

Call for Presentations

EMS UPDATE 2018 Conference & Exhibition

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 2018 will be held March 22, 23, and 24 at Seven Springs Resort, Seven Springs, PA.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

(proposals submitted after this date will NOT be reviewed)

Complete faculty proposals should be submitted to:

**EMS Update 2018 Conference Presentation Committee
Western Regional EMS
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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 application) for EMS Continuing Education receive priority consideration. To have your presentation reviewed for possible CEU, please register at <https://ems.health.state.pa.us/emportal/> or contact the EMS West education team.

We encourage you to develop your proposal understanding that:

1. The majority of the students at EMS Update 2018 (~60%) will be functioning at the BLS level.
2. We are looking for innovative sessions our students will not find elsewhere.
3. Topics presented at previous EMS Update conferences and other local events (one-day symposiums and other regional conferences) have less likelihood of being considered. Sessions approved for other conferences in February and March 2018 in PA should be identified.

The Conference Presentation Committee will review all submissions and will notify all potential faculty members by October 31, 2017.

Participants at EMS Update 2017 were asked, in a survey, “what topics would you most like to learn about or discuss” at EMS Update 2018. Their answers are as follows:

Active Shooter	Self Defense	Farming Accidents	PTSD
Psychiatric Emergencies	Vents	Anatomy Lab	Critical Care
Pediatric Fevers/Seizures	Hiring Practices	Trauma	Poisonings
Obstetrics	LVAD	Recreational Injuries	Patient Communication
Local Disaster Response	CPR Recertification	Volunteer Recruitment	Drug Abuse
Stabbing Victims	EMS Safety	New EMS Technology	Crush Syndrome
Compartment Syndrome	Field Amputation	Mass Casualty	Incident Command
Motorcycle Accidents	Critical Care Operations	Interpersonal Communications	Disasters
Future of EMS	Wellness	Recruitment/Retention	Pediatrics
Common Diseases	Diving Emergencies	BLS Pharmacology	Legal Issues
Operation Level	Infectious Diseases	Psychological Trauma	End Tidal Capnography
Extremity Trauma	RACE Assessment	Tactical	ECMO Transport
Abdominal Emergencies	Addictive Disorders	Safe Transport	Quality Improvement

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 6:15pm. Our participants are accustomed to sessions lasting 60 minutes (one hour) in length, including early morning, lunch time and late afternoon. Generally, our participants give low survey grades to sessions that run over their allotted time.

Each presenter will be required to make a disclosure statement about his or her financial relationships and non-financial relationships or lack thereof to the course content being presented.

Please note that we CANNOT provide laptops for your presentation.

Incomplete proposals will not be considered. Proposals submitted after September 11, 2017 will not be considered.

For additional information about the conference and to view the marketing materials for EMS Update 2017, please visit our conference website at www.emsupdate.com