



CTSMA CONNECTICUT SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

AN AFFILIATE OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

2026 EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE GUIDE



March 27th

8:30 AM TO 4:45
PM

March 28th

8:30 AM TO 4:00 PM



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675 Main St, Middletown, CT
06457

Conference Schedule

Friday, March 27th

***All sessions and times are subject to change.**

| Time | Session | CEU Category |
|-------------------|--|--------------|
| 8:30 to 9:00 AM | Registration | |
| 9:00 to 9:45 AM | President's Welcome & General Assembly | |
| 10:00 to 11:00 AM | High Functioning Medical Assistants Supporting Diabetes Care | TBD |
| 11:10 to 12:10 PM | Chiropractic and Mental Health | TBD |
| 12:10 to 1:10 PM | Lunch | |
| 1:15 to 2:15 PM | Health Literacy | TBD |
| 2:25 to 3:25 PM | MA Vaccine Administration: Current Status, & organizational Implementation | TBD |
| 3:35 to 4:35 PM | Ostomy Foundation Review of Services | TBD |

Conference Schedule

Saturday, March 28th

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| Time | Session | CEU Category |
|-------------------|---|--------------|
| 8:30 to 8:45 AM | Registration | |
| 8:30 to 9:30 AM | Worker's Compensation & MVA Insurance (part 1) | TBD |
| 9:40 to 10:40 AM | Worker's Compensation & MVA Insurance (part 2) | TBD |
| 10:50 to 11:50 AM | Common Orthopaedic Conditions of the Upper Extremity and When to Seek Out Specialty Care (part 1) | TBD |
| 12:00 to 1:00 PM | Common Orthopaedic Conditions of the Upper Extremity and When to Seek Out Specialty Care (part 2) | TBD |
| 1:00 to 2:00 PM | Lunch | |
| 2:05 to 3:05 PM | Valued Base Care Era | TBD |
| 3:05 to 4:05 PM | Installation of Officers & Raffles | |

Professional Attire

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Think business casual

- Slacks, skirts, or dresses
- Blouses or collared shirts
- Professional footwear (closed-toe recommended)
- Clean, neat, and conference-appropriate



SCRUBS WELCOME

Healthcare professionals may wear scrubs during the conference.

- Clean and pressed
- Professional appearance
- Good condition

FRIDAY DRESS-DOWN FOR A CAUSE!

On Friday, participants may wear jeans with a professional top in exchange for a small donation supporting the [Ostomy Foundation](#).

Join us in giving back while staying comfortable and conference-appropriate.



PLEASE AVOID

Please avoid overly casual clothing such as:

- Athletic wear
- Flip-flops
- Ripped or distressed jeans
- Crop tops
- Clothing with inappropriate graphics or wording

Please follow the AAMA National Conference professional appearance standards when attending sessions and events.

Attendee Information

To ensure a professional, respectful, and safe conference experience for all attendees, please review the following guidelines carefully:

Host Site & Professional Conduct

- This conference is being held within an active healthcare facility. Please conduct yourself in a professional manner at all times.
- No photography, video, or audio recording is permitted in the lobby or public areas of the health center.
- Attendees may not congregate or “hang out” in the lobby areas. We must not interfere with patient care, staff workflow, or visitor access.
- Please remain within designated conference areas unless otherwise directed.

Health & Safety

- This is a nut-free conference. For the safety of attendees and guests, do not bring food items containing nuts.
- Water will be provided during the conference. Please bring a refillable water bottle for use at designated water stations.

Attendance & CEU Credit Requirements

- Members must attend at least 90% of each session to receive continuing education credit.
- Attendance will be monitored.
- Partial attendance below 90% of a session will result in no credit for that session.
- Participants must have their AAMA Member ID number available to complete the CEU submission form.
- Please be punctual and return promptly from breaks.

General Assembly Voting – VoxVote will be used during the General Assembly.











To participate:

1. Bring your smartphone, tablet, or internet-enabled device.
2. Open your web browser (no app download required).
3. Go to: www.voxvote.com
4. Enter the event code provided during the General Assembly.
5. Enter your name as instructed.
6. Select your voting response when prompted and submit.

Please ensure your device is charged prior to the session.

Hotel Guide

To make your visit easy and comfortable, we've compiled a list of recommended hotels within 15–20 minutes of the conference venue. Options are grouped by price range so you can choose what fits your needs and budget.

| Budget-Friendly Stays | Comfortable Mid-Range Stays | Premium Stays |
|---|---|--|
| <p>Super 8 by Wyndham Cromwell/Middletown</p> <p> ~10 min drive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free parking • Complimentary Wi-Fi | <p>Courtyard by Marriott Hartford Cromwell</p> <p> ~10 min drive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-site restaurant • Business-friendly rooms | <p>Inn at Middletown</p> <p> ~3 min drive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor pool • On-site dining |
| <p>Quality Inn Cromwell – Middletown</p> <p> ~10 min drive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free breakfast • Free Wi-Fi | <p>SpringHill Suites by Marriott Hartford Cromwell</p> <p> ~10 min drive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suite-style rooms • Free breakfast | <p>Sheraton Hartford South Hotel – Rocky Hill</p> <p> ~15 min drive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-service hotel • Business amenities |
| <p>Passport Inn & Suites – Middletown</p> <p> ~5 min drive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy access to downtown • Free parking | <p>Hilton Garden Inn Wallingford/Meriden</p> <p> ~15 min drive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-site dining • Modern amenities | <p>Residence Inn by Marriott Hartford Rocky Hill</p> <p> ~15 min drive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free breakfast • Ideal for longer stays |
| | <p>Homewood Suites by Hilton Wallingford-Meriden</p> <p> ~15 min drive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free breakfast • Spacious suites | |

Travel Tips

- Book early for best availability.
- Compare rates across booking platforms.
- Check parking and breakfast options.
- Review cancellation policies before booking.

Where to Park on Conference Day

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Please do not park in the clinic parking lot at 675 Main St., Middletown, CT. This lot is reserved for clinic patients only. Unauthorized vehicles may be ticketed or towed.

| Location | Address | Important Notes |
|---|--------------------------------|--|
| Rapallo Ave | 7 & 30 Rapallo Ave | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Around the corner from Main St• Free parking until meters are installed |
| Street Parking (Downtown) | Main St. & Surrounding Streets | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Metered parking• Approx. \$1 per hour (Mon–Sat, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.)• Many spots have a 3-hour limit• Pay at the meter or via ParkMobile app |
| Melilli Lot | Melilli Plaza Court St. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public municipal lot• Approx. \$1 per hour during enforced hours |
| Middlesex Corporate Center Parking Garage | 100 Riverview Center | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multi-level parking garage• Approx. \$0.75 per 30 minutes• Max around \$6 per day |
| Arcade Lot | Dingwall Dr | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Municipal surface lot• Metered during posted hours• Often free outside enforcement times |
| Superior Court Lot | I Court St | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public surface parking• Check posted signage for limits |

Parking Tips

- Arrive early for the best availability
 - Check posted signs for limits
- Use ParkMobile when possible
- Avoid private or reserved lots

Dining Guide

Main Street in Middletown, CT, offers a wide variety of dining experiences. The establishments listed below are just a few examples to help you get started exploring.

| Breakfast | Luncy & Dinner |
|--|--|
| <p>Perk on Main</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Soups, salads & sandwiches | <p>Esca Restaurant & Wine Bar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mediterranean-inspired cuisine• Wine bar atmosphere |
| <p>Brew Bakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lunch sandwiches & coffee drinks | <p>La Casita Del Sabor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full dinner menu• Lively, casual setting |
| <p>Harrie's Jailhouse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comfort food & sandwiches | <p>Taqueria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mexican favorites• Great for groups |
| <p>La Casita Del Sabor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Latin American cuisine• Bold flavors & casual dining | <p>Main Street Restaurants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pizza, Italian, seafood & more |
| <p>Taqueria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tacos, burritos & Mexican specialties | <p>Coffee & Sweet Treats</p> <p>Sweet Harmony Cafe & Bakery</p> <p>Perk on Main</p> |

CTSMA Basket Raffle

The Connecticut Society of Medical Assistants (CTSMA) is excited to host a Basket Raffle during the conference to benefit the Olga Sealing Educational Fund.

All funds raised support CTSMA's active members, including providing access to free Continuing Education Units (CEUs) through the CTSMA e-Magazine and other educational opportunities.

Attendees are encouraged to participate in the raffle and help support professional development within our organization.

Members are also invited to donate a basket to support this fundraiser. Every donation and ticket purchase helps strengthen CTSMA's mission to educate and support medical assistants across Connecticut.

Thank you for your support and participation!

