



Hotel & Conference Information

18th Annual Fall Conference on Emergency Medicine
Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino
Aruba, Dutch Caribbean ~ November 8-11, 2017



We are pleased to provide the following information for our upcoming conference on Aruba, Dutch Caribbean. If you are registered and have not reserved your lodging at the conference location, please contact us at (925) 969-1789, Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm (Pacific Time) or email info@symposiamedicus.org.

HOTEL INFORMATION

RENAISSANCE ARUBA RESORT & CASINO

L.G. Smith Blvd. 82
Oranjestad, Aruba, Dutch Caribbean
Phone: + (297) 583-6000

- **Hotel Website** - <https://goo.gl/gSRXiJ>
- **Dining** - <https://goo.gl/kdZHvj>

HOTEL INFORMATION

The Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino has two sections. An adult-only section called the Marina Hotel and a family-friendly section called Ocean Suites. Adult guests (18 years and older) are welcome in either section.

For the Marina Hotel, no children under the age of 18 are allowed and the following areas are exclusive to adults: Marina pool area, Okeanos Spa, Marina fitness room, The Lounge and Midnight Grill, Flamingo Beach on Renaissance's private island, and the Crystal & Seaport Casinos.

Private Island & Water Taxi – The resort's comfortable private water taxis depart every 20 minutes from the Marina Hotel and Ocean Suites to transport you to their beautiful private island. Flamingo Beach is the adult-only side of the island. There is a restaurant and gift shop between the two areas.

HOTEL CHECK-IN/OUT

Hotel check-in is at 4:00pm and check-out is noon.

If you are departing on Saturday, please keep in mind that the conference ends at approximately 1:15pm and hotel check-out is at noon. You can store your luggage with the hotel while we are still in session.

HOTEL ROOM CHARGES AND FEES

If you made your hotel reservations through Symposia Medicus, conference group rates are per room, per night and **do not** include the following:

- 23.74% Room tax
- Environmental Levy of \$3.50
- Additional occupant fees, for breakfast

The hotel does not charge a resort fee. The following items are available on a complimentary basis for hotel guests: high-speed internet throughout the resort, fitness center, fitness classes, water taxi to resort's private island, beach/pool towels and chairs, and jogging trails.

The following are available for a fee: kayaks, sailing, scuba diving, snorkeling, tennis, volleyball, and spa services.

DAILY BUFFET BREAKFAST

Your room rate includes daily buffet breakfast for two occupants. Children 5 years and under are free, children 6 to 12 years old are an additional \$10 each, per night, and additional occupants, 13 years and over, are an additional \$20 each, per night. **Please call Symposia Medicus prior to arrival to add and/or change room occupants.**

Buffet breakfast will be served at the following locations:

- For **Marina Hotel** guests – **The Aquarius Restaurant**, located on the **lobby level**, from 7:00am-11:00am daily.
- For **Ocean Suites** guests – **The Fresco Restaurant**, located on the **ground floor outdoor near the pool**, from 7:00am-11:00am daily.

For your convenience, both restaurants will open at 6:30am on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings of the conference.

You will use your room key at the restaurants to charge for breakfast; however, the breakfast charges will be removed from your final hotel bill.

ADDITIONAL HOTEL INFORMATION

Hotel Cancellation Policy – Per our hotel contract, hotel reservation cancellations must be made **in writing to Symposia Medicus. From September 18, 2017 until October 4, 2017**, one night's deposit will be forfeited if you cancel. After **October 4, 2017**, no hotel refunds can be made.

Time zone - Aruba is located in the Atlantic Time Zone.

Parking – Self-parking is complimentary for conference guests and valet parking is not available at the resort.

Travel & Ground Transportation Info – Please visit <https://goo.gl/mkUmB7>

General Travel Safety Suggestions - <http://www.symedblog.org/travelsafety/>

SESSION MATERIALS

Approximately two weeks prior to the conference, you will receive an email with instructions on how to download the session materials. Please make sure to download the materials before you leave for the conference, as **you will not be available to download on-site due to internet bandwidth restrictions.**

You will also receive a booklet (via regular mail) that contains note pages, the conference schedule, and attendance/evaluation forms. For those who requested a paper copy of the session materials, you will receive a full, printed version in lieu of the booklet.

Please note - approximately one week **after** the conclusion of the conference, you will receive an email with instructions on how to download any materials that were updated and presented at the conference.

If you bring your tablet/laptop to the conference, be aware that there are no electrical outlets at the conference tables. **Make sure your tablet/laptop is fully charged each day.**

INTERNET ACCESS

Wireless internet access is complimentary in the meeting rooms.

CONFERENCE CHECK-IN

Although you are already registered, you will need to check-in and pick up the remainder of your conference materials.

Date - Wednesday, November 8

Location – Crystal Ballroom Foyer, located within the Convention Center

Time - Begins at 7:00am

REGISTRANT BREAKFAST

If you are not staying at the Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino OR did not book your lodging through Symposia Medicus and would like to have breakfast, please notify the Symposia Medicus staff when you check-in for the conference. A breakfast ticket will be given to you. Breakfast tickets are for conference participants only and can only be used on the mornings we are in conference (Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday).

GENERAL SESSIONS

Location – Crystal Ballroom, located within the Convention Center

Time - Begins at 8:00am on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday

GROUP RECEPTION

Please join us for this fun event, as it is a great way to become better acquainted with faculty, other participants, and their guests.

Date - Wednesday, November 8

Time - Begins at 5:30pm and concludes at 7:00pm

Location – Renaissance Festival Plaza, located outside of the Convention Center

SMALL GROUP BREAKOUTS

On Friday afternoon, we will hold Small Group Breakouts from 3:00pm-4:30pm and 4:45pm-6:15pm, allowing you to attend two sessions. These sessions give you an opportunity to select subjects relating to your particular areas of interest. You are encouraged to bring cases or issues you are confronting in your clinical practice for discussion. The session number and name of the breakouts that you have pre-selected will be printed on your name badge. If you want to make changes at the conference, please see a Symposia Medicus staff member to check seating availability.

ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Conference Cancellation Policy - Conference cancellations must be made **in writing (via email or mail) to Symposia Medicus** and a refund, less a 10% processing fee, will be given. No refunds will be made if cancellation is received after **October 4, 2017**; however, tuition, less 10% processing fee, may be applied to a future Symposia Medicus conference.

Participant Photos - We sometimes take photographs of our participants during conference sessions/activities (never pool pictures) to use on social media and on our website. If you would NOT like to appear in any individual or group candid photos, please notify the on-site Conference Director.

Connect with others - Connect with other participants of this conference, form clinical discussions, or simply share restaurants, fun things to do, family activities, shopping, and spa experiences around the conference venue. Go to <https://goo.gl/Y9N2wx>.

Take Our Survey - Be entered to win tuition to the conference of your choice! <http://goo.gl/hQ25RO>