



City of Hope Presents

Annual

Advances and Innovations in Endoscopic Oncology and Multidisciplinary Gastrointestinal Cancer Care

October 23 to 25, 2026

Waldorf Astoria Las Vegas, NV





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Welcome to the 2026 Annual Advances and Innovations in Endoscopic Oncology and Multidisciplinary Gastrointestinal Cancer Care, in Las Vegas, NV!

On behalf of City of Hope and the Department of Continuing Medical Education, we would like to thank you for joining us for this educational activity.

Interest and input from our participants encouraged us to continue to expand the focus of this conference, incorporating requests and suggestions from attendees. The previous years of this conference have been a great success and we are happy to have you join us this year.

Our goal is to provide the desired information and skills which physicians and allied health care providers need in order to better serve their patient populations and research. Your thoughts are valuable and important, so please share them with us on the evaluation that will be emailed to you at the conclusion of the conference.

PHYSICIANS:

An opportunity to claim **ABIM MOC points** for this activity will be made available via an ABIM MOC Activity Self-Assessment (*Part II*) at the conclusion of the conference.

The links to the *Evaluation* and *ABIM MOC Activity Self-Assessment (Part II)* can also be accessed under the **Conference Tasks** page of this handout.

Should you have any questions, please visit the conference staff at the registration desk.

For post-conference CME information, please contact:

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If you have not done so yet, confirm your mobile number (*you only have to do this once*)

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◆ General Information ◆

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MEETING MATERIALS

Check-in at the registration desk to receive conference materials and a name badge.

CONFERENCE NAME BADGE

Official conference name badge **must** be worn at all times to gain and maintain access to conference room and meals.

CONFERENCE LOCATION

Waldorf Astoria Las Vegas
3752 Las Vegas Blvd S.
Las Vegas, NV 89158

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Waldorf Ballroom
(3rd Floor)

REGISTRATION DESK - HOURS OF OPERATION

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Friday, October 23	4:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Waldorf Ballroom
Saturday, October 24	7:00 AM – 4:25 PM	Waldorf Ballroom
Sunday, October 25	6:55 AM – 3:50 PM	Waldorf Ballroom

CONFERENCE MEALS & BREAKS

DATE	DESCRIPTION	TIME	LOCATION
Saturday, October 24	Breakfast	7:00 – 7:50 AM	Waldorf Ballroom
Saturday, October 24	Break	11:00 – 11:30 AM	Waldorf Ballroom
Saturday, October 24	Lunch	1:30 – 2:30 PM	Waldorf Ballroom
Saturday, October 24	5th Anniversary Celebratory Reception	6:00 – 8:00 PM	Hard Shake (23rd Floor)
Sunday, October 25	Breakfast	6:55 – 7:25 AM	Waldorf Ballroom
Sunday, October 25	Break	10:40 – 11:10 AM	Waldorf Ballroom
Sunday, October 25	Lunch	12:45 – 1:45 PM	Waldorf Ballroom

EXHIBIT HALL & HOURS

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Saturday, October 24	7:00 – 7:50 AM; 11:00 – 11:30 AM; 1:30 – 2:30 PM	Waldorf Ballroom
Sunday, October 25	6:55 – 7:25 AM; 10:40 – 11:10 AM; 12:45 – 1:45 PM	Waldorf Ballroom

ADDITIONAL EVENTS

DATE	DESCRIPTION	TIME	LOCATION
Saturday, October 24	Product Theater by Merck & Co., Inc.	1:45 – 2:30 PM	Atrium Room
Saturday, October 24	5th Anniversary Celebratory Reception	6:00 – 8:00 PM	Hard Shake (23 rd Floor)
Sunday, October 25	Product Theater by Jazz Pharmaceuticals	1:00 – 1:45 PM	Atrium Room



◆ E-Syllabus ◆

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To ensure that you are receiving the most current slide sets presented, as well as keeping with City of Hope's "green initiative" to reduce waste, an e-syllabus containing slide sets is available for this activity online only (**printed presentation not available on-site**). We recommend you access available presentations prior to the conference and bring your computer or mobile device fully charged. We gratefully acknowledge the presenters for their permission to offer this material as an e-syllabus.

E-Syllabus Download/Printing Instructions: *(printed syllabus will not be provided on-site)*

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- 1) Visit the following link: [2026 AIGI | E-Syllabus](#)
- 2) Find the desired presentation and click on the title of the presentation you would like to download
- 3) The presentation will open and appear in PDF format
- 4) To save the presentation, click "Save As"
- 5) To print the presentation, click "Print"

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- Access to the AJCC Cancer Staging Forms is also available via the e-syllabus.

PLEASE NOTE:

- ❖ Some presentations not provided prior to the conference will be accessible post-activity.
- ❖ All presentations will be available for 4 weeks following the conclusion of this educational activity.
- ❖ Presentations have been uploaded at the discretion of each faculty member.



◆ Wi-Fi Information ◆

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Wi-Fi Network

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Network: Hilton Honors Meeting

Password: CityofHopeAIGI



◆ Meet the Faculty Reception ◆

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You're Invited!

5th Anniversary Celebratory Reception

Saturday, October 24, 2026



Hard Shake (23rd Floor)

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Registered attendees are invited to attend the 5th Anniversary Celebratory Reception.
Cocktail attire suggested.

Conference badge must be worn for admittance.



◆ Upcoming CME Activities ◆

Upcoming GI-related Activities

Scan QR codes for additional information

Updates in GI and Colorectal Care

October 27, 2026

Perry's Steakhouse & Grille
Vernon Hills, Illinois



Robotic Surgery in
Colorectal Cancer and
Surgical Therapies for
Peritoneal Metastasis

November 19, 2026
Live Webinar



Upcoming Symposium

Fourth Annual

Southern California Genitourinary Cancer Research Forum

March 5, 2027

The Waterfront Beach Resort, a Hilton Hotel
Huntington Beach, California





◆ Special Acknowledgment ◆

City of Hope gratefully acknowledges the program's **Conference Champion Sponsor, Million Dollar Baby Co.**, whose partnership helped defray the cost of the education for learners.

At first glance, our worlds may seem different—but their focus on **quality, innovation, and building for the future** closely mirrors what we aim to do in medicine. Advancing cancer care requires the same kind of forward thinking, attention to detail, and commitment to better outcomes.

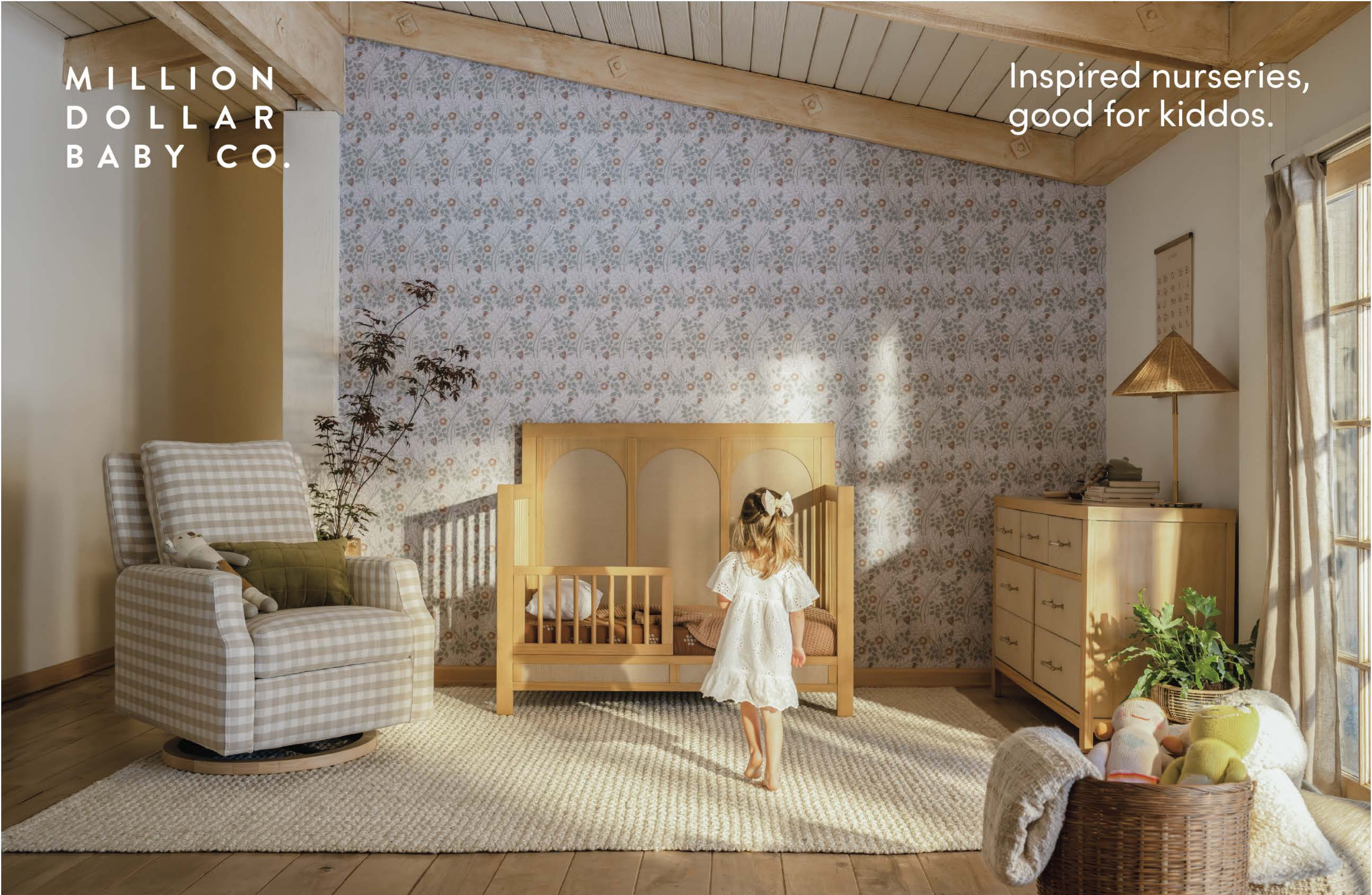
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◆ Conference Schedule ◆

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FRIDAY | OCTOBER 23, 2026

4:30 – 5:00 PM **REGISTRATION**

NON-CME ACCREDITED SESSION

5:00 – 7:00 PM **Oncology for the Non-Oncologist – *Principles of Cancer Care*** | Location: Atrium Room

Presenters: Toufic Kachaamy, MD; Krista Gomez, NP-C; Madappa Kundranda, MD, PhD & Neil R. Sharma, MD

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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 – 7:55 AM **Welcome & Announcements**

NON-CME ACCREDITED SESSIONS

7:55 – 8:00 AM **AI Coordination for Open Access Colon Screening**
Huzaifa Sial, MS | Careforce

8:00 – 9:30 AM **SESSION 1**

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

Stephen B. Gruber, MD, PhD; Stacey A. Cohen, MD; Stephanie Schmit, PhD, MPH;
Michael B. Wallace, MD, MPH; Andreas M. Kaiser, MD & David Luyimbazi, MD

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 2**

Innovation & Technologies: Industry Session

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

Guardant Health | Advancing Comprehensive Genomic Profiling with Epigenomics:
Guardant360 Liquid Updates and Applications
Sheila Solomon | Guardant Health

Revolution Medicines | RASONQUE: Breaking Barriers in Metastatic Pancreatic
Adenocarcinoma by Targeting RAS
Caroline Ling, PharmD | Revolution Medicines

STERIS | Innovations in Diagnosis, Preservation, and Treatment of GI Cancers –
Cool Science. Real Impact
Neil R. Sharma, MD | Banner MD Anderson

11:00 – 11:30 AM **BREAK/EXHIBITS**

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SATURDAY | OCTOBER 24, 2026 CONT'D

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

SESSION 3

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

Measurable Residual Disease (MRD) Kinetics and Procedural Outcomes

Pashtoon Murtaza Kasi, MD, MS | City of Hope

Panel Discussion

Mingyan Cai, MD, PhD; Neil R. Sharma, MD; Pashtoon Murtaza Kasi, MD, MS;

Steven H. Lin, MD, PhD & Venkata Muddana, MD

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

THE FOLLOWING LUNCH SESSION IS NON-CME ACCREDITED

1:45 – 2:30 PM

SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM | Atrium Room

Merck & Co. Inc. An Overview of an Immunotherapy Treatment Option Administered Subcutaneously

Rahul Ravilla, MD, MS | Albany Medical Center

2:30 – 2:40 PM

Transition to General Session Room

2:40 – 4:10 PM

SESSION 4

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 | Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Center

Panel Discussion

Pashtoon Murtaza Kasi, MD, MS; Rahul Pannala, MD, MPH; Vinay Chandrasekhara, MD;

Haider A. Mejbil, MD; Christina Wu, MD & Hamza Shah, DO

4:10 – 4:25 PM

Summary and Wrap Up

Vivek Kaul, MD | University of Rochester Medical Center

4:25 PM

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6:00 – 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 5**

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 | Esophageal Cancer Survivor

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

Karie Fisher, RN; Steven H. Lin, MD, PhD; Alessio Pigazzi, MD, PhD; Biniam Kidane, MD, MSc;
Mital Patel, MD & Haider A. Mejbil, MD

9:10 – 10:40 AM

SESSION 6

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, MD, MS | City of Hope

Immunotherapy for Localized GI Cancers

Pashtoon Murtaza Kasi, MD, MS | City of Hope

Panel Discussion

Gregory Idos, MD, MS; Pashtoon Murtaza Kasi, MD, MS; Michael B. Wallace, MD, MPH
& Mital Patel, MD

10:40 – 11:10 AM

BREAK/EXHIBITS

11:10 – 11:15 AM

Transition to General Session Room

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SUNDAY | OCTOBER 25, 2026 CONT'D

11:15 AM – 12:45 PM

SESSION 7

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 | Stanford University School of Medicine

Panel Discussion

Toufic Kachaamy, MD; Mohit Girotra, MD; Stephanie Schmit, PhD, MPH;
Prasad G. Iyer, MD, MS; Christina Wu, MD & Byrne Lee, MD

12:45 – 1:45 PM

LUNCH/EXHIBITS

THE FOLLOWING LUNCH SESSION IS NON-CME ACCREDITED

1:00 – 1:45 PM

SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM | Atrium Room

Jazz Pharmaceuticals New 1L Treatment Regimens for HER2+ Advanced GEA

Solly Chedid, MD | Singing River Health System

1:45 – 1:55 PM

Transition to General Session Room

1:55 – 3:35 PM

SESSION 8

Introduction: Next Gen Tumor Board

Moderators: Pashtoon Murtaza Kasi, MD, MS & Toufic Kachaamy, MD

Next Gen Pancreaticobiliary Tumor Board

Neil R. Sharma, MD | Banner MD Anderson

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

Samine Ravanbakhsh, MD | Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Center

Paradigm Shift in MSI Colorectal Cancers

Andreas M. Kaiser, MD | City of Hope

Panel Discussion

Samine Ravanbakhsh, MD; Andreas M. Kaiser, MD; Biniam Kidane, MD, MSc &
Mingyan Cai, MD, PhD

3:35 – 3:50 PM

Summary and Wrap Up

Vivek Kaul, MD | University of Rochester Medical Center

3:50 PM

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Product Theaters & Satellite Symposia

INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGIES: INDUSTRY SESSION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

TIME: 9:50 – 11:00 AM

ROOM: General Session

GUARDANT HEALTH

TITLE: **Advancing Comprehensive Genomic Profiling with Epigenomics: Guardant360 Liquid Updates and Applications**

SPEAKER: Sheila Solomon | Guardant Health

REVOLUTION MEDICINES

TITLE: **RASONQUE: Breaking Barriers in Metastatic Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma by Targeting RAS**

SPEAKER: Caroline Ling, PharmD | Revolution Medicines

STERIS

TITLE: **Innovations in Diagnosis, Preservation, and Treatment of GI Cancers – Cool Science. Real Impact**

SPEAKER: Neil R. Sharma, MD | Banner MD Anderson

LUNCH SATELLITE SYMPOSIA

MERCK & CO., INC.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

TIME: 1:45 – 2:30 PM

ROOM: Atrium Room

TITLE: **An Overview of an Immunotherapy Treatment Option Administered Subcutaneously**

SPEAKER: Rahul Ravilla, MD, MS

JAZZ PHARMACEUTICALS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

TIME: 1:00 – 1:45 PM

ROOM: Atrium Room

TITLE: **New 1L Treatment Regimens for HER2+ Advanced GEA**

SPEAKER: Solly Chedid, MD | Singing River Health System

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TASKS:

[Conference Evaluation](#) opens **October 25, 2026 at 3:50 PM**

[Conference Feedback](#) opens **October 25, 2026 at 3:50 PM**



Physicians who wish to claim **ABIM MOC points** for this activity **must:**

- Text in the unique attendance code provided at the conference to be marked attended.
- Complete and successfully pass the ABIM MOC Activity Self-Assessment (*Part II*)
 - Minimum passing score of 70% will be required.
 - Participants will only have **ONE** opportunity to pass the Activity Self-Assessment.

[ABIM MOC Activity Self-Assessment \(Part II\)](#) opens **October 25, 2026 at 3:50 PM**

IMPORTANT:

Last day to complete Conference Tasks is: **October 30, 2026**

You can scan the QR Code below to complete the tasks on your mobile device once the conference adjourns,
starting on 10/25/2026 at 3:50 PM



