



Engagement Theatre Moderator Instructions

What is an Engagement Theatre session and how does it work?

This **30-minute educational session** features engaging presentations on a variety of topics relevant to orthopaedics, ranging from **advocacy and research updates to mentoring and professional development**.

Engagement Theater sessions combine a focused didactic presentation with audience questions and discussion.

Session Length: 30 minutes.

Format: Didactic presentation with audience Q&A.

Handout: No handout is required.

Your Role as Moderator

As moderator, you are responsible for coordinating the session, introducing the topic and presenter(s), facilitating audience engagement, and ensuring the session stays within the allotted **30 minutes**.

Before the Annual Meeting

- Communicate with your presenter(s) and ensure everyone understands the session format and time allotment.
- Coordinate presentation timing to allow adequate time for audience questions and discussion.
- Ensure presentation content supports the session learning objectives and is appropriate for the Engagement Theater format.
- Review planned content for balance, bias, and commercialism.
- Prepare a few questions or discussion prompts in advance to help begin the Q&A if needed.
- Plan brief opening and closing remarks.

No Handout Required

A handout is **not required** for Engagement Theater sessions.

Preparation should instead focus on delivering a concise, engaging presentation and allowing time for audience questions and discussion.

During Your Session

The moderator helps create an engaging educational experience while keeping the session moving within the abbreviated 30-minute format.

1. Introduce the Session

Welcome attendees and briefly introduce the topic and presenter(s).

2. Guide the Presentation

Keep the didactic portion on schedule and monitor the time to protect audience discussion.

3. Facilitate Q&A

Invite audience questions and guide the discussion. Use prepared questions or prompts if needed to get the conversation started.

4. Keep the Discussion Focused

Help ensure questions and discussion remain relevant to the session topic and educational objectives.

5. Close the Session

Highlight key takeaways when appropriate and conclude within the allotted **30 minutes**.

Maintaining Balance & Managing Disclosures

As moderator, you are responsible for helping ensure the session remains **fair, balanced, educational, and free of commercial bias**.

- Be alert to bias or commercialism from both presenters and participants.
- Avoid promotion of a specific company's product, device, or treatment.
- When discussing products, techniques, or treatment options, encourage balanced consideration of appropriate alternatives.
- Clearly identify emerging or new content that is not yet supported by established evidence when appropriate.
- Address potential conflicts or bias during the discussion when necessary.

Faculty disclosures will be displayed at the start of the session. If a disclosure does not display properly, direct attendees to the disclosure information available through AAOS Annual Meeting resources.

Day-of Reminders

- Arrive early and confirm your presenter(s) are present and prepared.
- Review the session timing before beginning.
- Keep opening remarks and introductions brief.
- Monitor presentation time closely to protect audience Q&A.
- Encourage audience participation and questions.
- Use prepared questions if audience participation is limited.
- Keep discussion focused on the session topic and educational objectives.
- Ensure the session concludes within **30 minutes**.

Questions?

For questions regarding your Engagement Theater session, please contact the AAOS Education team.

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