

American Medical Writers Association (AMWA)



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AMWA Overview



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- Founded in 1940
- 4,000+ members in the US, Canada, and 30 other countries
- The leading professional organization for writers, editors, and other communicators of medical information

Mission: To promote excellence in medical communication and to provide educational resources in support of that goal

Who Are AMWA Members?



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- **Top employers:**
 - Pharma/biotech
 - CRO
 - Communications/advertising
 - Health care org/provider
 - Medical school/university
 - Medical education
 - Medical device
 - Freelance
- **Top categories of writing/editing:**
 - Regulatory documents
 - Scientific publications
 - Continuing education materials
- **Age distribution:**
 - 20s: 3.0%
 - 30s: 19.7%
 - 40s: 23.3%
 - 50s: 30.2%
 - 60+: 23.8%
- **Highest level of education completed:**
 - Undergraduate: 19%
 - Graduate: 31%
 - Doctoral: 50%

Membership Benefits



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- Community
- Education
- Career
- Resources

Community



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- **Engage:** online members-only community
 - Freelancers have access to their own private community within Engage
- **Chapters:** 15 chapters across the US
 - Run by member volunteers
 - Each chapter organizes events and educational opportunities
- **Local networking:** volunteer coordinators connect members and build local networks to support professional relationships
- **Annual conference:** open to all medical communicators
 - Workshops, networking, open sessions
 - 2018: Washington D.C., 2019: San Diego

Education



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- **Workshops at Annual Conferences:** 3-hour hands-on learning from subject matter experts
- **Essential Skills Certificate:** designed to help you refine your basic editing, writing, communication, and bibliographic skills
 - Earned through completing self-study workbook quizzes and/or workshops
- **AMWA Online Learning:** access on-demand resources (webinars, videos, pocket trainings, interactive learning)
 - Members receive discounts and complimentary activities
- **Webinars:** live online sessions conducted by experts
- **Onsite training:** bring AMWA's workshops and instructors to your location

Career



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- **New Medical Writer Toolkit:** contains numerous resources & FAQs about the medical writing profession
 - Great place to start for those looking into a medical writing career
- **Medical Writer Certified:** exam-based credential for professionals with at least 2 years of medical writing experience
- **Jobs Online:** search for and/or post jobs in medical writing
- **Freelance Directory:** search for freelance medical writers or list yourself

Resources



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- **AMWA Journal:** official AMWA publication put out quarterly
- **Medical Communication News:** twice-monthly email with summaries of relevant articles pertaining to medical communication (member-exclusive)
- **Pocket Trainings:** mini-tutorials in Online Learning (member-exclusive)
- **AMWA Blogs**
- **Position Statements and Guidelines**

Learn More



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