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November 16, 2026–January 15, 2027	**Call for Presentations Open**
January 15, 2027	**Call for Presentations Closes**
January 15–February 12, 2027	**Review Process and Submission Decisions**
February 15–19, 2027	**Speaker Notifications**
May 14, 2027	**First Draft of Presentation Materials Due**
July 9, 2027	**Final Presentations Materials Due**
August 8–10, 2027	**AHRMM27 Conference in Baltimore, MD**

Submission Information

AHRMM invites healthcare supply chain professionals to apply and share their proven strategies and solutions with peers at our annual conference, scheduled for August 8-10 in Baltimore, Maryland (AHRMM27).

The educational sessions presented at the conference are designed to inform and foster innovation among today's supply chain professionals.

AHRMM is seeking session proposals that offer actionable solutions and foster connections among established experts and emerging leaders in the field. Submissions are being accepted for:

- **60-minute concurrent sessions** providing comprehensive insights.
- **30-minute sessions** highlighting current topics, innovative concepts, and best practices.
- **Learning Lab Workshops** 60-minute or 90-minute guided learning activities

Whether you're managing sourcing and operations, shaping physician engagement practices within your organization, evaluating spend analytics, indirect spend, or have successfully adopted AI within your supply chain operations, *we want to hear from you*.

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AHRMM is seeking speakers who can contribute distinct perspectives, share knowledge gained from pioneering projects they have implemented, and present unconventional viewpoints and actionable recommendations.

- **New for 2027:** Does your presentation address needs and experiences for supply chain professionals at rural, independent, and critical access hospitals? Submit your Presentation today.

AHRMM is looking for sessions that align with the four tracks listed below. Suggested areas of focus and key concepts are also listed under each track.

AHRMM27 Tracks

- Sourcing
- Technology
- Clinical/Value Analysis
- Operations

Key Concepts by Track

Sourcing

- Multi-tier visibility into manufacturing sites, sub-tier components, and logistics routes
- Diversified and resilient sourcing, including dual-sourcing, surge contracts, and national preparedness partnerships
- Cost volatility, including risk-adjusted pricing, invoice discipline, and total-cost decisions
- Strategic supplier partnerships, including shared-risk contracts, scorecards, and joint disruption playbooks
- Category management for purchased services, indirect spend, and capital planning
- Cyber and third-party risk in sourcing and contracting

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Technology

- Technology that proves value, with agentic AI, predictive analytics, and automation moving from pilot to everyday operations
- AI governance, including accountability, validation, and ethical use
- Digital twins and supply chain control towers
- Inventory use capture technology, such as RFID, camera, and automated replenishment
- Workforce adoption, including change management and skills building

Clinical/Value Analysis

- Physician and clinician engagement, including champions and governance structures
- Evidence-based product evaluation using outcomes and utilization data
- System governance, including nonclinical categories
- Standardization and variation reduction, including physician preference items
- Clinical supply readiness, including shortage and substitution governance and conservation strategies

Operations

- Integration across the care continuum
- Demand forecasting, planning, and inventory optimization
- Readiness and emergency preparedness
- Logistics and distribution, including consolidated service centers and self-distribution
- Workforce and leadership, including recruitment, retention, and transformative, compassionate leadership

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Abstracts should include current evidence and have practical takeaways for attendees addressing:

- What was the issue or problem you addressed?
- What were your goals?
- What were the barriers you encountered?
- What was the impact, how did you know you were successful?
- What were the critical success factors?
- What lesson(s) did you learn that you want to share?
- How is it applicable to others in a variety of care settings?
- How can you demonstrate your expertise in this area?

AHRMM27 Tracks

Sourcing

The **Sourcing** track equips healthcare supply chain professionals with strategies to optimize procurement and strengthen supplier partnerships. Sessions focus on innovative sourcing practices, cost management, risk mitigation, and leveraging data for informed decisions. Attendees will learn how to align sourcing initiatives with organizational goals, enhance value, and build resilient supply chains through collaboration and best practices.

Technology

The **Technology** track explores how emerging innovations transform healthcare supply chain operations. Sessions highlight practical applications of automation, AI, and analytics to improve efficiency, reduce costs, and enhance decision-making. Attendees will gain insights into digital tools, interoperability standards, and strategies for leveraging technology to build resilient, data-driven supply chains that support clinical and financial outcomes.

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Clinical/Value Analysis

The **Clinical/Value Analysis** track focuses on aligning supply chain decisions with clinical outcomes. Sessions will cover evidence-based evaluation of products, collaboration between clinicians, physicians, and supply chain teams, and strategies to drive quality care while reducing costs. Attendees will learn best practices for standardization, utilization management, and leveraging data to support value-driven decisions across the healthcare continuum.

Operations

The **Operations** track focuses on optimizing processes that drive efficiency, quality, and cost-effectiveness across the expanding care continuum. Sessions will explore best practices in operational performance, workflow improvement, and resource management. Attendees will gain new skills empowering them to build agile, high-performing supply chains that support both clinical excellence and organizational objectives.

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Presentation Submission Requirements

AHRMM strongly recommends all presentations include at least one presenter from a healthcare organization (hospital/health system or similar entity); that presenter's confirmation their participation is strongly encouraged when submitting the proposal. If you do not include a healthcare provider, please provide reasoning in your submission.

Title (Limit length to 8 words/100 characters)

- Exciting tile that is no more than eight (8) words or 100 characters.
- Highlight the subject of the presentation and attract attendees to attend the session.
- Clearly communicate the content of the session.

Abstract Description (Limit length between 400 and 600 words)

- **Do**
    - Provide an overview of the problem/issue your organization faced, the steps taken and partners utilized to resolve the problem/issue, the metrics utilized to document impact of the solution on your organization, and the lessons you would share with other organizations dealing with the same problem/issue.
    - If the topic of your abstract is based on new or emerging technologies/practices that have not yet been tested in a real-world setting, please be explicit in describing the unmet need the emerging technologies/practices are designed to impact, the audience for the new or emerging technologies/practices, and how that audience could begin to apply these technologies/practices to their daily operations.
    - You may wish to write the abstract description and outcomes in a word document and then paste the information into the online submission site.

- **Do not**
    - Use bullets or subtitles, grant support information or references in the abstract.
    - Include presenter or organization names in the abstract description. This is a blinded review, so identifying presenter or organizational information may disqualify your abstract.

Session Description (Limit length to 100 words)

- Include a concise and enticing description of your presentation that documents the topic it is focused on, the intended audience, and what the audience will gain from attending your session.
- If your abstract is selected, this session description will appear in the conference brochure, website and mobile app. Make sure this description will convince prospective attendees that they should invest their time in attending your session.
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Learning Outcomes

- Provide three (3) observable and measurable learning outcomes for your abstract using the list of measurable action verbs.
- Each outcome should have 25 words or less.
- Start all of your learning outcomes with "By attending this presentation, the learner will be able to..."
- Identify the impact on the learner as a result of participating in the presentation. What will the learning be able to do after attending?

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Session Format

- Select your preferred format for your session
    - **Learning Lab:** a 30- or 60-minute breakout session, which must include at least 10 minutes of Q&A. *Presenters are limited to one primary speaker and one co-speaker. Panels are limited to three panelists and one moderator.*
    - **Learning Lab Workshop:** 60-minute or 90-minute breakout session, that should include guided learning activities that may include work on attendees' own projects or issues related to that topic. Strong facilitation skills are needed for this format. *Presenters are limited to one primary speaker and up to two (2) co-facilitators.*

Tracks

Select which track your abstract aligns with.

- **Sourcing**
- **Technology**
- **Clinical/Value Analysis**
- **Operations**

Career Level

Indicate the career level that will benefit most from the content that you are presenting. To ensure that we serve the diversity of our attendees, AHRMM's Annual Conference Education Committee will look for a range of topics that address the needs of each career level listed here.

Knowledge Level

Indicate if your session will be introductory, intermediate, and advanced. This level will aid attendees in selecting sessions to build their supply chain knowledge.

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Audience Interaction

Describe how interactive your session will be and how you will engage the audience. Details should include whether you are planning any polling questions (hosted through the AHRMM27 mobile app), problem-solving, and Q&A time. Examples:

- My session will include 15 minutes of question-and-answer session and I will encourage participants to ask questions throughout the session instead of waiting until the end.
- I plan to speak for 20 minutes followed by 40 minutes of small group interaction to work through a specific problem.
- For **Learning Lab Workshop** submissions, submit an preliminary agenda of how the session will be organized.

Takeaway Tool Description

Provide a brief description of your takeaway tool. Speakers are required to provide attendees with at least one robust takeaway tool so they can better implement next steps within the organization they serve. Speakers must include a short description of their takeaway tool or takeaway tool concept within their abstract. If your abstract is accepted, the tool must be submitted in a PDF format so that it can be uploaded to the AHRMM27 Mobile App.

Options for the takeaway tool(s) include:

- Benchmarking worksheets (consider excel formats)
- Case Studies
- Checklist
- Forms/templates
- Sample Reports
- Lessons learned (for those experiencing a situation and for those who can plan ahead)
- Policies and procedures
- Assessment forms

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Abstract Submission Tips & Guidelines

Below is additional information and tips that we hope you will find helpful while preparing your abstract submission for AHRMM26 Annual Conference.

Selection Process & Timeline

- **All submissions must be completed online by January 15, 2027 at 11:59 p.m. CT.**
- NO EXTENSIONS, NO EXCEPTIONS.
- You may create and submit multiple submissions.
- Submissions will not be considered if sent outside of the online submission center.
- Materials submitted must be original, with all external sources referenced.
- We will allow up to four speakers per session.
- You will receive an automatic email confirmation of your submission.
- A team of volunteers and staff will review all complete submissions.
- **Submitters will be notified after February 15th, 2027 of their submission's acceptance status.**

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Tips for Selection

Each year, over 100 abstracts are submitted for consideration with only 35-50 spots for sessions available. The abstract selection committee is looking for abstracts that include specific concepts throughout:

Presentations may not include sales pitches. *Experience has shown that presentations with sales-like components consistently receive the lowest ratings.*

- *AHRMM strongly recommends all presentations include at least one presenter from a healthcare organization (hospital/health system or similar entity); that presenter's confirmation of their participation is strongly encouraged when submitting the proposal. If you do not include a healthcare provider, please provide reasoning in your submission.*
- *Presentations that promote a company or a product will not be accepted.*
- *Do not mention company or product names or use company/product logos in your presentation.*

Document Preparation

The use of company logos is not permitted in any PowerPoint or supporting document submitted.

Speakers are responsible for obtaining permissions to reprint material that is copyrighted by any organization other than AHRMM.

AHRMM will not participate in obtaining copyright permission for any aspects of the presentation process.

Use of AI:

If using any generative AI tools in the creation of any handouts and/or presentation materials, you will disclose such use to AHRMM. Regardless of such disclosure, you acknowledge and agree that you are solely responsible for:

- Obtaining permission to reproduce handouts and/or presentation materials if copyrighted by an organization/person other than AHRMM

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- Ensuring that handouts and/or presentation materials do not result in the plagiarism of any other organization's/person's content, including by running handouts and/or presentation materials through plagiarism software
- Independently fact-checking handouts and/or presentation materials to ensure that they are true, accurate, up-to-date, and not misleading or biased in any way
- Ensuring that handouts and/or presentations do not otherwise infringe or violate any copyright or other intellectual property rights of any other organization/person.

Speaker Benefit & Terms*

If your abstract submission is selected to become a conference session the speaker benefits include:

- Learning Labs and Learning Lab Workshops: Primary speakers will receive one (1) complimentary registration, and the co-speaker will receive a discounted registration ($200 off registration fee.)
- Discount codes will be provided to obtain these special rates.
- Full conference registration does not include pre-conference programs or any other special ticketed events.
- Speakers will be responsible for their own travel, lodging and incidental expenses.
- If you are submitting an abstract on behalf of another individual, you acknowledge you will share the information listed above.

The conference reserves the right to cancel a session and rescind speaker benefits if these terms and deadlines are NOT met.

**To receive these benefits, speakers must meet the speaker expectations listed above (including providing attendee takeaways and meeting all deadlines).*

Questions? Please reach out to Mary Kravenas (mkravenas@aha.org)