AMWA 2023 Annual Conference Schedule at a Glance with Program Titles
(as of May 24)

All sessions are included in your AMWA 2023 Medical Writing & Communication conference registration unless pre-registration and an additional fee are noted.

Pre-Conference Day: Wednesday, October 25
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM | Workshops (pre-registration & additional fee)
- Introduction to Statistics for Medical Communicators
- Writing a Protocol in Compliance with ICH Guidelines
- Clinical Study Report Writing: From Tables, Listings, and Graphs to Text
- Principles and Practice of Visual Data Presentation
- Public Speaking for Private People: The Intensive

2:00 to 5:00 PM | Workshops (pre-registration & additional fee)
- Health Economics for Medical Writers and Editors
- Medical Editing Clinic
- Fundamentals of Ethics and Practical Applications in Clinical Research
- Visual Communication
- Project Management

3:30 to 5:00 PM | Intensive (pre-registration & additional fee)
- How to Think Like a Leader

2:30 to 5:00 PM | Education & Networking Sessions
- New to AMWA and Conference Session (2:30-3:30 PM)
- Speed Networking Session (4:00-5:00 PM)

Conference Day 1: Thursday, October 26
9:30 to 11:00 AM | Education Sessions
- An Assist for Inclusion: Expanding Web Access for Users of Assistive Technology
- Educating the Next Generation of Medical Communicators: Strategies for Development of University Level Courses
- How Do Medical Writers Impact the Recruitment and Participation of Underrepresented Populations in Clinical Trials?
- Navigating the Evolving Transparency and Disclosure Landscape in 2023 and Beyond
- The Art and Science of Eliminating Burnout
- Take the Leap! Steps to Integrate AI into Your Work

11:15 AM to 12:15 PM | Education Sessions
- Communicating About & With Artificial Intelligence Applications
- Communication Culture Club (Navigating Corporate Perceptions Imbedded in Language)
- Developing Plain Language Informed Consent Forms for Multinational Clinical Trials
- Microlearning in Medicine: Big Results in Bite-Sized Pieces
- Shackleton’s Ghost Writer — Are Authorship Standards Always Important?
- Subcontracting 101
12:30 to 1:45 PM | Plenary
- Opening General Session with Award Address (*Lunch Provided*)

2:00 to 5:00 PM | Workshops (pre-registration & additional fee)
- Mentoring Other Writers – How to Begin
- Lean Authoring
- Do More with Less Faster: Project Management for Medical Communicators
- Writing the Clinical Study Abstract

2:00 to 3:00 PM | Education Sessions
- Entering, Navigating, and Thriving in the Field of Medical Communications
- Is the hype real? Real-life user experience of an AI tool for CSR production
- Pursuing Excellence in Medical Writing for Continuing Education in the Health Professions: A Competency Model
- Putting Your Plain Language Writing to the Test: Getting the Most out of User Testing
- You’ve got to be kidding! A guide to handling ethical dilemmas without losing your mind

4:00 to 5:00 PM | Education Sessions
- A Regulatory Writer’s Guide to Leading an Efficient Comment Resolution Meeting in a Virtual World
- Plain Language with a Page Limit: Strategies for Writing 2-Page Protocol Synopses and Other Deliverables
- Tips for Efficiently Writing Effective Response Letters to Journal Editors
- Speed Networking

Conference Day 2: Friday, October 27
7:30 to 8:45 AM | Roundtable Discussions with Breakfast (pre-registration & additional fee)
*See listing below.*

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM | Workshops (pre-registration & additional fee)
- Writing the Investigator’s Brochure
- Proofreading: Strategy for Document Quality Control
- How to Interpret and Write About Clinical Trial Data
- Writing Clinical Study Report Lay Summaries--A Survivor's Guide

9:00 to 10:30 AM | Education Sessions
- CTD Structure: From IND to NDA
- Immunology Essentials for Medical Writers
- Roads leading to approval: The right level of detail for CMC submissions
- The Value of Medical Writing: A Toolkit for Defining, Achieving, and Communicating Success

11:00 AM to 12:00 PM | Education Sessions
- An Unexpected Perk of a Career in Medical Communication: Educating Scientific Publication Authors
- Demystifying Business Plans for Freelance Medical Writers
- Medical Communication Education: A Panel on Challenges and Opportunities
- Plain Language Summary of Publication: maximizing value by maximizing patient engagement
- Variations in Investigational New Drug (IND) applications presented via Case Studies

1:30 to 2:30 PM | Education Sessions
- Editing Grant Applications: Top Tips for Success
• How to Prevent Medical Writer Burnout
• Medical Writing and Editing Internships: Preparing the Next Generation of Medical Communication Professionals
• Offer accepted, now what? Keys to successful onboarding and career development from both perspectives
• Social Media (SoMe) CME: The Next Evolution

3:00 to 4:30 PM | Education Sessions
• Jam Session for Medical Writers and Editors Who Work on Research Manuscripts
• Jam Session for Seasoned Freelancers
• Jam Session for New to Mid-level Freelancers
• MedWrite Talks 1
  o Advisory Boards: A Deep Dive
  o Don’t be Afraid of the Machines: AI will transform and enhance the future of Medical Writing
  o Is it possible to fully automate QC of CSR?
  o Living a Legacy

• MedWrite Talks 2
  o Applying clinical experience to medical writing – write for your audience
  o Are the robots taking our jobs (again)?
  o Hidden Talent in Medical Writing: Hiding in Plain Sight
  o Please don’t call me “elderly”: Avoiding ageism in your writing

Conference Day 3: Saturday, October 28
8:15 to 9:15 AM | Learning Circles
• Attracting and Retaining Medical Writers Through Mentoring Programs
• Breaking into Regulatory Writing
• Inclusive Language for Scientific Writers and Editors
• Strategically Writing and Reviewing Regulatory Documentation: How to Implement for Success

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM | Workshops (pre-registration & additional fee)
• The Foundations of Medical Writing
• Grant Editing
• Leadership Development for Medical Writers
• Public Speaking for Private People: The Intensive

9:30 to 10:30 AM | Education Sessions
• Building the next generation of regulatory writers from the ground up
• Emerging Best Practices to Develop Master Protocols
• Find Your Flow: Connect Ideas to Guide Readers Through Your Writing
• Protection of commercially confidential information: key strategies for preparing submissions to CTIS

11:00 AM to 12:00 PM | Education Sessions
• Making Time for What Matters: Work-life Fulfillment through Prioritizing Needs
• Next-level QC Review and Editing in Medical Writing
• Writing About Health and Medicine for Earned, Owned, and Social Media

12:15 to 1:30 PM | Plenary
• Closing General Session with Award Address & Annual Business Meeting (Lunch Provided)
Roundtable Discussions with Breakfast (pre-registration & additional fee)

- Attracting and Retaining Medical Writers Through Mentoring Programs
- Attracting New Talent Through Regulatory Medical Writing Internship and Shadowing Opportunities
- Authoring the Informed Consent Form (ICF): Current Challenges and Opportunities
- Being our own worst critic: using critical thinking skills to strengthen science communication
- Best Practices for Developing Patient-Centered Online Health Information
- Best Practices for Effective Kick-off Meetings for Abstracts, Posters, Presentations, and Manuscripts
- Beyond the Data: Strategies for Managing Teams Through Critical Writing Projects
- Bringing Science to Life: Creating Compelling Videos and Documentaries to Showcase Scientific Research
- Building a Scalable Recruiting Model and Other Innovative Approaches to Attracting Talent
- Certification of Editors in the Life Sciences
- ChatGPT and the Future of Medical Writing
- Collaborative Authoring
- Conducting Original Research on Medical Writing: How to Get Started?
- Discover Your Calling: Mastering Your Medical Writing Niche
- DMPs All Around: How Do We Help Researchers Fulfill Data Management and Sharing Requirements?
- Document Complexity Tool to Assist With Resourcing Decisions
- Driving teams towards optimized submissions. How can medical writing help build the case for change?
- Fact Checking and Annotating for Medical-Legal Review (MLR)
- I have my abstract: now what? Tips and shortcuts for creating an effective poster
- Impact of Medical Writing on Streamlining Clinic Tasks: Best Practice Instructions
- Inclusive Language for Scientific Writers and Editors
- Objective Method for Selecting Resource Management Tool - Comprehensive Assessment with Quantitative and Qualitative Measures
- Optimizing the Value of QC: What do Medical Writers Want? What can QC Provide?
- Patient-Focused Drug Development: How can I be a patient advocate as a medical writer?
- Quick Onboarding and Preparation for Medical Writers to Support Regulatory Submissions
- Quick Tips for Using Online Reference Management Software (Mendeley) for Manuscript Preparation
- Resilience: Burnout Prevention and Management for Medical Communicators
- Risk Management Plans: A Discussion on Best Practices and Lessons Learned
- Roles and Responsibilities of the Medical Copywriter in Promotional Medical Writing
- Scientific Writing in Academia: Building Resources and Support
- Statistically Speaking: how to avoid confusing or misleading your audience
- Staying Curious: Understanding Motivations in Building and Managing Medical Writing Teams
- Strategically Writing and Reviewing Regulatory Documentation: How to Implement for Success
- Strategies for driving successful reviews
- Strategies for Resolving Workplace Conflict
- Study Smarter: Creating an MWC® Exam Study Plan That Works for You
- The Art of Saying "No"
- The Role of Medical Writers in Authoring the Integrated Summary of Immunogenicity Report for Biotherapeutics
- The Well-Rounded Medical Writer: It Goes Beyond Good Writing
- Transitioning from Clinical Research to Medical Writing
- Understanding Early Clinical Writing
- Using theoretical scenarios to guide decision-making
- What is Career Satisfaction to a Medical Writer?
- When Should Medical Writers Be Publication Coauthors?
- Writing Strategies for Expediting Initial Investigational New Drug (IND) Applications
• Your CV Speaks First – Tips on Presenting Yourself Well for the Medical Writing Opportunity