



## **Call for Workshop Presentations**

### **Paving the Way to Health Care Access Conference**

### **May 15 & May 16, 2026**

UMass Boston, 100 Morrissey Blvd. Boston, MA 02125

The Massachusetts Medical Interpreter Training program invites you to submit a presentation proposal for the 21st Annual Paving the Way to Health Care Access Conference.

This year's theme is: **Human Connections: Interpreting in an Evolving Landscape**

The medical encounter can be simple or complex. With proper communication from a certified and qualified medical interpreter, the patient can communicate their clinical concerns, understand the clinical professional, and raise all concerns. The human element can be present whether the medical interpretation is delivered in person or remotely. All encounters should be built on the elements of bridging language, building trust, and advocating as necessary to provide safe, quality interactions between patients and providers of—no matter the modality of delivery.

Presentation proposals can be in any of the following areas:

- Language access and LEP patients' rights
- Medical terminology and healthcare concepts
- Interpreting in specific medical specialties
- Culturally and linguistically appropriate healthcare services
- Skills needed for and challenges on interpreting in medical setting
- Interpreting skills in simultaneous mode
- Work benefits or challenges for contract, freelance, and staff interpreters, translators, and bilingual employees
- Applications of technology that improve access to care, interpreter training, and on-the-job tools for working interpreters
- Healthcare interpreting for ASL interpreters
- Interpreter health and wellness

Presenters will receive a complimentary conference registration as an honorarium.

Please complete the form on the following page, save it and send to Lisa Morris at [PTWSupport@umassmed.edu](mailto:PTWSupport@umassmed.edu).

**Deadline for submission of your proposal to present is November 4, 2025**

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## Workshop Presentation Proposal Form

Presentation Title:

One-sentence description:

Presenter's Name:

Presenter's Title:

Presenter's Organization:

Presenter's Email:

Presenter's Cell Phone:

Please list any co-presenter(s) name, email, and contact number:

Presenter's bio: (100-word max for each speaker)

Presentation abstract:

List at least 4 Learning Objectives:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Is your presentation directed to a specific language group:

If yes, indicate the language:

Are you submitting a proposal for a:

Workshop

Breakout Session

Target audience:

Interpreters

Administrators

Educators

Are you willing to present the same presentation more than once over the two days?

Twice on Day 1

Once on Day 1 & once on Day 2

Only Once

Areas of interest:

Interpreting Skills

Ethics

Medical

Terminology

Technology

Other:

Presentation level:

Level 1 (0-5 years of experience)

Level 2 (5-10 years of experience)

Level 3 (10+ years of experience)

Specialized A&P

Length of presentation:

60 minutes

90 minutes