



◆ 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-C & 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**

NON-CME ACCREDITED

8:00 – 9:30 AM

SESSION I

Introduction: Next Gen Cancer Prevention and Detection

Moderator: N. Jewel Samadder, MD | Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Center

Opportunities for Precision Interception of Early Onset Colorectal Cancer

Stephanie Schmit, PhD, MPH | Cleveland Clinic

Early Detection and Precision Interception:

Guiding Colorectal Cancer Management with Circulating Tumor DNA (ctDNA)

Stacey A. Cohen, MD | Fred Hutch Cancer Center

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, MBA, MS | Deloitte

9:50 – 11:00 AM

SESSION II

Innovation & Technologies: Industry Session

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

Guardant Health | InfinityAI - Guardant's Machine Learning Platform for Generating Real-world Evidence and Data-driven Insights

Revolution Medicines | The Importance of RAS Testing

Steris | Innovations in Diagnosis, Preservation, and Treatment of GI Cancers

11:00 – 11:30 AM

BREAK/EXHIBITS

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SATURDAY | OCTOBER 24, 2026 CONT'D

ACCREDITED SESSIONS BEGIN

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 Medical Center

Next Gen Endoscopic Resection in Rectal and Esophageal Cancer

Mingyan Cai, MD, PhD | Fudan University

Endoscopic Ablation: Now and the Future

Neil R. Sharma, MD | Banner MD Anderson

MRD Kinetics and Procedural Outcomes

Pashtoon Murtaza Kasi, MD, MS | City of Hope

Panel Discussion

1:00 – 1:30 PM

Augmented Intelligence and Human-Machine Collaboration: A Psychological Perspective

Hannah Farfour, DNP, APRN

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 R. Sharma, MD & Pashtoon Murtaza Kasi, MD, MS

Optimizing Oncologic Outcome via Active Weight Management

Rahul Pannala, MD, MPH | Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Center

Endoscopic Interventions to Optimize Pancreaticobiliary Surgical Outcomes

Vinay Chandrasekhara, MD | Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Center

Multimodal TME Assessment in the Era of AI and Precision

Haider A. Mejbil, MD | Emory University School of Medicine

Panel Discussion

4:10 PM

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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?

Moderators: Madappa Kundranda, MD, PhD & Toufic Kachaamy, MD

Patient Testimonial Thriving after Cancer Treatment – Are We There Yet?

Karie Fisher, RN

Precision Radiotherapy for Organ Preservation: The Rectum and Beyond

Steven H. Lin, MD, PhD | MD Anderson Cancer Center

The Case Against Rectal Preservation

Alessio Pigazzi, MD, PhD | Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

Organ-preserving Esophageal Cancer Therapy: Are We Ready for the Next Frontier?

Biniam Kidane, MD, MSc | Western University

Panel Discussion

9:10 – 10:40 AM **SESSION VI**

Introduction: Thinking Like There is No Box

Moderator: N. Jewel Samadder, MD | Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Center

How AI is Revolutionizing Endoscopic Cancer Detection Today and in the Future

Michael B. Wallace, MD, MPH | Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Center

Integrating Multi-cancer Detection into Early Diagnosis of GI Cancers

Gregory Idos, MS, MS | City of Hope

Immunotherapy for Localized GI Cancers

Pashtoon Murtaza 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 Murtaza 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 Comprehensive Cancer Center

Designing Trials with Oncology Adoption in Mind

Christina Wu, MD | Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Center

Getting into the NCCN Guidelines: What is Needed and How?

Byrne Lee, MD | University School of Medicine

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 – 3:35 PM

SESSION VIII

Introduction: Next Gen Tumor Board

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

Clinical Case Presentation: When Mucosal Biopsies Mislead Snare Sampling

Unmasks Linitis Plastica Mimicking Inflammatory Bowel Disease

Fellow: Omar Belfaqeeh, MD | University of California San Diego

The Case Against Organ Preservation in Esophageal Cancer

Samane Ravanbakhsh, MD | Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Center

Next Gen Pancreaticobiliary Tumor Board

Paradigm Shift in MSI Colorectal Cancers

Andreas M. Kaiser, MD | City of Hope

Panel Discussion

3:35 – 3:50 PM

Summary and Wrap Up

Vivek Kaul, MD | University of Rochester Medical Center

3:50 PM

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City of Hope may find it necessary to substitute faculty with comparable expertise on those rare occasions necessitated by illness, unforeseen scheduling conflicts or extraordinary occurrences.