



Hybrid Conference

16th International Medical Education Conference 2023 (IMEC 2023)

13th - 15th October 2023

International Medical University, Kuala Lumpur

SYMPOSIUM – GUIDELINES

INTRODUCTION

Authentic student and community engagement in health professions education and healthcare could offer a foundation for empowerment and partnership. Health professions education curricula that expose students to meaningful community experiences allow a better understanding of how non-medical factors such as education, economic conditions, food security, housing, the environment, and social inclusion affect the quality of healthcare. In addition, a curriculum that increases students' choice, control, and collaboration opportunities could also increase their motivation and engagement. The inclusion of students and community voices in the way teachers teach, students learn and are assessed not only offers diverse perspectives to improve the quality of educational outcomes but ultimately prepares future healthcare leaders to meet the growing and evolving demands of health and healthcare.

The goal of IMEC 2023 is to connect healthcare professional, curriculum planners, academics, students, and community bodies to rethink and engage with opportunities for engaging, enabling and empowering students and communities to enhance health professions education.

The IMEC 2023 welcomes the submission of engaging and informative symposia proposals.

The symposium content and activities need to be based on the conference theme: **Student & Community Voices for Health Professions Education: Engage, Enable & Empower.**

The subthemes for the conference are as below:

- Curriculum Design
- Teaching and Learning
- Partnerships with the community
- Student Assessment
- Student Selection
- Leadership
- Student Empowerment
- Faculty Development

Symposium Proposal Submission Deadline: **31 March 2023**

Symposium Proposal Acceptance Notification: 15 April 2023

SYMPOSIUM INFORMATION

- Symposia speakers may present either onsite (at Kuala Lumpur) or online.
- Each symposium should last about 60 minutes, with a maximum of 3 speakers.
- Presentations from speakers should take no more than 45 minutes, with the remaining time for discussion.
- The organiser will appoint moderators to support the session and manage questions from online and onsite participants.
- Presenters may present onsite (at Kuala Lumpur) or online (via Zoom).
- Presenters are free to create the presentation using own design as there is no conference slide template.
- The presentation format should be set to 16:9 and in landscape orientation.
- All presentations must declare any conflicts of interest on the 2nd slide of the presentation.
- Text to be included in the slide to state the conflict of interest
 - No conflict of interest: “There are no conflicts of interest to declare”. **OR**
 - Conflict of interest: Please state in your own words what the conflict of interest is. All presenters must disclose any personal or financial relationships that could influence their work.
- It is recommended that text should be no smaller than font 24; standard fonts should be used.
- All presenters should be at the respective presentation venue (for onsite presenters) / Zoom link (for online presenters) at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start time.
- Symposium will be live-streamed and recorded.
- Speakers are required to provide consent for sharing of presentations in the virtual platform at the end of the conference.

For Onsite Presenters (at Kuala Lumpur)

- The audio-visual equipment available in the venue includes a projection screen, data projector, microphone and laptop.
- The presentation file should be provided to IMEC 2023 organiser in advance, either
 - Email the presentation file to IMEC2023@imu.edu.my with the Abstract Number before **29 September 2023 (5:00 pm Malaysia, GMT +8:00)** or
 - Bring the presentation file on a USB device to the Secretariat Room (4th Floor) before **14 October 2023 (5:00 pm Malaysia, GMT +8:00)**.
- Please ensure you have a copy of your presentation slides on a USB as a backup.
- Please note that there are often formatting inconsistencies between Mac and PC versions of Office, so please ensure you have checked the presentation slides before the session.

For Online Presenters

- All online presenters must be at the Zoom session at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start time.
- Presenters may choose to present live or via pre-recorded presentation.
- All pre-recorded presentations should be in MP4 format.
- The pre-recorded video file should be provided to imec2023@imu.edu.my via WeTransfer (<https://wetransfer.com/>) before **29 September 2023 (5:00 pm Malaysia, GMT +8:00)**.

For further information regarding the IMEC 2023, please contact IMEC 2023 Secretariat via email to IMEC2023@imu.edu.my