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LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

April 7-9, 2025

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STATION SQUARE, PENNSYLVANIA

**The leading event dedicated to equipping
current and aspiring lab managers to run
their labs like a business**



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RUN YOUR LAB LIKE A BUSINESS

Join us at the 2025 Lab Manager Leadership Summit, an exclusive event for current and aspiring laboratory leaders and decision-makers at all levels of experience across clinical, forensic, environmental, food and beverage, pharmaceutical, and life science fields. The Summit offers interactive sessions, hands-on workshops, and insightful presentations designed to elevate your leadership skills.

Discover the latest advancements from technology and service providers showcasing innovative lab solutions, connect with industry peers, gain actionable insights, and bring transformative ideas back to your organization. Don't miss this chance to drive your lab forward with confidence and vision!

Register yourself and your team today to join top lab leaders and take your lab and your career to new heights!

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Reach new milestones in your laboratory management skills and knowledge

- ✓ **Elevate your leadership and management skills:** Whether you are a new or seasoned manager, you'll learn new strategies to lead your teams to new levels.
- ✓ **Hands-on workshops and roundtables:** Small group activities and discussions enable attendees to learn from each other.
- ✓ **Expand your network** Build long-lasting relationships with current and aspiring lab managers facing the same challenges as you.
- ✓ **Meet one-on-one with product and service experts:** Find partners who can provide solutions to your lab's asset management.
- ✓ **Expert speaker lineup:** A variety of leading lab experts will share their experience, knowledge, and lessons-learned through interactive presentations.
- ✓ **Safety, clinical, and advanced leadership tracks!** Gain specific insights on lab safety, clinical lab management, and advanced leadership during these breakout sessions



Experience hands-on training and develop critical skills for success as a lab leader



Learn through presentations, expert panels, roundtables, Q&A periods, hands-on workshops, and 1:1 chats.



Enjoy interactive workshops focusing on laboratory safety culture, clinical operational efficiency, AI integration, and crisis preparation.



Get access to the tools you need to reach higher levels of engagement and efficiency among your team.



Experience a variety of intimate networking opportunities where relationships are built that last well beyond the event.



Leave feeling well-equipped to handle challenges with a renewed sense of motivation to drive your lab's success.



BONUS: Participate in behind-the-scenes tours of labs in the Pittsburgh area. Limited spots available.

WHO ATTENDS THE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT?

- lab managers
- lab professionals
- QA/QC managers
- safety specialists
- research scientists
- key decision-makers
- facility managers
- lab technicians



Explore The Learning Tracks

This year's summit features **three** tailored learning tracks—**Clinical Lab Management, Lab Safety Management, and Advanced Leadership**—designed to meet the diverse needs of lab leaders. These specialized tracks are offered in addition to the general leadership sessions, providing a comprehensive experience for attendees to gain insights and strategies specific to their roles while also benefiting from broader leadership development opportunities.

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Advanced Leadership Track: Designed for seasoned leaders, this track offers deeper insights beyond foundational concepts to tackle complex management challenges. Level up your leadership skills with in-depth sessions on strategic planning, effective communication, team management, and driving lab success through trust, collaboration, and productivity.

NEW THIS YEAR!

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Clinical Lab Management Track: Featuring a dedicated keynote speaker, a roundtable discussion, intimate speaker sessions, and an optional add-on workshop, this track is specially designed for clinical laboratorians to target key challenges and learning opportunities for clinical labs, such as operational efficiency, combating misinformation, and meeting regulations.

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Lab Safety Management Track: Join expert-led discussions on fostering a dual-focused lab culture, leveraging peer influence, and using proactive strategies to enhance safety and prevent incidents. Plus, participate in a roundtable discussion to gain invaluable knowledge and lend your own expertise to peers in your field.



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Meet the speakers



Kim Cameron
William Russell Kelly Professor of Management and Organizations
Ross School of Business,
University of Michigan



Kiley Mulholland
Senior Laboratory Manager—Microbiology and Chemistry
JR Simplot



Octavia Peck Palmer
Associate Professor of Pathology/Division Director of Clinical Chemistry
University of Pittsburgh
School of Medicine



Todd McEvoy
Senior Director of Laboratory Services
Azzur Labs



Alan Wells, MD, DMS
Executive Vice-Chairman of the Department of Pathology
University of Pittsburgh



Kelly VanBemmel
Laboratory Operations Supervisor
Devyser Genomic Laboratories



Tracy Durnan
Research Operations Manager
University of Alaska, Fairbanks



Kerrie Lashley
Gross Laboratory Manager
George Washington
University School of Medicine



Donald Martin
Principal, Americas
dss+



Larry Sullivan
Laboratory Manager, Division of Forensic Sciences
Georgia Bureau of Investigation



Kelly Sullivan
Director of Lab Operations, US
CIC



Scott Grant
Vice President of Certifications,
Impact Laboratories



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Christopher Jock
Principal
Laboratory Advisory Services



Christie Bowden
*Senior R&D Manager of
Portfolio and Innovation
Excellence*
Arkema Inc.



April Day
*Senior Director of Clinical
Pathology*
Geisinger Medical Center



Jonathan Chun
Founder and CEO
Alliance Technologies



Andrea Yarbrough
*Filtration Science Laboratory
Supervisor*
Freudenberg Filtration
Technologies



Olivia Borges
Research Technician - Journey
NC State University



Scott Hanton
Editorial Director
Lab Manager



**Angela Lauster, MBA,
DLM(ASCP), MT(AMT)**
*Senior Administrative
Laboratory Director*
Tampa General Hospital



Robert Emery
*Vice President for Safety,
Health, Environment & Risk
Management*
University of Texas Health
Science Center at Houston



Julia Means
*Lead General and
Occupational Safety Specialist*
UC Davis



Thad Gurley
*Assistant Director of the
Accessioning Unit and
Biorepository*
Duke Human Vaccine Institute



Curtiss McNair
PhD, MBA, BS



What's on the agenda?



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WORKSHOPS & LAB TOURS

DAY 1 Monday, April 7

Start your Leadership Summit journey with our sought-after optional workshops and lab tours. Catch our Clinical Track keynote speaker and sessions, and relax at our Welcome Reception in the evening.

DAY 2 FULL DAY Tuesday, April 8

Start the day off by celebrating with us at the Leadership Excellence Awards Ceremony to honor the winners of our prestigious awards. Then, get inspired at Tuesday's keynote speaker session about "Leading with Purpose" and level up your management skills at our roundtables, safety track, and featured speaker sessions. Expand your connections at our networking lunch and evening networking reception.

DAY 3 FULL DAY Wednesday, April 9

Round out your Summit experience with an educational day of speaker sessions and panel discussions focusing on topics including advanced leadership, strategic thinking, productivity, and motivating your lab staff. Connect with your peers at engaging roundtable sessions to share your questions, challenges, and experience.



- + Lab safety
- + Risk management
- + Optimizing space and resources
- + Clinical challenges
- + Being an engaging leader
- + Adopting new technologies
- + Advancing lab operations
- + Asset management strategy
- + Improving efficiency
- + People leadership
- + Diversity, equity, and inclusion
- + Employee engagement
- + Managing multi-generational teams
- + Succession planning
- + Skill-building
- + Employee well-being
- + Project management
- + Effective communication
- + New leadership
- + Boosting productivity

Expert-Led Workshops

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MORNING WORKSHOP #1 Conflict Management and Resolution	MORNING WORKSHOP #2 Field-Tested Strategies to Ensure Patient Safety and Operational Efficiency	MORNING WORKSHOP #3 AI in Action: Strategic Integration for Smarter Labs	AFTERNOON WORKSHOP Lab Crisis Preparation
<p>Instructor: Scott Hanton, PhD Editorial Director at Lab Manager</p> <p>Date & Time: April 7, 9:00 - 11:15 am</p> <p>Turn conflict into opportunity!</p> <p>Join this dynamic session to learn how to harness healthy conflict for innovation, de-escalate tensions, and create a thriving lab culture. Get real-time feedback from an expert and walk away with actionable strategies to lead with confidence.</p> <p>Who Should Attend?</p> <p>Lab managers, team leaders, HR professionals, and those overseeing organizational development.</p>	<p>Instructor: Angela Lauster, MBA, DLM(AS-CP), MT(AMT), Senior Administrative Laboratory Director, Tampa General Hospital</p> <p>Date & Time: April 7, 9:00 - 11:15 am</p> <p>Protect patients, streamline operations!</p> <p>This hands-on session tackles real-world risks in clinical labs, helping you integrate safety with efficiency. Walk through detailed case studies, refine your risk assessment skills, and create strategies to foster a culture of non-punitive problem-solving.</p> <p>Who Should Attend?</p> <p>Clinical lab directors, QA/QC specialists, safety officers, and professionals dedicated to patient safety.</p>	<p>Instructors: Adam Steinert, James Smagala, and Garrett Peterson, Yahara Software</p> <p>Date & Time: April 7, 9:00 - 11:15 am</p> <p>Harness the power of AI/ML</p> <p>Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) are reshaping the future of laboratories, yet many lab leaders find themselves unsure where to start. You'll gain invaluable insights into what AI and ML are, how they work, and—most importantly—how you can start using them to solve your lab's biggest challenges.</p> <p>Who Should Attend?</p> <p>Lab managers, research directors, data scientists, QA/QC professionals, and anyone interested in leveraging AI/ML to optimize lab operations.</p>	<p>Instructor: Tracy Durnan, MBA, Research Operations Manager, University of Alaska, Fairbanks</p> <p>Date & Time: April 7, 1:30 - 3:45 pm</p> <p>Be ready when disaster strikes!</p> <p>From natural disasters to equipment failures, crises can cripple a lab. Learn how to anticipate disruptions, develop a rock-solid response plan, and ensure a fast recovery. Work directly with an expert to build strategies that keep your lab resilient and operational.</p> <p>Who Should Attend?</p> <p>Lab managers, research directors, safety officers, operations managers, and professionals responsible for emergency planning and risk management.</p>
<p>Key Takeaways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use conflict as a catalyst for growth • Master de-escalation techniques • Create a lab culture that minimizes tension • Focus on facts, not blame <p>BONUS: Earn a Lab Manager Academy certificate of completion and 0.1 IACET CEUs!</p>	<p>Key Takeaways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot and address patient safety risks • Conduct effective risk assessments • Navigate safety concerns without blame • Bridge gaps between lab staff and healthcare teams 	<p>Key Takeaways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A clear understanding of AI/ML fundamentals • Ethical considerations when implementing AI/ML tools. • Real-world examples of how AI/ML is being used to transform lab operations today. • A personalized roadmap to kickstart your lab's first AI/ML project, with actionable guidance on data readiness and team collaboration. 	<p>Key Takeaways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify top lab crisis threats • Build an airtight emergency response plan • Keep critical contacts updated • Secure key samples and protect knowledge <p>BONUS: Earn a Lab Manager Academy certificate of completion and 0.1 IACET CEUs!</p>
<p><i>Proudly presented by Lab Manager Academy</i></p>	<p><i>Proudly presented by Today's Clinical Lab</i></p>	<p><i>Proudly presented by by Yahara Software</i></p>	<p><i>Proudly presented by Lab Manager Academy</i></p>

How to register

 In-Person Summit Pass	 Add-Ons & Bonuses
<p>Full Access: Three-day access to <i>Lab Manager's</i> Live Leadership Summit (Monday, April 7 - Wednesday, April 9, 2025), including the clinical, advanced leadership, and safety tracks, as well as the networking receptions.</p> <p>Speaker Presentations: Leave feeling confident to lead your lab more effectively thanks to inspiring and practical take-homes from expert speakers.</p> <p>Roundtables: Attendees are encouraged to participate and share their challenges and solutions to others' questions during engaging roundtables.</p> <p>Face-to-Face Networking: Enjoy extensive networking opportunities every day of the Summit—connect and build invaluable, lasting peer relationships.</p> <p>Expo Hall: Explore the latest and greatest technologies and tools, connect with vendors, and meet the makers in our intimate exhibition hall.</p>	<p>2025 Lab Manager Leadership Excellence Awards: Award winners will be honored at the Summit, and you get a pass to the award ceremonies included in the price of your Summit Pass.</p> <p>Morning Lab Tour: The morning lab tour will showcase a state-of-the-art local Pittsburgh facility, which will be announced soon.</p> <p>Afternoon Lab Tour: Join us for a tour of the University of Pittsburgh Neurobiology Labs.</p> <p>Morning Workshop #1: Conflict Management and Resolution with Scott Hanton <i>Advanced Leadership Track</i></p> <p>Morning Workshop #2: Field-Tested Strategies to Ensure Patient Safety and Operational Efficiency with Angela Lauster <i>Clinical Lab Management Track</i></p> <p>Afternoon Workshop #3: Lab Crisis Preparation with Tracy Durnan <i>Lab Safety Management Track</i></p>
<p>Early Bird Price (ends January 31, 2025): \$599 Advanced Price (February 1 - March 7, 2025): \$699 Standard Price: \$799</p>	<p>Morning OR Afternoon Lab Tour: \$40 Morning OR Afternoon Workshops: \$189</p>



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