

Formal Didactic & Keynote Submission Guidelines

CALL FOR SPEAKER & TOPIC PROPOSALS

SHM Converge 2026

Nashville, TN

SHM invites you to submit a didactic and/or keynote proposal for SHM Converge. Selection of speaker and topic proposals will be highly competitive and decided at the discretion of the Annual Conference Committee (ACC). The ACC is seeking topics that are recent and highly valuable to hospitalists, appear engaging, and have a record or potential for high attendance with exceptional scores at previous national/regional meetings.

Didactic session proposals do not have to be limited to these categories but may be selected for inclusion in one of the following educational tracks:

- Career Development/Leadership
- Clinical Updates
- Co- Management/Perioperative Medicine
- Diagnostic Reasoning
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Evidence-Based Medicine/High-Value Care
- Medical Education
- Post-Acute Care
- Technology
- Wellness

SPEAKER ELIGIBILITY & CONDITIONS

- Speaking experience and presentation skills at prior national/regional meetings will be heavily considered when determining presenter invitations.
- Up to 4 speakers accepted for didactic sessions with special exceptions occasionally made to include additional speakers at the ACC's discretion.
- If an accepted speaker is not currently a member of SHM, they will be required to become one prior to the conference.
- A speaker may submit no more than 3 proposals for consideration.
- A speaker may not present in more than 2 sessions (workshop, didactic and/or keynote).

Invited speakers will be provided with a scheduled date and time of when their presentation will take place once they have confirmed their acceptance. **They must be available to present at SHM Converge 2026 in Nashville, TN from March 29 - April 1.** They should abide by the specified deadlines and terms listed on their speaker confirmation.

Each speaker for the main conference sessions (excluding workshops) will receive complimentary conference registration. Only the main presenter/submitter per session will receive a travel stipend. This stipend is non-transferable and is per individual not per session.

Keynote speakers will receive complimentary conference registration, travel/hotel expense coverage and honorarium all set within funding limit (official amount to be disclosed once speaker is accepted).

DIDACTIC & KEYNOTE PROPOSAL SUBMISSION PROCESS

Speaker and topic proposals must be submitted using the online submission site. Proposals sent via email will not be considered. Detailed submission instructions and proposal best practices are provided under the references section of the login page. The proposal creation process is simple and should not take more than a few minutes to complete.

All proposals must be completed by **Monday, May 5, 2025**.

SESSION TIME & FORMAT

The majority of didactic sessions will be allotted 50 minutes (40 minutes for lecture and 10 minutes for Q&A). Other sessions such as those held in the Quality, Practice Management and Academic/Research tracks are allotted 60 minutes. Proposals should reflect the allocated time based on the track category selected.

Didactic session rooms are set in theater style to retain audience focus and create the best visual experience. SHM will supply a single computer, screen, LCD projector, and microphones in each session room. Any other equipment and supplies needed will be the responsibility of the invited speaker/s.

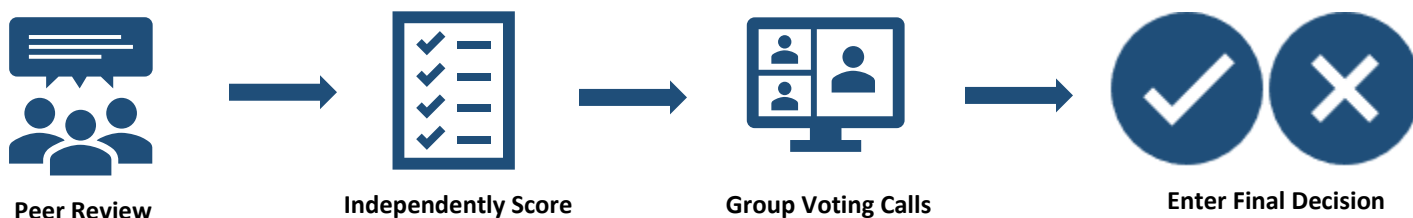
Keynote sessions will be allotted 45-60 minutes. Keynote sessions are held in general session/plenary space with mixed seating of rounds and theater for entire conference audience.

SESSION PROPOSAL SELECTION PROCESS

Each speaker and topic proposal will be peer reviewed by at least 4 members of the ACC and other SHM Committees or Special Interest Groups. Proposals will be scored based on the following criteria:

1. **Topic** (significant subject and of interest to various audiences)
2. **Organization and Clarity** (thorough session summary and practical lecture plan)
3. **Takeaways** (valuable and effective learning objectives)
4. **Speaker Qualifications** (seasoned experience, reputation, and presentation skills)

The proposal review and scoring process is as follows:



NOTIFICATION OF SESSION PROPOSAL RESULTS

Accepted proposals may be modified by the ACC to better fit the educational program and variety of offerings at SHM Converge. The ACC may also decide to select/add co-speakers or request inclusion of a junior speaker not listed on original submission for didactic sessions.

Proposal acceptance and declination notifications will be sent via email by the end of **September 2025**.

DIVERISTY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

SHM and the Annual Conference Committee are committed to embodying DEI standards throughout each step of the content development and planning process as a continual effort to eliminate health disparities and cultivate a safe and

respectful environment for all, regardless of background or identity. Creating a program that honors and supports our diverse communities and actively opposes intolerance, bigotry, bias, and discrimination is paramount.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST NOTICE

The Society of Hospital Medicine (SHM) promotes improved inpatient care, teaching, and research in the field of hospital medicine. SHM strives to ensure that these goals are met throughout its educational activities and academic competitions. All speakers invited to present at SHM Converge are required to disclose any relationships with pharmaceutical companies, biomedical device manufacturers, or other organizations that could represent potential conflicts in their presentation. The person submitting any speaker proposals is responsible for providing disclosure information for all proposed faculty if known. This requirement applies to currently existing relationships or relationships within the past 12 months from submission date. The principal intent of this disclosure is not to prevent faculty with a potential conflict from presenting their expertise and work. Disclosure information will assist the selection committee in the review process.