World Conference Forum

2026 Hospital Patient Flow Management Summit

Revolutionary Strategies to Boost Hospital-Wide Patient Flow and Achieve Value Based Health: Improve Patient Centric Care, Enhance Admission to Discharge, Increase Revenues, Employ Technology/Data Analytics, Address Barriers to Care and More!

November 2 – 3, 2026 • Loews Vanderbilt Hotel • Nashville, TN

Overview

Today, the nation's healthcare environment has recognized that enhanced and efficient hospital-wide patient flow is essential in achieving value-based health and delivering safe, high-quality patient centric healthcare. Hospitals and health systems are examining how to provide the right care, in the right place, and at the right time while reducing costs and eliminating waste. They are developing/implementing innovative and collaborative based interventions, and employing technology and real-time data information – improving hospital-wide patient throughput to reduce wait times, re-design care management, and move the patient smoothly and efficiently from admission to discharge. Enhanced patient flow results in appropriate high-quality healthcare, improved patient satisfaction, and increased hospital profitability.

We have created a high-level forum featuring knowledgeable leaders and executives from hospitals and health systems who will share their perspectives, valuable insights and expertise on how to be best equipped for the rapidly evolving landscape of Patient Flow Management. Attendees will benefit from learning about best practices and strategies that have been deployed to address the challenges presented under the current healthcare environment impacting hospitals and health systems in effectively managing patient flow. This exclusive event targets senior level executives in order to maximize educational and networking opportunities.

Intended Audience

From Hospitals, Health Systems & Providers:

Chief Executive Officers, Chief Medical Officers, Chief Clinical Officers, Chief Operating Officers, Chief Financial Officers

Also, Vice Presidents, Directors, Managers & Executives of:

- Medical Management
- Utilization Management
- Quality
- Appeals Management
- Patient Financial Services
- Patient Care
- Emergency Medicine
- Hospitalists
- Billing
- Medical Records
- Operations
- Strategy
- Nursing
- Case Management
- Care Management
- Denial Management
- Compliance
- Admissions
- Patient Flow
- Emergency Department
- Managed Care
- Coding
- Risk
- Finance
- Clinical Documentation
- Physician Assistants

Also of interest to Health Plans, Payers, Employer Plans, TPAs, Managed Care Organizations Healthcare Consultants, Solution Providers, Vendors, Purchasers, Physician Groups, Behavioral Health Centers, Healthcare Technology Innovators, Data Analytics Providers, Pharmacy Benefit Managers, Disease Management Organizations, Home Health Care Companies, Third Party Administrators, Pharmaceutical & Medical Device Companies, IT & Business Process Outsourcing Companies, Enrollment Brokers and More!

Preliminary Agenda

(Topics Subject to Change Based on Final Speaker Presentations)

Day One – Monday, November 2, 2026

7:15 Conference Registration & Networking Breakfast

8:15 Chairperson's Opening Remarks

Amar Munsiff, MD, FACP
President
AVM Medical
Physician Leader, Thompson Health
University of Rochester Medicine

8:30 Discharge Planning and Transitions of Care

Carissa Tyo, MD
Medical Director, Clinical Decision Unit
Medical Director, Care Management & Physician Advisors
University of Illinois Hospital & Health Sciences System

9:15 Building a System That Moves: Transforming Pediatric Behavioral Health Through Throughput, Coordination, and Care Redesign

Barron Frazier, MD, FAAP
Medical Director, Pediatric Emergency Department
Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt

Heather Kreth, PsyD
Clinical Director, Inpatient Behavioral Health
Clinical Director, Acute Behavioral Health Services
Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt

10:00 Networking Break & Refreshments

10:30 The Final Mile: Accelerating ED to IP Transitions

Amy Finnell, DNP, MBA, MSN, RN, BSHCS, NE-BC
Director, Nursing Operations
St. Elizabeth Healthcare

11:15 The Impact of Accurate Patient Status on Hospital Patient Flow

Amar Munsiff, MD, FACP
President
AVM Medical
Physician Leader, Thompson Health
University of Rochester Medicine

12:00 Luncheon for All Attendees & Speakers

1:15 The Impact on Patient Flow: Name Selection, Appearance & Physical Location of an Observation Unit

Bonnie Clement, DNP, MSN-Ed, RN, CMSRN, CNML
Nurse Manager, Extended Recovery & Short-Stay Unit
Fairview Southdale Hospital

2:00 <u>Panel Discussion:</u> Best Collaborative Approaches to Patient Flow Management through Hospital Wide Throughput and Care Coordination

3:00 Networking Break & Refreshments

3:30 No Wrong Door, Transforming the ED into the Front Door for Integrated Health

Dave Meyer
Principal
Cogent Advisors
Lead, Risk Adjustment Practice
EBG Associates

4:15 Beyond the Dashboard: Building the Operating System for Hospital Patient Flow

Charles Larsen, MSN-L, MBA, RN, NE-BC
Executive Director
Arizona Resource Equity & Access Coordination Hub (AZ REACH)

5:00 End of Day One

<u>Day Two – Tuesday, November 3, 2026</u>

7:15 Networking Breakfast

8:15 Chairperson's Recap of Day One

Amar Munsiff, MD, FACP
President
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Physician Leader, Thompson Health

University of Rochester Medicine

8:30 Managing Hospital System Capacity Through the Transfer Center

Nate Miller, MD
Executive Director, Regional Emergency Medicine
Assistant Director, ED Operations
Vanderbilt University Medical Center

9:15 The Last Mile Matters: How a Discharge Lounge Improves Flow and Experience

Kalli Witker, MSN, RN, CEN
Manager, Patient Flow Discharge
Vanderbilt University Medical Center

10:00 Networking Break & Refreshments

10:30 Overview of Readmissions within the ED/Hospital Setting

Ian Duncan, PhD, FSA, MAAAA
Senior Advisor
Arbital Health
President-Elect
Society of Actuaries

11:30 Conference Concludes

Workshop Session

Monday, November 2, 2026 • 5:05 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

HHH – Healthcare Happy Hour: Enhancing the Hospital Emergency Department/POC for Integrated Mental Health, Medicare Advantage and the Medicaid Managed Care Population

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