

2025 | September 6—7 | New York City & Virtually

Emergencies in the Cancer Patient



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Overview

The field of oncologic emergencies has evolved rapidly over the past 15+ years, advancing in parallel with the ongoing development of cancer treatments and interventions.

While complications from traditional chemotherapies remain common, the rise of novel cancer treatments has introduced a broader and more complex spectrum of patient presentations—many of which are now increasingly encountered in emergency departments across the country. With few dedicated cancer-specific emergency rooms, these patients are often inappropriately triaged, misdiagnosed, under-treated, or redirected to their oncologists without adequate resolution of their urgent concerns.

Now in its seventh year, this course—hosted by Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK)—brings together specialists from across all areas of the cancer treatment spectrum to provide emergency department providers and staff with the knowledge and tools needed to effectively manage both common and uncommon oncologic emergencies. Each session features didactic lectures followed by a live panel discussion and Q&A with expert faculty.

Target Audience

This course is designed for physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and registered nurses involved in the treatment and management of patients with active malignancies/cancers who present with acute complaints in an emergent room setting.

Educational Objectives

At the conclusion of this course, learners will be able to:

- Identify and recognize the most common presenting complaints of cancer patients in emergency rooms.
- Discuss current and developing cancer therapeutics with respect to their side-effects and complications.
- Recognize the current limitations and challenges that remain in efficiently addressing cancer patient emergencies.

Post-Course Materials

Registrants will receive access to a syllabus containing faculty presentation slides (PDFs) and recorded session videos after the course concludes.

**This course offers
participants the choice of
attending either
in person or virtually.**

LOCATION

Zuckerman Research Center
417 East 68th Street
New York City



Course Faculty

MSK Course Director



George K. Wang, MD, PhD

Associate Attending,
Emergency Care Service

MSK Course Moderator



Thomas John, MD

Assistant Attending,
Emergency Care Service

Invited Keynote Speaker

Christopher Baugh, MD, MBA

Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine
Harvard Medical School
Brigham and Women's Hospital

MSK Course Faculty

Benjamin Biewen, MD

Assistant Attending,
Emergency Care Service

Craig D. Blinderman, MD, MA

Chief, Supportive Care Service

Adrienne A. Boire, MD, PhD

Assistant Attending, Brain Tumor Service;
Geoffrey Beene Junior Faculty Chair

Delia Calo, MD

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**Sanjay Chawla, MD, FCCP,
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Attending, Critical Care Medicine Service

Carol L. Chen, MD

Attending, Cardiology Service

Allison Gordon, MD

Associate Attending,
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Division Head, Supportive and
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Adam D. Klotz, MD

Chief, Urgent Care Center

Jonathan M. Latzman, MD

Assistant Attending,
Interventional Radiology Service

Avi Leader, MD

Assistant Attending, Hematology Service

**Robert P. Lee, MD, FCCP,
DAABIP**

Associate Attending, Pulmonary Service;
Section Head, Interventional
Pulmonology;
Program Director, Interventional
Pulmonology Fellowship

Peter A. Mead, MD

Assistant Attending, Infectious Diseases
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Mark Melrose, DO, FACEP

Associate Attending, Emergency Care
and Urgent Care Services

William C. Newman, MD

Assistant Attending,
Department of Neurosurgery

Reggie Saldivar, MD

Associate Attending,
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Gilles Salles, MD, PhD

Chief, Lymphoma Service;
Steven A. Greenberg Chair

Fernando C. Santini, MD

Assistant Attending,
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Michael Scordo, MD

Assistant Attending, Bone Marrow
Transplant and Cellular Therapy Services

Eytan M. Stein, MD

Chief, Leukemia Service

Iris H. Wei, MD, FACS

Assistant Attending, Colorectal Service

Amy Xu, MD, PhD

Assistant Attending;
Co-Director, Inpatient Radiation
Oncology Consult (IROC) Service,
Department of Radiation Oncology

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Schedule

Saturday, September 6

7:45 AM	In-Person Check-in and Breakfast (Zuckerman Lobby)
8:10 AM	Virtual Check-in (Zoom)
Introduction & Overview	
8:15 AM	Opening Remarks George K. Wang, MD, PhD Thomas John, MD
8:25 AM	The Oncologic Emergency Department Adam D. Klotz, MD
8:55 AM	General Emergency Department vs. Cancer Hospital Emergency Department Mark Melrose, DO, FACEP
Pain Control & Palliation in the Cancer Patient	
9:25 AM	Introduction and Case Presentation Adam D. Klotz, MD
9:30 AM	Palliative Care in the Cancer Patient Corita R. Grudzen, MD, MSHS
10:00 AM	 Keynote Address Accelerating Hospice Initiation Christopher Baugh, MD, MBA
10:30 AM	Cancer Pain Crisis Management Reggie Saldivar, MD
11:00 AM	Interventional Pain Management Benjamin Biewen, MD
11:30 AM	Q&A and Discussion MODERATOR: Craig D. Blinderman, MD, MA
11:40 AM	Lunch Break
A Practical Approach to the Evaluation & Management of Fever in the Cancer Patient	
12:20 PM	Introduction and Case Presentation <i>To be announced</i>
12:25 PM	Neutropenic and Non-Neutropenic Fevers Peter A. Mead, MD

12:55 PM	Resuscitation of the Cancer Patient Sanjay Chawla, MD, FCCP, FACP, FCCM
1:25 PM	Cytokine Release Syndrome Management Gilles Salles, MD, PhD
1:55 PM	Q&A and Discussion MODERATOR: <i>To be announced</i>
2:05 PM	Break

A Practical Approach to the Evaluation & Management of Dyspnea in the Cancer Patient

2:15 PM	Introduction and Case Presentation <i>To be announced</i>
2:20 PM	Bronchoscopic Emergencies Robert P. Lee, MD, FCCP, DAABIP
2:50 PM	Cardiac Complications of Cancer and Cancer Treatments Carol L. Chen, MD
3:20 PM	Role of Point of Care Ultrasound in Evaluation of Dyspnea in the Cancer Patient <i>To be announced</i>
3:50 PM	Q&A and Discussion MODERATOR: <i>To be announced</i>
4:00 PM	Closing Remarks and Adjournment George K. Wang, MD, PhD Thomas John, MD

Sunday, September 7

7:45 AM	In-Person Check-in and Breakfast (Zuckerman Lobby)
8:10 AM	Virtual Check-in (Zoom)
8:15 AM	Opening Remarks George K. Wang, MD, PhD Thomas John, MD

A Practical Approach to the Evaluation of Abdominal Pain in the Cancer Patient

8:20 AM	Introduction and Case Presentation <i>To be announced</i>
8:25 AM	Malignant Bowel Obstructions Iris H. Wei, MD, FACS
8:55 AM	Gastrointestinal Bleeding Delia Calo, MD

9:25 AM **Q&A and Discussion**
MODERATOR: *To be announced*

9:35 AM **Break**

CNS Emergencies / Radiation Treatment

9:45 AM **Malignant Spinal Cord Compression**
William C. Newman, MD

10:15 AM **Leptomeningeal Disease**
Adrienne A. Boire, MD, PhD

11:45 AM **Indications for Urgent Radiation Treatment**
Amy Xu, MD, PhD

12:15 PM **Lunch Break**

Stem Cell Transplant / Targeted Therapy / Experimental Therapeutics

12:55 PM **Introduction and Case Presentation**
To be announced

1:00 PM **BMT Complications**
Michael Scordo, MD

1:30 PM **Targeted and Immunotherapy Side Effects**
Fernando C. Santini, MD

2:00 PM **Q&A and Discussion**
MODERATOR: TBA

2:10 PM **Break**

Hematologic Emergencies

2:20 PM **Acute Leukemia**
Eytan M. Stein, MD

2:50 PM **Hypercoagulation and Thrombosis in the Cancer Patient**
Avi Leader, MD

Interventional Radiology / Dermatology

3:20 PM **Interventional Radiology Emergent Procedures in the Cancer Patient**
Jonathan M. Latzman, MD

3:50 PM **Dermatologic Side Effects of Cancer and Cancer Treatments**
Allison Gordon, MD

4:20 PM **Closing Remarks and Adjournment**
George K. Wang, MD, PhD
Thomas John, MD



Accreditation

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msk.org/emergenciescourse

Registration Fees

Early Rates (through July 12)

- Physicians (MDs, PhDs, DOs): **\$500**
- Advanced Practice Providers: **\$400**
- Nursing and Other Healthcare Professionals: **\$350**
- Residents, Fellows, and Students: **\$150**
- Industry Professionals*: **not available**
- MSK Employees: **Complimentary**

General Rates (after July 12)

- Physicians (MDs, PhDs, DOs): **\$550**
- Advanced Practice Providers: **\$450**
- Nursing and Other Healthcare Professionals: **\$400**
- Residents, Fellows, and Students: **\$200**
- Industry Professionals*: **\$965**
- MSK Employees: **Complimentary**

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Registration Discounts

Discounted registration is available for specific groups. If eligible, you will receive further instructions and a promotion code to use during registration.

Meals and Accommodations

Continental breakfast, lunch, and refreshment breaks will be provided to in-person participants. If you have dietary restrictions or require special accommodations to attend in person, please contact us at cme@mskcc.org at least one week prior to the course.

Cancellation Policy

For details regarding our cancellation policy, please visit the course website: **msk.org/emergenciescourse**



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