Call for Proposals
2018 AEM Consensus Conference
Submission deadline: April 8, 2016

The editors of Academic Emergency Medicine are now accepting proposals for the 19th annual AEM consensus conference to be held on May 15, 2018, at the SAEM Annual Meeting in Indianapolis.

Proposals must advance a topic relevant to emergency medicine that is conducive to the development of a research agenda, and be spearheaded by thought leaders from within the specialty. Consensus conference goals are to heighten awareness related to the topic, discuss the current state of knowledge about the topic, identify knowledge gaps, propose needed research, and issue a call to action to allow future progress. Importantly, the consensus conference is not a “state of the art” session, but is intended primarily to create the research agenda that is needed to advance our knowledge of the topic area.

Previous topics have included and will include (2016 and 2017):

- 2000: Errors in emergency medicine
- 2001: The unraveling safety net
- 2002: Quality and best practices in emergency care
- 2003: Disparities in emergency care
- 2004: Information technology in emergency medicine
- 2005: Emergency research without informed consent
- 2006: The science of surge
- 2007: Knowledge translation
- 2008: Simulation in emergency medicine
- 2009: Public health in the emergency department: surveillance, screening, and intervention
- 2010: Beyond regionalization: integrated networks of emergency care
- 2011: Interventions to assure quality in the crowded emergency department
- 2012: Education Research in Emergency Medicine
- 2013: Global Health and Emergency Care: A Research Agenda
- 2014: Gender-Specific Research in Emergency Medicine: Investigate, Understand, and Translate how Gender Affects Patient Outcomes
- 2015: Diagnostic Imaging in the Emergency Department: A Research Agenda to Optimize Utilization
- 2016: Shared decision-making in the emergency department: development of a policy-relevant patient-centered research agenda.
2017: Catalyzing System Change Through Health Care Simulation: Systems, Competency, and Outcomes

Well-developed proposals will be reviewed on a competitive basis by a sub-committee of the AEM editorial board. Proceedings of the meeting and original contributions related to the topic will be published exclusively by AEM in its special topic issue in December, 2018.

Submitters are strongly advised to review proceedings of previous consensus conferences, which can be found in the past November and December issues of AEM, to guide the development of their proposals. These can be found open-access on the journal’s home page (www.aemj.org).

Submitters are also welcome to contact the journal’s editors or leaders of prior consensus conferences with any questions, or for copies of submissions from prior years.

**Proposals must include the following:**

1. Introduction of the topic
   - brief statement of relevance
   - justification for this topic choice

2. Proposed conference chairs, and sponsoring SAEM interest groups, committees, or academies (if any – not required)

3. Proposed conference agenda and proposed presenters
   - plenary lectures
   - panels
   - breakout topics and questions for discussion and consensus-building

4. Anticipated audience
   - stakeholder groups/organizations
   - federal regulators
   - national researchers and educators
   - others

5. Anticipated budget, to include such items as:
   - travel costs
   - audiovisual equipment and other materials
   - publishing costs (brochures, syllabus, journal)
   - meals

6. Potential funding sources and strategies for securing conference funding.
**How to submit your proposal.**

Proposals must be submitted electronically to aem@saem.org no later than 5PM Eastern Daylight Time on April 8, 2016. Late submissions will not be considered. The review sub-committee may query submitters for additional information prior to making the final selection, which will be announced prior to the 2016 SAEM Annual Meeting, to allow for scheduling a planning meeting. Questions may be directed to aem@saem.org or to the editor-in-chief at editor@saem.org.