



Better Health through Better Decisions.

40th Annual Meeting

October 14 - 17, 2018
Montreal, QC, Canada

Decision Making Across the Lifespan



Society for Medical Decision Making 2018 Call for Abstracts and Short Courses

SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH MAY 15, 2018

For more than four decades, SMDM members have sought to improve the health care experiences and health of people at every stage of life. There are differences in the health issues confronting people at different life stages, and there are also commonalities bridging different stages. As SMDM reaches middle age and looks ahead to the next 40 years and beyond, the 2018 Annual Meeting will bring together patients, families, health professionals, policymakers, researchers, and other stakeholders to discuss the latest evidence about making better decisions for better health.

The 40th Annual Meeting will be a Patients Included™ meeting, where patients will be in attendance and will appear as presenters. Additionally, SMDM is a multidisciplinary society and welcomes attendees such as policymakers. Please do your best to write about and present your work in a way that is understandable to an audience of peers and other experts.

SMDM is now accepting abstracts for Oral and Poster Sessions and proposals for Short Courses to be presented at its 40th Annual Meeting, *Decision Making Across the Lifespan*.

Oral Abstracts are organized around common themes and presented from a podium in 15 minute blocks, including audience Q&A. The Annual Meeting typically features 80 – 90 oral presentations in no more than three concurrent sessions of 6 abstracts per session. The top rated oral abstracts will be presented following the Keynote Presentation.

Poster Abstracts are presented in sessions of 50 – 60 posters each. The poster format allows the author to delve into and discuss the specifics of an abstract in one-on-one and small group conversations with other meeting attendees. The Annual Meeting typically offers 200 – 240 poster abstracts.

All accepted oral and poster abstracts will be published online in *Medical Decision Making*, SMDM's peer-reviewed scientific journal.

Lee B. Lusted Student Prizes recognize students' original research in medical decision making. Additional information about submitting an abstract for the prize is available on the abstract submission site.

Short Courses will be offered on Sunday, October 14, and may be offered as a half-day or full-day course targeted to a beginner, intermediate or advanced audience. SMDM encourages Short Course proposals within the Scientific Areas of Inquiry and/or related to the Annual Meeting theme of *Decision Making Across the Lifespan*.

Scientific Areas of inquiry at SMDM meetings include:

Category	Relevant Topics
Decision Psychology and Shared Decision Making	Risk communication; Risk perception; Doctor-patient communication; Decision support; Decision aids; Patient empowerment; Health behaviors and education; Medical education
Applied Health Economics	Cost analyses; Cost-effectiveness analyses; Health economics; Pharmacoeconomics
Health Services, Outcomes and Policy Research	Administrative database and outcomes research; Applied modeling analyses; Clinical strategies and guidelines; Comparative effectiveness research; Ethical, legal and social issues; Global health research; Health policy; Health services research; Health technology assessment
Quantitative Methods and Theoretical Developments	Bayesian methods and analyses; Advances in simulation and decision modeling; Model calibration/validation; Decision theory
Patient and Stakeholder Preferences and Engagement	Stated-preferences methods (including discrete choice experiments, conjoint analysis, best-worst scaling, contingent valuation); Qualitative, mixed methods and quantitative studies exploring the priorities and preferences of patients and other stakeholders; Patient and stakeholder engagement in research; Utility and health state valuation

Please visit our website, www.smdm.org for more information and to submit your abstract or short course proposal. All submissions will be reviewed in June and submitters will be notified of their acceptance in late July. Please contact info@smdm.org with any questions.