intubation before or in the operating room for patients requiring emergent truncal operation for hemorrhagic shock	Margaret Thames	HCA Chippenham / Johnston Willis	COT
3:30 PM	**Break (10 min)**			
3:40 PM	Mortality Trends and Transfusion Practices in Traumatic Pneumonectomy: A 15-Year NTDB Study	Margaret Thames	HCA Chippenham / Johnston Willis	COT
3:50 PM	Trauma Triggered Secondary Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis; A Fatal hyperimmune Response	Justin Kula	Mary Washington	COT
4:00 PM	Does Motorized Mean More? Trauma Activation and Resource Utilization in Pediatric Electric Scooter and Bicycle Injuries	Catherine Zwemer	Inova	COT
4:10 PM	Peer Alcohol Exposure and Legal System Involvement Among Youth in a Trauma Center Based Prevention Program	Hisham Qadri	VCU	COT
4:20 PM	Stitching the Unseen: Integrating Suicide Intervention Training into a Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program	Hisham Qadri	VCU	COT
4:30 PM	**Break & Scoring (20 min)**			
4:50 PM	**Announcements**			