

2026 International Symposium on Medical Robotics
April 22-24, 2026

CALL FOR WORKSHOP/TUTORIAL PROPOSALS

The 2026 International Symposium on Medical Robotics (ISMR) will be held in Knoxville, Tennessee, at the University of Tennessee Conference Center from April 22-24, 2026. The symposium will begin with the workshop(s)/tutorial(s) held on April 22, and the subsequent single-track symposium presentations from April 23-34. This symposium will feature invited talk(s) and workshops in addition to single-track oral/poster presentations of original research.

The goal of ISMR is to bring together world-class researchers to present state-of-the-art research achievements and advances in surgical robotics, image-guided interventions, rehabilitation and assistive robotics, and prosthetics, as well as discuss challenges from the clinical point of view and address industry needs. It is envisioned that medical robots will integrate emerging technologies including soft robotics, smart materials, ergonomics, co-robotics, and artificial intelligence in the near future, and these topics will be featured in the symposium.

Potential topics for the symposium submissions include, but are not limited to, state-of-the-art research achievements and advances in surgical robotics, rehabilitation and assistive robotics, prosthetics, image-guided interventions, haptics, safety of robot-assisted procedures, training of medical personnel, and discussing potential challenges from the clinical point of view.

Call for workshops/tutorials

Proposals for half-day and full-day workshops/tutorials are invited. **Workshops/tutorials will be held on April 22, 2026** before the regular sessions of the symposium on April 23-34, 2026. Workshops/tutorials should provide a forum for participants to discuss emerging and active research areas. We particularly welcome workshops that present content not typically found in the regular sessions of the symposium. Proposals should discuss how the workshop/tutorial will facilitate comprehensive discussion on the selected topic and promote the active participation of and interaction between the attendees. Specifically, proposals should include the following:

- Duration
- Title
- Organizers (affiliations and contact information) Objectives (max 500 words)
- Topics of interest (up to 5 keywords)
- List of speakers (names, affiliations and talk titles) Structure (talks, expert panels, Q&A)
- Intended audience (max 300 words) Expected attendance
- Special requests (e.g., whiteboard or poster stands)

Workshop/Tutorial proposals should be submitted on or before January 15, 2026 through PaperPlaza.