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Wednesday, October 21, 2026

- 8:30 am Registration and Continental Breakfast - *Sponsored by McKesson*
- 9:00 am Welcome by Eric Blake, OAMES President, and Heidi Moss, OAMES Executive Director
- 9:15 am **Opening Keynote - Cancer: 0. Me: 3, When a Healthcare Leader Becomes the Patient**
Jennifer Leon, Brightree
- 10:15 am Coffee Break
- 10:30 am **Latest News on National Policies and Legislative Priorities**
Cara Bachenheimer, Esq., Brown & Fortunato PC, and Jay Witter, American Association for Homecare
- 11:45 am **Lunch with Exhibitors**
- 1:15 pm **AI in Healthcare: Legal, Compliance & Risk Considerations for HME Providers**
Kat Zaki, Esq., Benesch Law
- 2:15 pm **ODM Update: Process, Progress and What's New With Rules**
Mark Rogers, Ohio Department of Medicaid
- 3:15 pm Afternoon Break with Exhibitors - *Sponsored by Professional Medical*
- 3:30 pm **AI in Action: How HME Providers Are Actually Using AI Today**
Ajay Shrihari, Coral AI, Bruna Dos Santos, Tennr, Michael Gorman, DASCO, Moderator: Brandon Boyer, Reliable Medical
- 5:00 pm **OAMES After Hours** - *Sponsored by NikoHealth, Professional Medical. and VGM* The Grand Event Center Patio

Thursday, October 22, 2026

- 8:00 am Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors
- 8:30 am **Smarter AI, Safer Healthcare**
Ann Thomas, VGM
- 9:45 am **State News**
Michelle Fitzgibbon, The Fitzgibbon Group
- 10:15 am Coffee Break with Exhibitors
- 10:45 am **HME Payer Updates**
Laura Williard, American Association for Homecare
- Noon **Lunch & Closing Session: *Sponsored by Molina Healthcare***
The Leadership Gap: Why High Performance Doesn't Equal Leadership
Brooke Kraft, VGM
- 1:30 pm Prize Drawings and Conference Adjourns