ILC 2018 Judge Fact Sheet
Medical Spelling Round Two

*This information is a summary of the key points found in the full event guidelines to help judges understand their role and what to expect in this event. For detailed information about an event, the event guidelines should be followed.

Purpose of the Event
To encourage HOSA members to improve their ability to define and spell terms associated with careers in the health community.

Round One Background
Competitors have already taken a written test on medical spelling concepts. The top competitors have advanced to round two where they will participate in an oral “spelldown”.

Special Rules
- It is acceptable for the moderator to confer with the judges before pronouncing a term for a competitor.
- The competitor may also request the judge to pronounce and define the term. No more than two requests to pronounce the term will be honored after the definition has been given.
- Once spelling has begun, there will be no other opportunity for pronunciation or definition.
- Having started to spell the term, the competitor will be given one (1) opportunity to change letters.

Overall Event Flow
- Competitors shall draw numbers in turn. The number the competitor draws will correspond to a numbered term on the moderator’s term list. The moderator will pronounce each term for the competitor.
- One judge should be designated to define the term, only upon request from competitors.
- Once the term is pronounced successfully (or the second time) by the competitor, the judge will say “begin spelling” and timing will begin.
- The competitor will have 2 ½ minutes to complete spelling the term.
- If the competitor fails to spell the term correctly or pronounce the term prior to or after spelling the term, he/she will be eliminated.
- Any question relating to the competition must be referred to the judges immediately. By raising his/her hand, the competitor will be recognized by the event personnel or judges. The decision of the judges is final.

Best Practices
The role of the judge is to assure event fairness for each competitor. Judges are permitted to offer an additional pronunciation or to remind the competitor of an event process, such as pronouncing the term, as needed. Judges are encouraged to write down each letter as the competitor spells the term, to look up a word if the spelling is in question or the definition confusing, and to respond to questions by the competitor.

Equipment
- Copy of the HOSA MS guidelines
- Copy of Taber’s Medical Dictionary