

2026 California Head & Neck Cancer Consortium

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026

***All In General Session Together**

ACCREDITED SESSIONS: GENERAL SESSION FROM 8:10 – 10:00 AM ONLY

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY BREAKOUT SESSIONS

7:00 – 8:00 AM **BREAKFAST/REGISTRATION/EXHIBITS**

8:00 – 8:10 AM ***Welcome & Opening Remarks**
Ellie Maghami, MD | City of Hope

GENERAL SESSION (*CME-Accredited Session*)

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY BREAKOUT SESSION

8:10 – 8:30 AM **AI in Head and Neck Imaging:
Current State and Future Directions**
Luke Ledbetter, MD | *City of Hope*

8:10 – 8:15 AM *Transition to SLP Breakout in Argyros*

8:15 - 8:30 AM **SLP Opening Remarks**
Taylor Wilde | *City of Hope*

8:30 – 8:50 AM **HONORARY GUEST SPEAKER**
**Classification of Sinonasal Carcinomas:
From Histology to Molecular Diagnostics and Back**
Juan C. Hernandez-Prera, MD | *Moffitt Cancer Center*

8:30 – 10:00 AM **Head & Neck Cancer Dysphagia
Case Presentations**
Kaitlin Valdez-Sanqui | *City of Hope*
Alexa Wilde | *West Los Angeles VA Medical Center*
Melea Balwan | *LA County*

8:50 – 9:30 AM **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**
**Multidisciplinary Management of Sinonasal Cancers:
Progress, Challenges, and Future Directions**
Ehab Hanna, MD
University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

9:30 – 9:45 AM **Role of Radiation Therapy in Sinonasal Tumors**
Sagus Sampath, MD | *City of Hope*

9:45 – 10:00 AM **Redefining the Systemic Landscape in Sinonasal
Malignancies: From Chemotherapy to
Immunotherapy and Targeted Therapy**
Aditya Shreenivas, MD, MS | *City of Hope*

10:00 – 10:30 AM **BREAK/EXHIBITS**

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	GENERAL SESSION	SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY BREAKOUT SESSION
10:30 – 11:00 AM	<p>Moderated Case Presentation Tumor Board Part I Sinonasal Tumors Moderators: Krupal Patel, MD & Sepehr Shabani, MD <i>City of Hope</i></p> <p>Panelists: Edward C. Kuan, MD <i>UCI Health</i> Jeffrey D. Suh, MD <i>UCLA Medical Center</i> Evan Walgama, MD <i>Cedars- Sinai Medical Center</i> Zain Husain, MD <i>Kaiser Permanente Medical Group</i> Sean Maroongroge, MD, MBA <i>City of Hope</i> Jacob Thomas, MD <i>USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center</i> Deborah J. Wong, MD, PhD <i>UCLA Medical Center</i> Tom Z. Liang, MD <i>City of Hope</i> Thomas L. Beaumont, MD, PhD <i>UC San Diego</i></p>	<p>Trismus Assessment and Management Taylor Wilde <i>City of Hope</i></p>
11:00 AM – 12:20 PM	<p>Clinical Trials Moderator: Amanda Reyes, MD <i>City of Hope</i></p> <p>Speakers: Allen S. Ho, MD <i>Cedars-Sinai Medical Center</i> Krupal Patel, MD <i>City of Hope</i> Arya Amini, MD <i>City of Hope</i> Fangdi Sun, MD <i>Stanford University</i> Shirin Attarian, MD <i>UCI Health</i> Wanxing Chai- Ho, MD <i>UCLA Medical Center</i> Karen Yun, MD <i>UC San Diego Health</i> Robert Hsu, MD <i>USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center</i> Jacob Thomas, MD <i>USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center</i></p>	<p>11:00 – 11:30 AM Palliative Care in Head and Neck Cancer Sanora Yonan <i>City of Hope</i></p> <p>11:30 AM – 12:00 PM Dysphagia & Nutrition Panel Brenda Villegas & Amy Wilke <i>Keck Medicine of USC</i> Heather Thompson & Alexandra Sullivan <i>Cedars-Sinai Medical Center</i></p> <p>12:00 – 12:15 PM Insurance Barriers Mercedes Currier <i>City of Hope</i></p> <p>12:15 – 12:30 PM Open Discussion Taylor Wilde <i>City of Hope</i></p>
12:20 – 1:05 PM	LUNCH/EXHIBITS	
1:05 – 1:45 PM	<p>*KEYNOTE SPEAKER Survivorship and the Power of Community William M. Lydiatt, MD, EMBA <i>Clarkson Regional Health Services</i></p>	



◆ Conference Schedule ◆

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- 1:45 – 2:00 PM *** Pantry of Hope: Addressing Nutrition Affordability in Dysphagia Care for Head and Neck Cancer Patients**
Taylor Wilde & Mercedes Currier | *City of Hope*
- 2:00 – 2:15 PM *** Digital Health for Improved Outcomes and Quality Cancer Care Delivery**
Virginia Sun, PhD | *City of Hope*
- 2:15 – 3:30 PM *** Moderated Case Presentation/Tumor Board Part II
Salivary**
Moderators:
Ellie Maghami, MD | *City of Hope* & Alice Lin, MD | *Kaiser Permanente Medical Group*
Speakers:
Fang Fan, MD, PhD | *City of Hope*
Yarah Haidar, MD | *UCI Health*
Colton Ladbury, MD | *City of Hope*
Amanda Reyes, MD | *City of Hope*
Panelists:
Joseph Califano, MD | *UC San Diego*
Uttam K. Sinha, MD | *Keck Medicine of USC*
Patrick Ha, MD | *UC San Francisco*
Babak Larian, MD | *Cedars-Sinai Medical Center*
Ricky R. Savjani, MD, PhD | *UCLA Medical Center*
Adam Garsa, MD | *USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center*
Aditya Shreenivas, MD, MS | *City of Hope*
Dipti P. Sajed, MD, PhD | *UCLA Medical Center*
- 3:30 PM **ADJOURN**
- 3:30 to 5:00 PM **MEET THE FACULTY RECEPTION** *Sponsored in part by Natera & SUN Pharma*

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