

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

Staying current with the medical literature and changes to clinical practice guidelines can be challenging. The Clinical Updates track will provide evidence-based updates from the literature in subspecialty fields and specific topic areas relevant to hospitalists.

Session Length: 50 minutes

Number of Speakers: no more than 1-2

CO-MANAGEMENT/PERIOPERATIVE MEDICINE

The co-management and perioperative track explores elements of patient care before and after surgery, addressing common clinical questions that hospitalists face in their daily work. This core competency area for hospitalists continues to increase in complexity, while residency training still lags in teaching the basics. This track aims to address any training deficiencies and keep hospitalists up to date with the growing field.

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

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) track builds on current work of SHM to address healthcare disparities, practice and teach anti-racism and foster an inclusive and equitable culture. Increasingly, DEI topics can be found throughout the entire conference, but we've maintained the track to emphasize its deep importance and our commitment to the area. The track will offer practical tips and tools that bring DEI to the forefront of clinical practice and into the 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

Unnecessary care is not only wasteful and costly, but it can also be harmful to patients. Our High Value Care track will guide attendees on how to avoid diagnostic and therapeutic overuse and how to move towards the right care for every hospitalized patient.

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

PEDIATRIC

The Pediatric track offers a variety of clinical and systems-based topics. This track will feature sessions including Febrile Infant Update, Transitions of Pediatrics to Adult Care with Medical Complexity, Mental Health Boarding on Inpatient Units, Pediatric Research, Innovations and QI Platform Presentations and more.

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 presented in previously in this track includes Conversations with Your Hospital C-Suite, Advances in Telemedicine, Patient Flow in the Era of Hospitals as Cost Centers. Some sessions may focus on some Practice Management basics discussing scheduling and coverage, perspectives on performance metrics and provider dashboards as well as hiring the right hospitalist.

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. Sessions in this track will inform attendees on the interface of hospitalists with telehealth and its future, as well as digital apps and wearables impacting physicians and patients.

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

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