



SDMS Virtual Event Policies

CONDUCT (1.2)

This policy outlines the appropriate conduct that is expected of attendees, partners, sponsors, and other virtual event participants while participating in an SDMS Virtual Event.

ATTENDEES/VENDORS/PARTNERS/SPONSORS

Attendees, partners, sponsors, and other virtual event participants are expected to conduct themselves appropriately at all times. Any action that interferes with, disrupts, impairs, creates an undue burden, or is deemed inappropriate or disruptive by the SDMS is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including the removal of the attendee, vendor, partner, or sponsor from the Virtual Event and termination of any related privileges of the attendee, vendor, partner, or sponsor at future virtual events. No refunds will be provided under such circumstances.

INAPPROPRIATE/DISRUPTIVE ACTIONS

- **Harassment, intimidation, or discrimination in any form:** The SDMS is committed to fostering a welcoming, respectful, and supportive environment within the diagnostic medical sonography profession. The SDMS expects all attendees, partners, sponsors, and other virtual event participants to foster an environment where all individuals feel valued, respected, and empowered to succeed.
- **Disruption of the presentations during sessions:** All participants must conform with the instructions of the speakers, moderator, and/or SDMS staff members.
- **Misuse of audience participation time:** During sessions with open discussion or audience Q&A, participants are expected to engage in a respectful and concise manner. Comments and questions should be relevant to the topic at hand and directed through the appropriate moderator, speaker, or facilitator. Speakers, moderators, or SDMS staff reserve the right to redirect, limit, or end participant contributions that are off-topic, monopolize the conversation, or disrupt the flow and intent of the session.
- **Unapproved postings and messages:** Postings and messages that contain promotional materials, special offers, job offers, product announcements, or solicitation of services must be pre-approved by the SDMS in advance.

CANCELLATION & REFUND (1.3)

Cancellation without access to post recordings:

- Notice of cancellation 48 or more hours prior to start of the virtual event: 100% refund.
- Notice of cancellation after 48 hours prior to start of the virtual event: 50% refund.
- Notice of cancellation or refund requests after start of the virtual event: non-refundable.

All cancellations must be in writing and sent to events@sdms.org.

Registration fees are non-refundable after the start of the event. SDMS CME credit is awarded only to participants whose attendance and completion can be verified by the SDMS.

If attendance cannot be verified and SDMS CME credit is not issued, the registration fee remains non-refundable and is not eligible for dispute through a credit card provider, as the registrant was provided access to the event and educational content. It is the responsibility of the registrant to ensure the functionality of their system and internet prior to the start of the event.

SCREEN CAPTURE (1.4)

ATTENDEES

Recording video, audio, or screen capturing/taking photos (including the use of smartphones and other mobile devices), is prohibited for all SDMS virtual events.

SCREEN CAPTURE RELEASE

The SDMS reserves the right to screen capture any virtual event sponsored by the SDMS, without the express written permission of those included within the screen capture.

SESSION RECORDINGS (1.5)

RECORDINGS

Virtual event session recordings will be distributed upon conclusion of a virtual event to all paid registrants for a duration of 90-days. Registrants cannot earn SDMS CME credit for reviewing a recording; SDMS CME credit can only be earned at the time the session is being live streamed.

COPYRIGHT

Virtual event session recordings are copyrighted by the SDMS, and registrants are prohibited from sharing and utilizing the recorded content received from any SDMS virtual event.

SPEAKERS & PRESENTATIONS (1.6)

The following policy outlines the disclaimer language to be presented to virtual event participants regarding the speaker selection process and presentations.

SPEAKER SELECTION DISCLAIMER

The Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (SDMS) sponsors speakers for Continuing Medical Education (CME) activities. Speakers are carefully selected for their knowledge and expertise, but neither the SDMS, partners, nor the speakers warrant that the presentations or materials are free of errors or will continue to be accurate. Opinions expressed are those of the speaker and do not necessarily reflect the views of the SDMS or its affiliated organizations, officers, Boards of Directors, or staff members. Statements in the presentations and their materials should be verified before relying on them. Video recordings may have been edited. SDMS CME credit is not guaranteed and may vary depending on actual length of session.

SPEAKER PRESENTATION DISCLAIMER

The content and views presented are made available for educational purposes only. The information presented are the opinions of the presenter and do not necessarily represent the views of the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (SDMS) or its affiliated organizations, officers, Boards of Directors, or staff members.

The presenter is responsible for ensuring balance, independence, objectivity, scientific rigor, and avoiding commercial bias in their presentation. Before making the presentation, the presenter is required to disclose to the audience any relevant financial interests or relationships with manufacturers or providers of medical products, services, technologies, and programs.

The SDMS and its affiliated organizations, officers, Board of Directors, and staff members disclaim any and all liability for all claims that may arise out of the use of this educational activity.

RESEARCH DISCLAIMER

The information presented in this presentation is based on research conducted to the best of the presenters' abilities and knowledge. Research involves uncertainty and is subject to limitations. The findings and conclusions presented herein may be influenced by various factors including but not limited to data quality, methodology, assumptions, and interpretation.

Research outcomes may not always accurately predict real-world scenarios or future events. While the presenter may make efforts to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the information presented, completeness or absolute correctness is not guaranteed.

This presentation is intended for informational purposes only and should not be construed as professional advice. Participants are encouraged to independently verify any information provided and consult relevant experts or professionals where appropriate.

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GENERATIVE AI DISCLAIMER

The presenter utilized the use of large language models (LLMs) and generative artificial intelligence (AI) as a productivity tool to assist in drafting and refining content in this presentation.

While these tools can aid in structuring ideas, summarizing, paraphrasing, and language polishing, they have inherent limitations and cannot replace human creativity, critical thinking, or expert judgment. AI-generated content may contain errors, biases, or gaps in knowledge.

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (1.8)

The Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (SDMS) values participation and collaboration while respecting individual privacy. To uphold these principles, Artificial intelligence (AI) bots are not permitted to attend, capture, or participate in SDMS virtual events. SDMS staff will actively monitor and remove any AI bots to enforce this policy.

SDMS CME CREDIT VERIFICATION (1.9)

Registrants have 90 days from the date the SDMS credit notification email is sent to verify attendance and CME credits. It is the registrant's responsibility to verify that attendance and credits have been recorded accurately by reviewing the SDMS CME Transcript. If credits are not reflected in the transcript, the registrant must contact SDMS within the 90-day verification period at learning@sdms.org. Requests submitted after the 90-day verification period may not be eligible for CME credit.