

Track Descriptions

CALL FOR SPEAKER & TOPIC PROPOSALS SHM Converge

This list of educational track descriptions are to assist you in understanding the topic and session categories of where your proposal submission can be placed if accepted. Please note, these tracks are not final and are subject to change as they are officially decided on at the discretion of the Annual Conference Committee. If your proposal is accepted, you will be informed as to which track your session will be presented in.

ACADEMIC/RESEARCH

This combined track is for hospitalists who practice in academic medical centers and face unique challenges, as well as for hospitalists in any setting interested in research. Also featured are oral presentations selected from the RIV abstracts receiving the top scores by reviewers. Every hospitalist, whether in a community or academic medical setting, who desires to bring greater rigor to their analysis as well as educational effectiveness will walk away from these sessions with new resources to implement.

Typical Session Length: 60 minutes

Typical Number of Speakers: no more than 3-4

CLINICAL UPDATES

Expert clinicians and educators deliver evidence-based updates from the literature in topic areas relevant to hospitalists.

Session Length: 50 minutes

Number of Speakers: no more than 1-2

CO-MANAGEMENT/PERIOPERATIVE MEDICINE

These sessions provide learners with evidence based practices in medical management before and after surgery, including preoperative risk assessment and optimization, intraoperative issues that impact medical conditions, and postoperative management strategies, delivered by world class experts in perioperative medicine.

Session Length: 50 minutes

Number of Speakers: no more than 1-2

COMMUNICATION

We write, we talk, we emote with gestures and maybe even sing. But whatever the method, every mode of communication is important in our work with patients, impacting personal & patient experiences, therapeutic relationships, and medico-legal standing. Guidance is always evolving on ways in which we can optimize our communication to improve outcomes. This track features sessions addressing communication best practices.

Session Length: 50 minutes

Number of Speakers: no more than 1-2

DIAGNOSTIC REASONING

Diagnostic error is one of the most important safety problems in healthcare today and inflicts the most harm. Accurate and timely diagnosis are crucial to delivering high-quality patient care. This track will help attendees identify types and impacts of diagnostic errors, recognize how clinicians think, and highlight opportunities to improve diagnostic reasoning and patient safety.

Session Length: 50 minutes

Number of Speakers: no more than 1-2

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

These sessions will address healthcare disparities and biases and provide tools and strategies to foster an inclusive and equitable workplace.

Session Length: 50 minutes

Number of Speakers: no more than 1-2

EARLY-CAREER HOSPITALISTS

The Early Career Hospitalist Track has been designed for new hospitalists, resident physicians and medical students interested in pursuing a career in Hospital Medicine. Designed by SHM's physicians-in-training committee, which includes nationally recognized hospitalists with expertise in scholarship, career development, and medical education, this track aims to inspire future hospitalist leaders.

Session Length: 50 minutes

Number of Speakers: no more than 1-2

HEALTH POLICY

These sessions will provide information about the processes of health policy development and implementation, and an overview of federal legislative and regulatory programs and processes that impact hospital medicine. Speakers will present the big picture of federal advocacy, the stakeholders, formal and informal approaches, and what hospitalists bring to the table.

Session Length: 50 minutes

Number of Speakers: no more than 1-2

HIGH VALUE CARE

Expert presenters share best practices and ideas to deliver maximal value in hospital based care via improving care quality and minimizing cost to the system in these sessions.

Session Length: 50 minutes

Number of Speakers: no more than 1-2

LEADERSHIP

The Leadership track is designed for trainees, APPs, or hospitalists at any stage of their career who aim to pursue leadership positions in hospitals or health care institutions. Additionally, emerging needs of leaders to support staff during life-crises and growing external pressures are considered. We hope this track leaves you with new perspectives and inspiration to take back to your institutions and employ.

Session Length: 50 minutes

Number of Speakers: no more than 1-2

MEDICAL EDUCATION

This track is for hospitalists who are interested in improving their teaching skills. A strong teaching approach can impact and shape how learners think about and approach patient care for years to come.

Session Length: 50 minutes

Number of Speakers: no more than 1-2

NP/PA

Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants are critical to hospital medicine care delivery. This track will discuss best practices in NP/PA utilization and collaboration.

Session Length: 50 minutes

Number of Speakers: no more than 1-2

PALLIATIVE CARE

Hospitalists are optimally situated to provide palliative care to their patients. Patients are admitted to hospitals at turning points in a serious illness trajectory, when needs for pain and symptom management and navigation of prognosis and goals of care are high. The Palliative Care Track sessions provide the tools hospitalists need to understand their role in palliative care, and expertly manage pain and other common physical symptoms.

Session Length: 50 minutes

Number of Speakers: no more than 1-2

PATIENT EXPERIENCE

These sessions will cover strategies to streamline and refine communication between providers and patients, improve outcomes, and optimize patient experience.

Session Length: 50 minutes

Number of Speakers: no more than 1-2

PEDIATRIC

The Pediatric track offers a variety of clinical and systems-based topics. This track has previously featured sessions including Newborn Jaundice Guidelines, Things We Do For No Reason, Firearms and the Pediatrician.

Session Length: 50 minutes

Number of Speakers: no more than 1-2

PRACTICE MANAGEMENT

The importance of organizational infrastructure related to the practice of hospital medicine is well recognized, and information in this area continues to accumulate. A few topics that have been covered in this track focused on Physician Retention, Financial Fluency, Dysfunctional Teams, and much more.

Session Length: 60 minutes

Number of Speakers: no more than 3-4

QUALITY

Given the importance of quality and patient safety in the delivery of healthcare, the Quality Track is offered to address the imperatives around development and implementation of improvement efforts in the hospital.

Session Length: 60 minutes

Number of Speakers: no more than 3-4

TECHNOLOGY

Hospitalists are at the forefront of innovation and perpetually exploring new ways to deliver safe and efficient care. The new and exciting Technology track is focused on current and future tech that will impact care delivery. Content in this track features sessions on current and future technologies and tools that impact care delivery, practice efficiency, and provider and patient experience.

Session Length: 50 minutes

Number of Speakers: no more than 1-2

THE GREAT DEBATE

The Great Debate Track pairs off two talented speakers to debate cutting edge clinical decisions on the front lines. By taking opposing sides of clinical decisions, the latest literature is reviewed, and best practices are discussed. The audience gets to vote on who they believe. Previous topics areas presented include perioperative, infectious diseases, and pulmonary.

Session Length: 50 minutes

Number of Speakers: 2

VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

These sessions provide clinical guidance and expertise on caring for patients that are vulnerable in several domains, including medically complex, social instability, language barriers, and transgender and nonbinary patients.

Session Length: 50 minutes

Number of Speakers: no more than 1-2

WELLNESS

With existing stressors surrounding a career in medicine, growing rates of mental health crises in physicians, and innumerable added tensions during the pandemic, wellness and self-care for health workers has never been more important. The Wellness track houses sessions that offer skills and perspectives to foster resilience in healthcare providers.

Session Length: 50 minutes

Number of Speakers: no more than 1-2

WORKSHOPS

Extended length sessions held in smaller round-table settings for attendees to engage in active learning facilitated by experts in key areas of relevance to hospitalists. Roll up your sleeves and get ready to participate—as these sessions are not for idle lectures! Workshop track topics are submitted by members, undergo peer review, and are selected based on relevancy to hospitalists and engagement of participants.

Session Length: 90 minutes

Number of Speakers: no more than 3-4