



Better Health through Better Decisions.

## 41st Annual Meeting

October 20-23, 2019  
Portland, OR

# Many Views on Value



## Society for Medical Decision Making 2019 Call for Abstracts and Short Courses

SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH MAY 28, 2019

All health care decisions aim to optimize value; however, value is an elusive construct. First, “value” is both a noun and a verb, and it can relate to deeply held beliefs or a mathematical ratio of benefits and costs. The theme “Many Views on Value” rests on the idea that value is a function of the lens through which one sees the world. Inherent in this is an assumption that different stakeholders are necessary to understand the true value of any health care intervention. Members of SMDM are the academic leaders in understanding multiple stakeholder perspectives and in calculating value. The 2019 Annual Meeting aims to unite the robust behavioral science on perspectives with the rigorous analytical science of value.

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**SMDM is now accepting abstracts for Oral and Poster Sessions and proposals for Short Courses to be presented at its 41st Annual Meeting, *Many Views on Value*.**

**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.

**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 20, 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 *Many Views on Value*.

**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; Pharmacoconomics
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](http://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](mailto:info@smdm.org) with any questions.