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## Call for Abstracts, Short Courses and Issue Panels

SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 11:59 PM CET

### Linking Research to Evidence-Based Action for Patients, Providers and Policy Decision Makers

The Society for Medical Decision Making (SMDM), will hold its 18th Biennial European Conference from 14-16 June 2020 in Berlin, Germany at the Langenbeck Virchow Haus.

The SMDM European Conference will bring together high-quality oral and poster presentations, short courses, and issue panels from all disciplines involved in the study of decision making in health and medicine, including evidence-based medicine and public health, patient & stakeholder preferences and engagement, psychology, cognition science, shared decision making, decision modeling, outcomes research, epidemiology, health economics, health care management, policy research, health technology assessment, health informatics, health ethics and law, and others. All decisions regarding scientific content and speaker selection are made by the SMDM European Conference Planning Committee.

**SMDM is now accepting abstracts for Oral and Poster Sessions and proposals for Short Courses and Issue Panels to be presented at its 18th Biennial European Conference.**

**Oral abstracts** are organized around common themes and are presented in no more than three concurrent sessions.

**Poster abstract sessions** are dedicated to poster viewing, allowing the author to delve into and discuss the specifics of an abstract in one-on-one and small group conversations with other conference attendees.

**Short courses** will be offered on Sunday 14 June. Our conferences have a mixture of half-day and full-day courses at either beginner, intermediate or advanced levels. SMDM encourages short course proposals within the Scientific Areas of Inquiry and/or related to the European Conference special focus on "Linking Research to Evidence-Based Action for Patients, Providers and Policy Decision Makers".

**Issue panels** are highly interactive sessions, with up to three short presentations, aimed at stimulating debate and discussion. Duration is 1 hour 15 minutes, with a maximum of 45 minutes devoted to presentations. Issue panels address issues in medical decision making for which the knowledge is scant, debate is widespread, or new insights have recently emerged.

**Scientific Areas of Inquiry at SMDM Conferences Include:**

Category	Relevant Topics
<b>Health Services, Outcomes and Policy Research</b>	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
<b>Patient and Stakeholder Preferences and Engagement</b>	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
<b>Applied Health Economics</b>	Cost analyses; Cost-effectiveness analyses; Health economics; Pharmacoeconomics
<b>Decision Psychology and Shared Decision Making</b>	Risk perception; Risk communication; Doctor-patient communication; Decision support; Decision aids; Patient empowerment; Health behaviors and education; Medical education
<b>Quantitative Methods and Theoretical Developments</b>	Bayesian methods and analyses; Advances in simulation and decision modeling; Model calibration/validation; Causal inference; Decision theory; Artificial intelligence

Please visit our website, [www.smdm.org](http://www.smdm.org) for more information and to submit your abstract, short course or issue panel proposal. All submissions will be reviewed in February 2020 and submitters will be notified of their acceptance by late March 2020. Please contact [info@smdm.org](mailto:info@smdm.org) with any questions.