

NAMSS 49th Educational Conference & Exhibition

Session Format Options

- **Lecture**
 - Formal presentation by a presenter(s) who share conceptual or methodological innovations through a lecture followed by a response to audience questions.
- **Roundtable Discussion**
 - Roundtables are 60-minute oral presentations, which typically include 30 minutes of presentation, followed by 30 minutes of discussion and feedback. Roundtable presenters should bring targeted questions to pose to others, in order to learn from and with those attending. Roundtables are an ideal format for an in-depth discussion on a particular topic.
- **Panel Discussion**
 - A group of experts discusses a topic, offering diverse perspectives and encouraging audience interaction, led by a designated moderator. Panel discussions can foster debate and increase audience engagement.
- **Debate**
 - A debate takes place between two or more opponents who are experts in their fields as well as being entertaining presenters. The debate topic is clearly defined in terms of a question, with one side presenting the affirmative case and the other the negative case.
- **Scenarios Session**
 - The objective of a Scenarios Session is to work through real-world challenges. This session is set up in a room with roundtables. The main presenter/facilitator will present each table with a different, challenging scenario similar to difficult situations MSPs face in their work. Each table then works together to address the the challenges to fix the issue scenario. However, throughout the session, the facilitator provides unexpected curveballs to the tables. In the last 20 minutes of the session, the tables present their scenarios and solutions to each other.
- **Open Fishbowl**
 - Four to five chairs are arranged in an inner circle. This is the fishbowl. The remaining chairs are arranged in concentric circles outside the fishbowl. A few participants are selected to fill the fishbowl, while the rest of the group sit on the chairs outside the fishbowl. In an open fishbowl, one chair is left empty. Any member of the audience can, at any time, occupy the empty chair and join the fishbowl. When this happens, an existing member of the fishbowl must voluntarily leave the fishbowl and free a chair. The discussion continues with participants frequently entering and leaving the fishbowl. When the session is over, the moderator summarizes the discussion.
- **Other**
 - If you have any innovative session format ideas, please share them in your abstract submission.