



◆ Conference Schedule ◆

Annual Advances and Innovations in Endoscopic Oncology and Multidisciplinary Gastrointestinal Cancer Care

FRIDAY | OCTOBER 23, 2026

4:30 – 5:00 PM **REGISTRATION**

NON-CME ACCREDITED

5:00 – 7:00 PM **Introduction to Oncology for the NON-ONCOLOGIST Primer**

Moderators: Toufic Kachaamy, MD; Krista Gomez, NP & Madappa Kundranda, MD, PhD

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All presentations in Waldorf Ballroom (General Session Room) unless otherwise noted.

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 24, 2026

7:00 – 7:50 AM **BREAKFAST/REGISTRATION/EXHIBITS**

7:50 – 8:00 AM **Welcome & Announcements**

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8:00 – 9:30 AM

SESSION I

Introduction: Next Gen Cancer Prevention and Detection

Moderator: N. Jewel Samadder, MD, MS | Mayo Clinic

Immunoprevention Strategies for Gastrointestinal Cancers: From Mechanisms to Clinical Promise

Stephanie Schmit, PhD | Cleveland Clinic

Early Cancer Detection and Precision Interception

Guiding GI Cancer Management with Circulating Tumor DNA Duration

Stacey Cohen, MD | University of Washington

KEYNOTE LECTURE

Integrating Precision Medicine into Cancer Care: Promise and Progress

Stephen B. Gruber, MD, PhD | City of Hope

Panel Discussion

9:30 – 9:50 AM

What Can MedTech Learn from Pharma? - The Business Perspective

Brad Maruca | Deloitte

9:50 – 11:00 AM

SESSION II

Innovation & Technologies: Industry Session

Moderators: Gagandeep Singh, MD; Pashtoon Kasi, MD, MS & Toufic Kachaamy, MD

11:00 – 11:30 AM

BREAK/EXHIBITS

ACCREDITED SESSIONS

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

SESSION III

Introduction: Endoscopic Oncology 2.0: Where Technique Meets Molecular Insight

Moderator: Vivek Kaul, MD | University of Rochester

Next Gen Endoscopic Resection in Rectal and Esophageal Cancer

Ming Yan Cai, MD | Fudan University

Endoscopic Ablation: Now and the Future

Neil R. Sharma, MD | Banner MD Anderson

MRD Kinetics and Procedural Outcomes

Pashtoon Kasi, MD, MS | City of Hope

Panel Discussion

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1:00 – 1:30 PM **Augmented Intelligence and Human-Machine Collaboration: A Psychological Perspective**
Hannah N. Farfour, DNP, AGPCNP-BC | Arizona State University

1:30 – 2:30 PM **LUNCH/EXHIBITS**

2:30 – 2:40 PM **Transition to General Session Room**

2:40 – 4:10 PM **SESSION IV**
Optimizing Oncologic Outcomes: Metabolic, Endoscopic, and Biomarker-driven Strategies
Moderators: Neil Sharma, MD & Pashtoon Kasi, MD, MS

Optimizing Oncologic Outcome via Active Weight Management
Rahul Pannala, MD | Mayo Clinic

Endoscopic Rescue Techniques to Optimize Surgical Outcomes
Truptesh H. Kothari, MD, MS | University of Rochester New York

Biomarkers in GI Malignancies for the Multidisciplinary Team
Simona De Michele, MD | City of Hope

Panel Discussion

4:10 PM **ADJOURN**

6:00 to 8:00 PM **5TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATORY RECEPTION**

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SUNDAY | OCTOBER 25, 2026

- 6:55 – 7:25 AM **BREAKFAST/REGISTRATION/EXHIBITS**
- 7:25 – 7:30 AM **Welcome & Announcements**
- 7:30 – 9:10 AM **SESSION V**
Introduction: Organ Preservation in GI Oncology: Progress or Pitfall?
Patient Testimonial
Karie Fisher
Moderators: Madappa Kundranda, MD, PhD & Toufic Kachaamy, MD
Precision Radiotherapy Comeback for Organ Preservation: The Rectum and Beyond
Steven Lin, MD | MD Anderson
The Case Against Rectal Preservation
Alessio Pigazzi, MD, PhD | Cedars Sinai Medical Center
The Case Against Esophageal Preservation
TBD

Panel Discussion
- 9:10 – 10:40 AM **SESSION VI**
Introduction: Thinking Like There is No Box
Moderator: N. Jewel Samadder, MD, MS
How AI is Revolutionizing Endoscopic Cancer Detection Today, and in the Future
Michael B. Wallace, MD | Mayo Clinic
Integrating Multi-cancer Detection into Early Diagnosis of GI Cancers
Gregory Idos, MS, MS | City of Hope
Immunotherapy for Localized GI Cancers
Pashtoon Kasi, MD, MS | City of Hope

Panel Discussion
- 10:40 – 11:10 AM **BREAK/EXHIBITS**
- 11:10 – 11:15 AM ***Transition to General Session Room***
- 11:15 AM – 12:45 PM **SESSION VII**
Designing Procedure-focused Oncology Trials: From Concept to Guidelines
Moderators: Pashtoon Kasi, MD, MS & Toufic Kachaamy, MD
**How to Design a Procedure-focused Clinical Trial in Oncology –
The Endoscopist Perspective**
Prasad G. Iyer, MD, MS | Mayo Clinic
Designing Trials with Adoption in Mind
TBD
Getting into the NCCN Guidelines: What is Needed and How?
TBD

Panel Discussion

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12:45 – 1:45 PM

LUNCH/EXHIBITS

1:45 – 1:55 PM

Transition to General Session Room

1:55 – 3:25 PM

SESSION VIII

Introduction: Next Gen Tumor Board

Moderators: Gagandeep Singh, MD; Pashtoon Kasi, MD, MS & Toufic Kachaamy, MD

Locally Advanced Unresectable Pancreatic Cancer

Jonathan Kessler, MD | City of Hope

Esophageal

TBD

Colorectal

Andreas M. Kaiser, MD | City of Hope

Panel Discussion

3:25 – 3:40 PM

Summary and Wrap Up

Vivek Kaul, MD | University of Rochester

3:40 PM

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