**CESO 2021 Conference Technical Problem-Solving Challenge**

**$250 reward! ($300 for the first three submissions that are accepted!)**

**Call for submissions**

Come to the 2021 CESO virtual conference and tell your colleagues about an interesting problem that you encountered, and the approach you took to solve it. You don't necessarily need to have been successful in solving the problem, if you think your approach might be interesting for others to learn from (such as what NOT to try if they encounter the same problem).

If we choose your problem for presentation at the conference, you will receive a cheque for $250 after your presentation. Also, if we choose your problem for presentation, you may present it in a pre-recorded video which will be shown during the problem-solving session at the conference, or you may give a live presentation. The Problem-Solving Challenge session will take place on **Tue. Feb. 9, 2021.**

Please send us a brief description of the problem. Please organize your submission under the following headings. Just a sentence or two under most headings is all that is needed. The total word count should not exceed 300 words. Make your submission early for the best chance of acceptance. The last day for submissions is Thursday January 14, 2021.

# Problem

What was the problem that needed to be solved? Describe the technology involved. What is the application of the technology? What were the symptoms of the problem?

# Impact

What was the impact the problem was having on patients, nurses, others?

# Discovering the problem

How did you learn about the problem? Was it a call for service? Did you discover it before anyone had reported it?

# Unsuccessful attempts

What things did you try that were unsuccessful?

# Skills, tools and techniques

What skills, tools, and techniques did you use in your attempts to solve the problem? Did you finally solve the problem? What did the solution look like?

Please provide images showing the technology, the symptoms and the solution, if available.

Submissions will be reviewed by a panel of judges, and acceptable submissions will be invited to give a 10-minute presentation at the conference, or to prepare a 10-minute video. Note that there are a limited number of slots for presentations, so the earlier you submit your proposal, the better chance you will have of getting to present at the conference and receiving the $250. honorarium.

Although you may make multiple proposals, only one of them may be selected by the judging panel.

Judging criteria include:

How relevant and interesting is this to other conference attendees?

Submissions should be sent to:

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no later than Thursday January 14, 2021. We will inform you by Monday January 18 if your submission has been accepted for presentation. Successful submissions will be presented at the CESO conference, on the afternoon of February 9, 2021.