

## **2023 CONFERENCE PREVIEW**

## Continuous Learning and Connection at the 2023 Medical Writing & Communication Conference

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Before you know it, the AMWA 2023 Medical Writing & Communication Conference will be here. This year's conference is scheduled for October 25 through 28 in Baltimore, Maryland, just an hour's drive from AMWA's home offices. Register now for the conference at the Annual Conference website (https://www.amwa.org/page/conference).

The Annual Conference Committee has worked hard to pack the schedule with a variety of different topics in scientific communication, regulatory writing, health communication, and more. From educational sessions, workshops, posters, speed networking sessions, and roundtables to new learning modes such as vendor showcases and learning circles, the conference will offer something for beginner, intermediate, and experienced medical communicators. We'll also have breaks and snacks to keep attendees refreshed.

Be sure to stick around until the end to listen to all our excellent speakers. This year's McGovern Award winners are the team of Dr Jessica Steier and Dr Andrea Love, and the Alvarez Award winner is Dr Katelyn Jetelina. All are making important contributions to bring medical science to lay audi-

ences and will share their great insights on the importance and role of medical communicators.

One of the best features of these conferences is the ability to meet and socialize in person with other medical communicators from around the country. Networking sessions, breaks, sunrise walks, and dinners offer attendees ample opportunities to meet each other. Attendees come from a variety of backgrounds, and we bring vastly different experiences to our medical communication. (I myself have had a long, nonlinear career path.) Learning from each other can take place in any moment, with anyone, at the conference. I've received some of the best insights and advice about medical communication during relaxed conversations over breaks and dinners.

Thankfully, Baltimore has plenty of attractions—or distractions—to help attendees enjoy some downtime, too. The conference schedule will allow for visits to the city to take in the historic sites, museums, and oceanfront scenery.

I encourage you to take advantage of your time in Baltimore, and I hope to connect with you at the 2023 Annual Conference.

