SCDM Live

Call for session proposals

SCDM 2025 India Annual Conference

4-6 December 2025

Bengaluru, India

CHAIRING AT SCDM25

Founded in 1994, the Society of Clinical Data Management (SCDM) stands as the foremost authority in Clinical Data Management and is leading the industry-wide transition to Clinical Data Science. Through education, certification, and our influence, we play a crucial role in the advancement of clinical research and the development of safe and effective medical treatments for a healthier world.

With a history dating back to 2010, the SCDM India Annual Conference is more than just an event. It's a catalyst for growth and an opportunity to contribute to the advancement of the CDM profession and the industry at large.

Be part of the change

We believe world-class education and thought leadership are the driving forces for professional excellence, for innovation, and for advancing clinical data managers around the world. That's why we want our content program to inspire the kind of transformational learning that can change the world of clinical data science.

Inspire and mentor peers

Our attendees enjoy hearing from their mentors, from industry leaders and from their peers. They like to be inspired, challenged and motivated. Our session chairs and speakers make the SCDM Annual Conference, and we look forward to seeing your ideas.

WHAT DO THE MOST SUCCESSFUL SESSIONS HAVE IN COMMON?

Have one big idea

Develop an idea worth sharing and express it clearly and simply. Your idea may be an assumption that you wish to challenge or a unique perspective on a common topic, or even an innovative concept that has the power to advance the profession. Remember to summarise your idea in one clear message.

Develop a twist

If your idea can be stated in a catchy or provocative way, our attendees will pay more attention and remember it easily. Be thought-provoking and not afraid to offer something different than what is expected.

Offer real value

Our attendees want to be inspired but they also want valuable, practical takeaways. Make sure you answer the key questions relating to your topic.

5 PRINCIPLES

1 All content must be original and not a rehash of a session given at another industry event.

2 If your submission is successful, the cost to cover any fees (such as registration) must be covered by you. By submitting your proposal you agree to be present in Bengaluru, India.

3 There is no session chair charge to chair at the SCDM Annual Conference. On the contrary, you benefit from a reduced speaker registration fee.

4 Successful proposals are selected on the merit of the idea and the Session Chair.

5 You are responsible for the concept, creation and delivery of your session. The SCDM Team is on hand to guide you and is the official contact point for confirmations and changes.

TOPICS

AI + Cognitive Tech

Examining proven solutions, as well as work that is still in prototype, that aim to advance, enrich or improve data sourcing, aggregation and interpretation

RB-CDM + Data Integrity

Early engagement with protocol design and risk identification to set the foundation for empowered and reliable trial design, patient safety and data integrity

Tech-Led Innovation + Medical Devices + Coding

Celebrating innovations in the fundamentals of technology, data and communications that unlock better data insights and improved business performance

Regulations + Standards

What are the successes and challenges of global clinical trials with respect to regulations, standards and trial design from the lenses of academia, small biotech and large pharma

DCTs/Hybrids + Patient Journey

Enhancing the patient journey through trial design and deployment solutions to create more inclusive trials with greater patient retention and data integrity

CDS + Analytics

CDS practical implementation - real-life case studies, including analytics

Data Human Evolved

Personal branding in your journey of data management, data science and beyond — how to pivot in an ever-evolving digital environment

Wild Card

Celebrating high-impact content that goes beyond the norm and shifts traditional themes and embraces the future

PRESENTATION FORMATS

Campfire session

Your goal as the session chairs is to break down the barriers of the lectern. While the session starts with a 15-20 minute presentation from a speaker, it then shifts to focusing on gaining key participation from the audience. The session chair turns facilitator allowing attendees to answer questions and provide comments. It allows attendees to drive their own learning, listen to different perspectives and share experiences.

Debates

Your session topic will become the questions of a formal debate where industry experts will argue opposing sides. You will act as referee for the debate and will select your debaters and jury members to decide who best argued their position. Alternatively, you can engage the audience to become the jury.

Fishbowl

Four chairs are placed in a circle in the centre of the room, with other chairs around these chairs for the audience. Three to four speakers sitting in the centre circle will discuss a topic for the audience to listen to. In an open fishbowl scenario, one chair is left empty for a member of the audience to sit down and join the conversation. Participants can come and go. At the end of the session, the session chair summarises the whole discussion.

Ignite presentations

Ignite sessions are fast-paced sessions designed to generate awareness and stimulate discussion. An ignite session features up to 6 presentations (5-10 minutes each & max 20 slides) around the same topic or on related topics. To maintain energy and a high cadence, presentation slides automatically advance every 15 seconds. An ignite session is a truly energetic and dynamic session, designed to keep the speaker and audience on their toes.

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Oral presentation

Consist of 3-4 presenters per session covering practical, skills-based content. Each presentation lasts 20-25 minutes. It is an ideal session for capable speakers presenting more specialised content.

Panel discussion

Facilitated by the Session Chair who guides the panel and the audience through the topic. The panel format allows for a brief introduction and then discussion among the panellists and audience. The panel, composed of 3-4 experts or practitioners in the field, shares facts, offers opinions and responds to audience questions either through questions curated by the moderator or taken from the audience directly. The panel aims to offer the

Roundtable discussion

A flexible format to presentations. Sessions may look quite different from each other, but they have one thing in common: it allows for extended discussion among a small group. Roundtables are an ideal forum for having the speakers very accessible to the SCDM audience, for giving and receiving targeted feedback, and for engaging in in-depth discussions.

Storytelling session

2-3 case studies (15 minutes each; 10 minute Q&A) themed around the same scenario/issue are told as engaging stories. The case studies should reflect the authentic experience of an individual, a team, or a community.

SUBMISSION DEADLINES

1 **April 13: Submission Deadline**

You should do this through the online content portal. Proposals submitted directly to SCDM Team will not be considered.

2 **April 15-30, Review & Selection**

The length of the review process is dependent on the number of submissions we receive. We aim to get back to you as soon as possible.

3 **May 5, Notification of Outcome**

If your proposal is successful, a member of the SCDM Team will contact you with an initial offer of a slot, subject to speakers being confirmed and session content agreed. Once everything has been finalised, we will list the conference speakers online and in marketing communications.

4 **May 5 Onwards, Session Development**

The SCDM Team will work with all session chairs and speakers to ensure you deliver a successful session and that there is no overlap between different presentations.
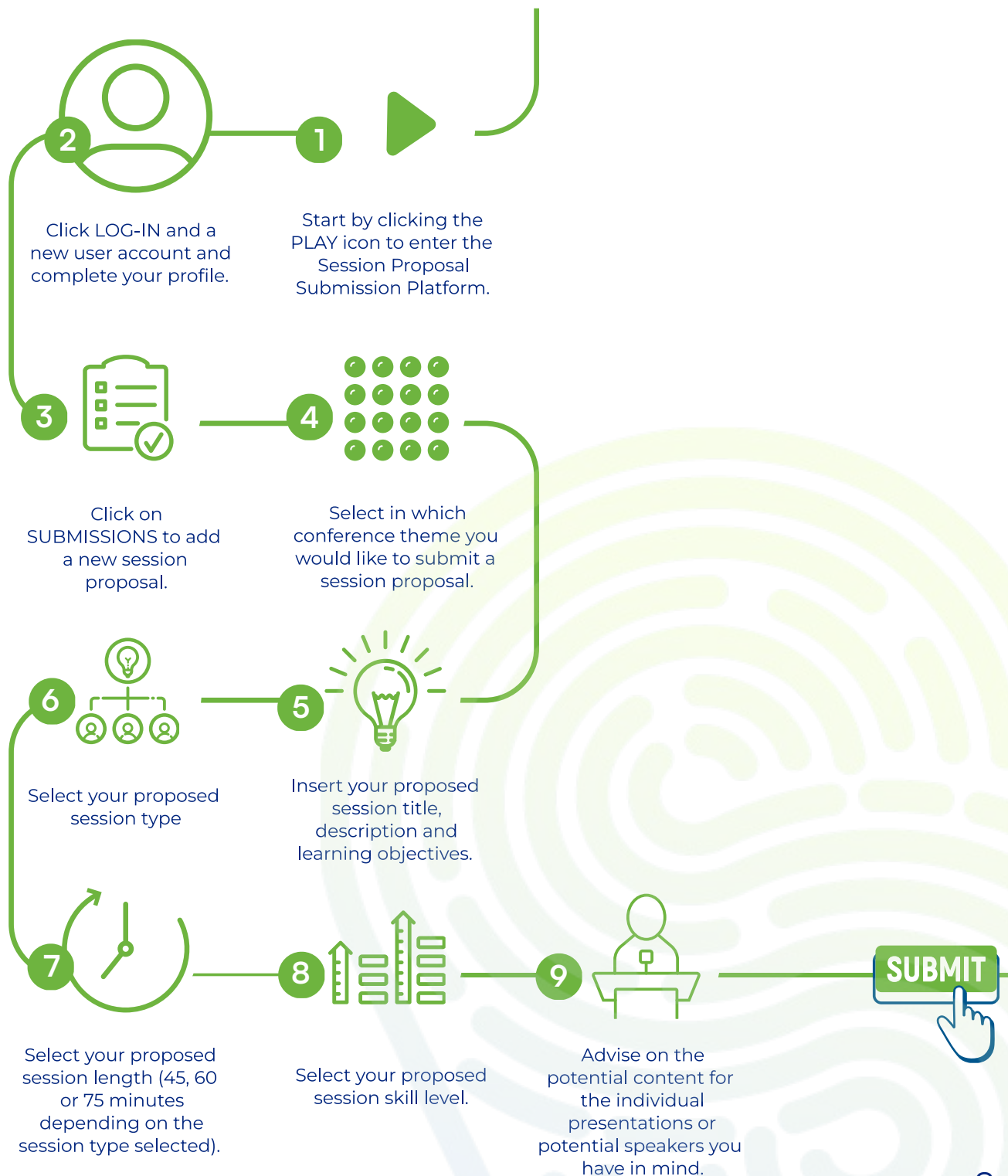
SUCCESSFUL SUBMISSIONS

Successful submissions will be offered a slot in the conference program and the submitter will act as chair of the session (or assign one).

Chairing a session at the SCDM Annual Conference requires commitment prior, during and after the event towards the participants and organizers.

The session chair will be responsible for the development of the session by selecting and guiding speakers. Regular calls with the conference co-chairs and organizers will be organized to guide session chairs through the process.

5 PRINCIPLES

How to submit your session proposal

1 Start by clicking the PLAY icon to enter the Session Proposal Submission Platform.

2 Click LOG-IN and a new user account and complete your profile.

3 Click on SUBMISSIONS to add a new session proposal.

4 Select in which conference theme you would like to submit a session proposal.

5 Insert your proposed session title, description and learning objectives.

6 Select your proposed session type

7 Select your proposed session length (45, 60 or 75 minutes depending on the session type selected).

8 Select your proposed session skill level.

9 Advise on the potential content for the individual presentations or potential speakers you have in mind.

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