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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, as well as for hospitalists in any setting interested in research. 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 tools to implement.

Typical Session Length: 60 minutes
Typical Number of Speakers: no more than 1-2

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 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 focus on health policy development and implementation, with highlights of federal legislative and regulatory programs and processes that impact hospital medicine.

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

For those who are current or aspiring leaders this track focuses on topics related to the unique aspects of leading in the hospital. These talks are full of practical tips to boost your leadership acumen.

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

OPTIMIZING CARE OF HOSPITALIZED PATIENTS

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

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. This track gives you tools to optimize your care of patients who would benefit from palliative care during or following their hospitalization.

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 will feature sessions including clinical topics as well as things we do for no reason, pediatric style, and updates in topics important to those caring for children.

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 1-2

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 1-2

TECHNOLOGY/IT

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

These sessions provide attendees with skills and perspectives to foster resilience, identify and mitigate burnout, and promote sustainability in practice and in life.

Session Length: 50 minutes
Number of Speakers: no more than 1-2

WORKSHOPS

Featuring something for everyone, these are extended length sessions (90 minutes) held in smaller round-table settings for attendees to engage in a more interactive learning environment.

Session Length: 90 minutes
Number of Speakers: no more than 3-4