



## **2026 Hospital Observation Patient Management Conference**

*Innovations in Observation Patient Management – Prevent Unnecessary Admissions, Maximize Reimbursements and Leverage Evidence-Based Triage Protocols to Improve Short-Term Care Quality*

**September 28 – 29, 2026 • Caesars Palace Hotel • Las Vegas, NV**

### **About the Conference**

Faced with increasing patient volumes, declining reimbursements and overworked ED staffs, hospitals must be prepared to leverage Observation Patient Management. Well-structured Observation Units have resulted in financial gains, improved clinical outcomes and superior patient satisfaction ratings.

The 2026 Hospital Observation Patient Management Conference will highlight the pertinent challenges facing Observation Unit staffs – ED physicians, Hospitalists, Case Managers and Billing and Coding professionals. Additionally, the conference will highlight how and why hospitals that are not utilizing Observation Patient Management, are leaving money on the table.

The 2026 Hospital Observation Patient Management Conference will enable you to walk away with an understanding of current trends and market practices, and innovative strategies to prepare yourself for the challenges that lie ahead. In addition to providing the latest, evidence-based intelligence on Observation Patient Management, the conference will provide you with unprecedented networking and professional development opportunities. All sessions are designed to facilitate a high degree of interaction between speaker faculty members and fellow attendees.

### **Intended Audience**

**From Hospitals & Healthcare Centers:**

*Chief Executive Officers, Chief Medical Officers, Chief Nursing Officers, Chief Finance Officers, Chief Operating Officers*

*Also, Vice Presidents, Directors, Managers, and Senior Level Executives Responsible for:*

- Observation Medicine
- Hospital Medicine
- Clinical Decision Making
- Emergency Nursing
- Utilization Management
- Reimbursement
- Compliance
- Medical Affairs
- Emergency Medicine
- Internal Medicine
- Billing & Coding
- Case Management
- Patient Access
- Denial Management
- Quality Management
- Discharge Planning

*This conference will also benefit physician advisor firms, solution providers, healthcare consulting firms and healthcare information technology firms.*

## **Preliminary Agenda**

*(Topics Subject to Change Based on Final Speaker Presentations)*

### **Day One – Monday, September 28, 2026**

- 7:15 *Conference Registration & Morning Breakfast*
- 8:00 *Chairperson's Opening Remarks*
- 8:15 A Proven and Effective Blueprint for Implementing a Short Stay/Observation Unit at Your Hospital**
- 9:00 Nuts and Bolts of Observation Services: Making the Business Case for Creating an Observation Unit**
- 9:45 *Networking Break & Refreshments*
- 10:15 The New Front Door: Developing New Gateways for Observation Services and Hospital Care**
- 11:00 Achieving Success in Clinical Decision Making and Management of the Observation Unit**
- 11:45 Evaluating Patients for Observation vs. Inpatient to Optimize Care & Cost Management**
- 12:30 *Luncheon for All Attendees & Speakers*
- 1:45 How is Psychiatric Observation: Antidote to ED Boarding?**
- 2:30 Integrating Hospitalists as Part of a Successful Observation Care Program**
- 3:15 *Networking Break & Refreshments*
- 3:45 The Use of Lean Principles to Develop, Implement and Sustain an Observation Unit**
- 4:30 What Now – Achieving Peak Performance in Your Observation Unit**
- 5:15 *End of Day One*

### **Day Two – Tuesday, September 29, 2026**

- 7:15 *Morning Breakfast*
- 8:00 *Chairperson's Recap of Day One*
- 8:15 Leveraging the Observation Unit to Reduce Hospital Readmissions and Improve Patient Throughput**
- 9:00 Optimizing your Observation Unit: Is Your Unit Generating the Outcomes You are Actually Looking to Achieve?**

9:45 *Networking Break & Refreshments*

**10:15 Applying Care Protocols within an Observation Unit to Optimize Patient Outcomes, Improve Throughput and Ensure Financial Success**

**11:00 Aligning Performance Benchmarks to Improve Clinical Outcomes and Observation Unit Efficiency**

**11:45 Measuring and Reporting the Clinical and Financial Outcomes of Your Observation Unit**

12:30 *Conference Concludes*

**Workshop Session**

Monday, September 28, 2026 · 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**Improving Clinical and Financial Outcomes for Observation Patient Management**