



# CALL FOR SPEAKERS

**Call for Speakers Deadline: COB Monday September 11, 2023**

Direct link: <http://www.emsupdate.com/callforspeakers24.html>

We are excited to see you in-person at Seven Springs Resort March 21-23, 2024.

Western Regional EMS produces EMS West's EMS UPDATE Conference each year, which is attended by emergency service professionals from throughout Pennsylvania and the mid-Atlantic.

We are seeking excellent speakers to present exciting, innovative and new topics relevant to EMS, public safety, and rescue providers, educators and administrators.

**EMS Update 2024 is scheduled to be held March 21, 22, and 23 at Seven Springs Resort, Seven Springs, PA.**

**NEW FOR 2024: We know that sometimes you have an idea for a class but you cannot stretch it into 60 minutes (case study, call, etc...). We are putting together sessions that might last 60 or 90 minutes and includes 2-4 presentations, each lasting 20-40 minutes in length.**

EMS West is continually updating and improving our conferences, and we always strive to make EMS Update a better experience for our attendees year after year. Attendees consistently rank our program content and opportunity to earn clinical continuing education credit as the top reasons they come to EMS Update. We achieve these results by offering the most relevant, engaging and insightful education in the industry and we need YOU to make that happen!

The Conference Presentation Committee has complete discretion to select or reject any proposal on any basis.

Acceptance of your proposal does not guarantee conference placement. Additionally, no contract is implied nor should be construed by submission of your presentation proposal to WREMS. A separate speaker's agreement will be required if your presentation proposal is accepted. WREMS reserves the right to solicit presentations from a broad spectrum of parties

and will not guarantee conference faculty placement for any party. Until a signed speaker agreement is executed, WREMS reserves the right to change all terms.

Courses already approved by the Pennsylvania Bureau of EMS (or in the process of approval) for EMS Continuing Education receive priority consideration. To have your presentation reviewed for possible CEU, please register at <https://ems.health.state.pa.us/Registry/> or contact the EMS West education team.

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We encourage you to develop your proposal understanding that:

1. The majority of the students at EMS Update 2024 (~65%) are certified at the BLS/EMT level.
2. We are looking for innovative sessions our students will not find elsewhere.

The Conference Presentation Committee will review all submissions and will notify all potential faculty members by November 10, 2023.

When developing the conference program, the committee's goal is to provide a balanced program that meets the variety of skill levels and interests of the conference audience. The committee will evaluate all proposed programs based on the following criteria:

- Overall quality;
- Relevance to the EMS community;
- Timeliness of the topic and speaker qualifications

Traditionally, our sessions begin as early as 7:15am and run until as late as 5:30pm.

To improve the chance that your session submission is selected, please clearly demonstrate the following criteria:

**RELEVANCE**

1. The topic of the session is timely for the industry today.
2. Attendees will be able to relate to the content and apply what they have learned in their roles.
3. The topic must be something that will attract attendees.

**INNOVATION**

1. The subject matter is cutting-edge, presents new ideas, or presents old ideas with a twist.
2. The content provides a thought-leadership perspective for the attendees.
3. Content is presented in a creative and engaging way.

#### **CLARITY**

1. The abstract and title of the session demonstrate the intent in a clear and concise way – feel free to be creative.
2. Learning objectives are well-defined.
3. The learning level of the presentation is clearly defined and supported by objectives.

#### **PREPAREDNESS**

1. The presenter is knowledgeable and experienced on the topic submitted.
2. The presenter will use different ways to engage the attendees throughout the session.
3. The submission is complete and the presenter is committed to meeting all requirements and expectations.

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#### **SESSION LEARNING LEVELS**

For attendees to have the most beneficial conference experience, it is critical that presentations are delivered at the learning level at which they are described. Please pay special attention to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania EMS Scope of practice and the current EMS Protocols (available through [www.emswest.org](http://www.emswest.org))

Each presenter will be required to make a disclosure statement about their financial relationship(s) and non-financial relationship(s) or lack thereof to the course content being presented.

**Incomplete proposals will not be considered. Proposals submitted September 12, 2023 and onward will not be considered.**

WREMS attempts to provide reasonable reimbursement for its faculty. Most faculty members are reimbursed by their organizations and donate their time to keep costs low; please outline your request for reimbursement on the form. All reimbursement requests must be approved by WREMS in advance. Reimbursement requests may be reduced in amount or rejected entirely on any basis at the sole discretion of WREMS. Any reimbursement request not included as part of the speaker's agreement is subject to denial.

Note: Our budget does not allow for co-presenters for sessions less than 2 hours in length.

For additional information about the conference and to view the marketing materials for EMS Update 2024, please visit our conference website at [www.emsupdate.com](http://www.emsupdate.com)

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### **Possible session topics from EMS Update 2023 attendees**

Critical Care, new research and practices, more information beyond what is taught in standard classes

Haz Mat Exposure

Wildlife, demonstrations

teenagers - drugs, sports , technology

Care for EMS providers

Psych and other frequently experienced incidents

Pre hospital medications review; interfacility transport information/issues

Provider health and safety

CPR recert

Geriatric

Mental health

Neuro and Stroke

Medical emergencies, more unusual medical topics

ob/gyn

scene safety

EMSVO

Alternate Destinations

Response to Civil Unrest

Bizarre cases

Crisis response

Pelvic trauma