American Medical Writers Association (AMWA)
AMWA Overview

- 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?

- **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

- Community
- Education
- Career
- Resources
Community

- **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
Education

- **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

- **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
Merits

- **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**
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