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## **YOU HAVE QUESTIONS? WE HAVE ANSWERS!**

### **CASSummit 2025 FAQ**

#### **What's different about the Cardiac Arrest Survival Summit?**

The origin of the Cardiac Arrest Survival Summit (CASSummit) goes back 45 years. Its mission from the beginning has been to provide education and training to save more lives by uniquely addressing every link in the chain of survival. The Citizen CPR Foundation (CCPRF) was created to administer the Summit, with founding partners the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross and the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada.

The non-profit Foundation has a Board of Directors that represents leading experts in resuscitation as well as exemplary commercial partners. The Foundation's current president is Stu Berger, MD, a nationally recognized pediatrician and Executive Director of the Heart Center at Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago.

#### **Who attends CASSummit?**

CASSummit attracts participants and faculty from both prehospital and hospital professions, as well as researchers, survivors, lay rescuers and community advocates. One of the strengths of the Summit is the wide variety of people who attend, from around the globe.

On the prehospital side, there are EMTs and paramedics, EMS chiefs, medical directors and public safety (911, fire and law). On the hospital side, there are nurses in the fields of emergency, cardiac and critical care, program managers, QI specialists, emergency physicians, pediatricians, heart specialists and educators. There are CPR, BLS, PALS and ACLS instructors, scientists, nurses in school health, athletic trainers and more.

What do they all have in common? A passion to be a part of a system that saves more lives from sudden cardiac arrest and other time-sensitive emergencies.

### **What is the theme of this year's CASSummit?**

#### ***Seconds to Act—Empowering the Response to Cardiac Arrest and Life-Threatening Emergencies***

*Engage our communities with a system approach to time-sensitive emergencies*

This year, we're expanding our focus to address time-sensitive emergencies that require the same preparedness, rapid response and medical intervention as sudden cardiac arrest. We're excited about the opportunity to create a Summit that is valuable to an even broader group committed to caring for people in time-sensitive conditions.

### **How will the Summit address the new AHA Guidelines?**

The new American Heart Association ECC and CPR Guidelines will be released just weeks prior to CASSummit. It will be the first national gathering to explore what changed, what didn't and why. The American Heart Association is bringing dozens of expert faculty members to the Summit — the same people who researched and wrote the guidelines — to engage through pre-conference workshops, roundtable sessions, concurrent sessions and general sessions. Be among the first to hear the inside story.

### **Is there something for me in the program? Can I get CEUs?**

With more than a hundred educational opportunities across seven tracks, presented by more than 200 faculty, there's something for everyone involved in resuscitation. Whether you're a practitioner, educator, program manager, researcher or community advocate — working in the hospital or in the field — you'll find the latest in research, best practices and technology.

New this year is the "SCA in Youth and Athletes" track, which will be of special interest to athletic trainers. And yes, the program is accredited by the Center for Healthcare Education, with hour-for-hour CEUs.

### **Are survivors involved in the Conference?**

Absolutely! Survivors have their own track and are asked to tell their stories throughout the Conference. Thursday evening will be our Survivor Celebration, where rescuers and survivors come together for a fun night of music, stories, beverages and food. Admission is free for everyone.

### **Is there an exhibit hall? What about networking?**

Exhibitors and sponsors are an important part of the Summit experience. Participants appreciate finding out about the latest technology, devices and services, all focused on resuscitation. The Opening Reception in the exhibit hall is always a highlight. It's a great place to meet old friends and make new friends. The entire Summit is a networking bonanza, where you can rub shoulders with some of the greatest minds in the profession.

### **What's special about the Arizona Grand Resort?**

Every room in the resort is a spacious suite, each with a patio, kitchenette and a separate bedroom. It offers a variety of water parks, all heated, including a lazy river and lap pool. The Resort, bordering South Mountain in the Sonoran Desert, is full of trails and gorgeous vistas. The best part — CASSummit participants get an exclusive rate of just \$189 per night before taxes, and a highly discounted \$20 daily resort fee with special perks.

### **What is the weather like in Phoenix during the Summit?**

In early December, it's typically sunny and warm with highs near 70° F and lows in the upper 40's. It's best to bring spring/summer clothes for the daytime and be prepared for chillier evenings with sweaters and light jackets.