

## OMA Annual 2027 – Proposal Submission Guidelines

1. Can I submit more than one proposal?
  - o Yes, you may submit a maximum of four proposals for this event.
2. Is there a maximum number of presenters for a session?
  - o Yes, OMA will not accept proposals with more than three proposed faculty members. Where there are multiple speakers, the fixed honorarium will be divided between them.
3. When will I hear back on my submission?
  - o You will be notified of your submission status in October 2026.
4. What topic areas are of particular interest to the OMA audience?
  - o The OMA is seeking a diverse pool of creative proposals. Core topics that will be included are based on the four pillars of obesity treatment, perennial requests, and updates in the world of obesity medicine. Submitters will be asked to select a primary topic from the following list:
    - Advocacy
    - Behavioral Modification
    - Complex Cases/Treatment Strategies
    - Medication Management
    - Nutrition Therapy
    - Obesity Comorbidities (e.g., cardiovascular disease, diabetes, MASLD/MASH, OSA)
    - Pathophysiology/Physiology
    - Pediatrics
    - Physical Activity
    - Practice Management
    - Special Populations
    - Surgical Interventions
    - Women's Health
    - Other
5. What is required when submitting a proposal?
  - o Submitters will be required to complete the following tasks for each proposal:
    - Presenter information (credentials, bio, CV, speaking experience)
    - Title (no more than 65 characters), topic area, proposed session length
    - Session description and rationale (500-word limit each)
    - What makes your proposal unique? (500-word limit)
    - 3 learning objectives
    - Presentation outline (see example in the task)
    - 3 literature references for your presentation

6. How are submissions evaluated?

- o Proposal submissions are evaluated over 3 review rounds by a panel of clinical experts based on whether the proposed session fulfills the identified educational needs of the audience, provides accurate, balanced, evidence-based information, and is free from commercial bias. People-first language is also important. Consideration will also be given for:
  - i. A comprehensive and succinct description with clear learning objectives and educational outcomes
  - ii. Topics that address important knowledge gaps in obesity medicine
  - iii. Unique or new subject matter that expands on current clinical concepts that have not been addressed in recent conferences
  - iv. Speaker subject matter expertise and previous speaking experience

7. How and when are speaker disclosures submitted?

- o The OMA follows ACCME accreditation guidelines to offer high-quality education that is independent of industry influence. Presenters whose proposals are selected will be requested to disclose all financial relationships with any ineligible companies they have had over the past 24 months. We define ineligible companies as those whose primary business is producing, marketing, selling, re-selling, or distributing healthcare products used by or on patients. We know that many healthcare professionals have financial relationships with ineligible companies. This does not necessarily mean they are unable to participate in CME activities; rather that relevant financial relationships must be mitigated before speakers or planners assume a role in the activity. The aim is to create a protected space to learn, teach, and engage in scientific discourse free of commercial bias. For more information on the Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education, please visit [accme.org/standards](http://accme.org/standards).