

Call for Summit Proposals

Encoding Health Equity Summit 2025: From Evidence to Impact

CMSS is excited to extend this Call for Proposals to contribute to the educational program of the invitation-only Encoding Health Equity Summit 2025: From Evidence to Impact to be held on June 24, 2025 in Washington, DC.

During the Summit, we will explore current strategies for auditing clinical guidance, updating guidelines and algorithms, assessing the underlying evidence base, and implementing these changes in various settings. We will highlight accomplishments and lessons learned in assessing the inclusion of race as a biologic construct and its impact on patient outcomes and in developing pathways to address the misuse of race in research.

The [Council of Medical Specialty Societies](#) (CMSS) launched the [Encoding Equity Alliance](#) in 2024, with support from the [Doris Duke Foundation](#), to address the inappropriate use of race in clinical algorithms and guidelines across medicine. The inclusion of race as a biologic construct may lead to systematic bias in care delivery and clinical outcomes. Many organizations have begun to audit current clinical guidelines and algorithms and can share their strategies and best practices to amplify progress, drive knowledge, advance care, and ultimately improve patient outcomes.

For further information on the Encoding Equity Alliance, please visit [Encoding Equity](#).

Timeline

Call for Proposals Opens	February 11
Proposals Due	March 14
Presenter Notification	April 7
Encoding Health Equity Summit	June 24

Process

Please review the [Call for Proposals Submission Policies](#) prior to beginning your submission.

The Encoding Health Equity Summit Program Committee, comprised of funders, publishers, medical societies, researchers, the AI/Technology community, and patient groups, has the responsibility to review and rank all submissions and determine selections for presentation at the meeting. The committee will also determine the format of each presentation. Please indicate your format preference during the submission process.

Presentation Format Types

Options include:

- **Panel Session** (60-minute session, at least 1 moderator and 2 panelists required)
- **Action and Impact Presentation** (25-minute presentation, your proposal will be paired with another presentation on a similar topic)

- **Rapid Fire 5-minute Idea Exchange** (limit 1 presenter)
- **Poster Presentation** (you will produce a physical poster for a poster gallery walk session, limit 2 presenters)

Participation Requirements & Scholarships

If you submit a session proposal, please plan to attend this invitation-only event in person in Washington, DC.

A select number of scholarships will be available for this event to support travel. Further details will be provided shortly.

Prompts for Submission

As you prepare your submissions, please consider the following prompts for innovative proposals:

- **Collaborative Roles in Advancing Clinical Practice:**
 - Key stakeholders (researchers, publishers, AI/technology developers, clinicians, and communicators) working together to enhance clinical guidelines and health equity
- **Leveraging AI & Technology for Impact:**
 - Innovative ways AI and emerging technologies supported your work in adapting to the evolving healthcare landscape
- **Effective Education Strategies for Evolving Guidelines:**
 - Best approaches to educating stakeholders on updated algorithms and guidelines to ensure real-world adoption
- **Strategic Communication for Awareness & Engagement:**
 - Effective communication methods used in raising awareness of health equity issues and your organization's initiatives
- **Role of Publishers in Advancing Health Equity:**
 - Publisher methods to actively promote and support clinical research that drives equity in guidelines and algorithms
 - Clinical research publication gaps that hinder equitable representation in guidelines and algorithms
 - Publication standards that influence equity in healthcare decision making
 - Specific steps publishers can take to ensure diverse populations are included in research that informs clinical guidelines and decision-making algorithms
 - Clinicians partnering with publishers, researchers, and policymakers to drive systemic improvements in equitable clinical research dissemination
- **Overcoming Implementation & De-Implementation Barriers:**
 - Strategies (i.e. stakeholder engagement, behavior change frameworks, adaptive trial designs, and audit-and-feedback mechanisms) that have been effective in promoting the adoption of race neutral practices

Required Information for Proposal Submission

This information is for reference only, all proposals must be submitted through the [online form](#).

Submission Details

- Submitter Name
- Submitter Email
- Submitter Affiliation
- Presentation Title
- Presentation Format Preference (Select 1)
 - Panel Session (at least 1 moderator and 2 panelists required)
 - Action and Impact Presentation (paired with presentations on a similar topic)
 - Rapid Fire 5-minute Idea Exchange (limit 1 presenter)
 - Poster Presentation (limit 2 presenters)

Presenters

- For each presenter, please list:
 - Full Name
 - Organization
 - Title/Role
 - Email
 - *Attestation:* You must attest that each presenter is aware of this proposal and has committed to presenting in-person in Washington, DC June 24, 2025.
- Notes:
 - At least 1 presenter is required for each submission type
 - If “Rapid Fire 5-minute Idea Exchange” is selected, you may only provide one presenter. Multiple presenters will not be accepted for this proposal type

Category

May select multiple categories

- Algorithms and Equations
- AI/ML/Technology
- Clinical Guidelines
- Communications and Messaging
- Continuing Education
- Grantmaking
- Journals/Publishing/Media
- Research and Data
- Other

Proposal

- Provide 3 Learning Objectives for the presentation
- Provide an abstract (up to 300 words) describing the content that will be covered during the presentation
 - Note – this abstract may be used in meeting materials.