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**Announcement**

**Pacific Dermatologic Association Essay Contest**

The 31st Annual Meeting of the Pacific Dermatologic Association will be held in San Francisco, California, September 16-20, 1979. Each year the Pacific Dermatologic Association encourages young dermatologists to submit essays on original work. The Nelson Paul Anderson Memorial Essay Contest is open to all physicians in graduate dermatologic training or those who are not more than 5 years out of residency training. Essays may be submitted by residents of the geographical area of the Pacific Dermatologic Association: The Western United States (California, Oregon, Alaska, Nevada, Washington, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Hawaii, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico), British Columbia and Alberta, Canada, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and the Philippines. The winning essayist will receive a cash prize of $500 plus expenses to the next Annual Meeting. His/her sponsoring department will receive $250 for educational materials.

Essays will be judged on the following considerations: A. Originality; B. Potential importance of work; C. Evaluation of results; D. Experimental methods and use of control; and E. Clarity of presentation. Six copies of the essay should be submitted under a nom-de-plume, with no information in the paper which will lead to recognition by the judges of the institution or clinic where the work was done. The essay with nom-de-plume should be accompanied by a plain sealed envelope enclosing the name and address and nom-de-plume of the author. Entries must be received by the Secretary-Treasurer, Gerald A. Gellin, M.D., 3838 California St., San Francisco, California 94118, no later than July 15, 1979.