



Presentation Formats & Requirements

You may submit a HIMSS Global Conference & Exhibition presentation in any of the formats listed below. Please note that HIMSS does not accept proposals for panel sessions. Proposals are subject to HIMSS' review and may be reclassified to a more appropriate format at HIMSS' discretion.

Lecture

A 60 minute traditional, lecture-type conference education session in which a specific topic is presented and discussed. The presentation includes a brief question and answer period during the last 10 minutes of the session. No more than two speakers are permitted in this format.

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Essential Conversation

A 60-minute education session which consists of a 20-minute lecture followed by 40 minutes of "Essential Conversation" with the audience. The goal of this session is to engage the audience in active learning and participation. The speaker(s) facilitate discussion by asking for comments and questions from the audience, allowing participants to contribute to the session content and drive their own learning. Attendees are able to hear the experiences of an entire room and listen to multiple perspectives on the same issue. This format will allow attendees to connect, challenge, question, inspire, motivate and learn together through the conversation and experiences of their peers. Excellent facilitation skills are needed. No more than two facilitators are permitted in this format.

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NEW for HIMSS19! SPARK

A 20-minute education session, SPARK (Session Providing Actionable & Rapid Knowledge) focuses on only one key factor that encourages fresh and new ideas aligned with a HIMSS19 topic category and content stream. The intent of SPARK is to explain a concept, an idea, or impart some type of response to a problem designed to add to the attendee's knowledge. The structure should include an introduction/problem statement, discussion of the concept or idea, and results/lessons learned.

No PowerPoint, podium, or confidence monitor/teleprompter-type equipment will be used for this session type. Since there is no audience Q&A, speakers will have the entire 20-minutes to develop their SPARK. Speakers must be comfortable engaging in an extemporaneous and open-stage, but rehearsed, style. In order to submit and be considered for a SPARK, submitters must provide a URL to a video of approximately three minutes that highlights the speaker's style and delivery for a presentation of this type. Because this session type features a solo presenter, only one speaker is permitted.

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