

2026

Translating Evidence to Action

Elevating Cancer Care

Thursday, February 26, 2026

9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. (EST)

Virtual Conference



Memorial Sloan Kettering
Cancer Center



Overview

This innovative annual forum, designed for healthcare professionals across all disciplines, highlights the translation of evidence into clinical practice. The program will feature a variety of exemplary quality improvement projects and practice-based initiatives. Project leads will share their approaches to implementing successful evidence-based strategies that have driven meaningful change within their institutions. Each presentation will showcase how the application of high-quality evidence can lead to measurable improvements in practice and patient outcomes.

Keynote Address

We're pleased to announce that the 2026 keynote address, *Technology with a Human Pulse: Advancing Patient Care With Innovation and Intention*, which will be delivered by **April Saathoff, DNP, RN**, Vice President and Chief Nursing Informatics Officer at Johns Hopkins Medicine.



Target Audience

This conference is designed for healthcare professionals of all disciplines who are interested in learning more about evidence-based healthcare and how to integrate it into their practice.

Program Format & Syllabus

This is a virtual-only program. Detailed access instructions will be provided prior to the start of the program. All times listed in the schedule are in Eastern Standard Time (New York).

An **online syllabus**—including PDFs of the presentations and video recordings from the live event—will be available after the conference.

Accreditation

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

AMA Credit Designation Statement

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center designates this live activity for a maximum of **6.50 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™**. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

ANCC CNE Statement

Application currently under review.

This conference's nursing contact hours and medical education (CME) credits meet the **American College of Surgeons – Commission on Cancer (CoC)** criteria for cancer-related continuing education.

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To receive credit, participants are required to attend the live activity, complete the check-in process during the event, and submit an evaluation.

Registration

All Healthcare Providers: \$199

MSK Employees: Complimentary

Discounted registration is available for specific groups. Eligible participants will receive further instructions and a promotion code to apply during registration.

Authors of accepted abstracts will receive complimentary registration.

For additional details and to register, visit:

msk.org/EBP2026

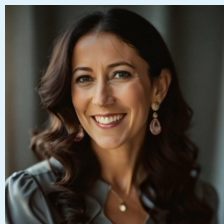
“I am truly impressed by the quality and diversity of the evidence-based research presented. It encompassed a wide range of professions and various patient populations.”

“The layout of the program was excellent, and the organization of the content was well-structured. It was fascinating to see the entire research process from start to finish.”

— Past Participants

Faculty

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**Ashley Hole, DNP, FNP-BC,
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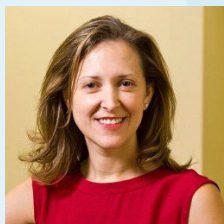
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Schedule

Time	Session/Faculty
8:55 a.m.	Virtual Check-in (Zoom)
9:00 a.m.	Introduction and Opening Remarks Ashley Hole, DNP, FNP-BC, CPON®, EBP-C
9:05 a.m.	Keynote Address  Technology with a Human Pulse: Advancing Patient Care With Innovation and Intention April Saathoff, DNP, RN
9:25 a.m.	Audience Q&A

Innovative Use of Technology and Artificial Intelligence

Moderator:	Wayne Quashie, Ed.D., CNS, ACNS-BC, AOCNS®, EBP-C
9:35 a.m.	AI-Powered Clinical Trial Matching: Real-World Validation of an mCODE-Aligned Agentic GPT-4o Platform Yan Leyfman, MD
9:45 a.m.	Computer-Aided Detection of Brain Metastases Using Artificial Intelligence Farah Hasan, BS
9:55 a.m.	Click, Connect, Care: Virtual Nurses Transforming Oncology Healthcare Patricia Spellman, DNP, RN, CNML
10:05 a.m.	Audience Q&A
10:20 a.m.	Break

Interdisciplinary Collaboration

Moderator:	Kelly Haviland, PhD, FNP-BC, TGNB-C
10:35 a.m.	Nourish Your Body, Nourish Your Soul: Health & Wellness Program for Oncology Nurses Nora Love-Retinger, DNP, RN, CNS, CURN, OCN®
10:45 a.m.	Sodium Bicarbonate-Buffered Lidocaine for Pain Relief in Breast Biopsy Procedures Arezo Aziz, DNP, MS, FNP-BC
10:55 a.m.	Intraoperative Nursing Care for Procedural Patients Undergoing Endoscopic Procedures Laura Gallagher, BSN, RN, OCN®
11:05 a.m.	Audience Q&A

Rapid-Fire Poster Session

Moderator:	Kelly Preti, DNP, MBA, AGACNP-BC
11:20 a.m.	Reducing Pressure Injuries Using a Nurse-Driven Pressure Injury Bundle and Enhanced Education Nicole Muccio, MSN, RN, ACCNS-AG, CCRN Implementation of a Multidisciplinary Clinic for the Care of Patients with Metastatic Disease to Bone Sulaiman Hashemi, BS Two RN or Not Two RN – That is the Question... Reducing CLABSI Through Peer Feedback During CVC Dressing Changes Alison Rodriguez, MSN, RN, BMTCN Efficacy of Topical Sinecatechins Ointment for Significant to Severe Secondary Provoked Vestibulodynia in Sexually Active Post-Menopausal Women: A Randomized Double-blind Placebo-Controlled Clinical Trial Wendy Epstein, MD, FAAD
11:40 a.m.	Audience Q&A
12:00 p.m.	Lunch Break

Leadership and Organizational Impact

Moderator:	Nicole Zakak, MS, RN, CPNP, CPHON®
12:45 p.m.	Nursing in Focus: Preparing Oncology Nurses to Engage Confidently with the Media Jeanine Gordon, DNP, RN, OCN®, NE-BC
12:55 p.m.	Improving Syndromic Testing in Oncology: A Diagnostic Stewardship Approach to Multiplex Assays Justin Laracy, MD
1:05 p.m.	Ethics is EVERYONE'S Responsibility: The Case for the Bioethics Ambassadors Program Liz Blackler, MBE, LCSW-R, HEC-C
1:15 p.m.	Audience Q&A

Professional Development and Education

Moderator:	Elizabeth McNulty, DNP, RN, NE-BC
1:30 p.m.	A Unit-Based Initiative to Support New Graduate Oncology Nurses in the Acute Care Setting LaMonte Bullock, MBA, BSN, RN, CMSRN
1:40 p.m.	Simulation for Ambulatory Oncology Nurse Education: A Quality Improvement Project Jaclyn Peterson, MBA, MSN, RN, OCN®, NE-BC
1:50 p.m.	Scholarly Use of AI: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly Carolyn Sun, PhD, ANP, RN, FAAN
2:05 p.m.	Audience Q&A
2:20 p.m.	Break

Rapid-Fire Poster Session

Moderators:	Dana Mazzella BSN, RN, OCN®
2:30 p.m.	Reducing Radiation Exposure in Pediatric Oncology: NG pH Testing for Nasogastric Tube Placement Confirmation Kathleen Ackerman, MSN, RN, PCNS-BC
	Investigating AI-Assisted Personalized Oncology Care in Remote Symptom Monitoring After Ambulatory Cancer Surgery Jennifer Cracchiolo, MD
	Appetite, Intake, and Weight: What Role Do Oral Stimulants Play in Cancer Care? Katrina Hartog, MPH, RD, CDN
	Enhancing Competency in New Preceptors Julia Scholl, MSN, RN, NPD-BC, OCN®
2:50 p.m.	Audience Q&A

Improving Patient Outcomes

Moderator:	Shila Pandey, DNP, AGPCNP-BC, ACHPN
3:10 p.m.	Intravenous Push Antibiotics in Outpatient Sepsis Juliette Gonzalez, DNP, AGPCNP-BC
3:20 p.m.	Psychiatric and Behavioral Expert Interventions for Care and Safety of the Cancer Patient Yasmina Downer-Muse, DNP, FNP-BC, PMHNP-BC
3:30 p.m.	Enhancing Preoperative Fasting Instructions Through Evidence-Based Practice Victoria Pendergast MSN, RN, FNP-BC
3:40 p.m.	Audience Q&A
3:55 a.m.	Break

Advancing Health Equity

Moderator:	Kevin Moore, BA, BSN, MSN, DNP
4:10 p.m.	Breaking Global Barriers in Cancer Education: Advancing Health Equity Through a Virtual Education Platform Yan Leyfman, MD
4:20 p.m.	Expansion of Colorectal Cancer Screening in a Appalachian Free Clinic: A Quality Improvement Project Sara Vincelli, DNP, FNP-C, ACRN
4:30 p.m.	Improving Lung Cancer Screening Uptake in Survivors of Tobacco-Related Cancers Through Coordinated Care and Smoking History Assessment Mahmoud Ali, BS
4:40 p.m.	Audience Q&A
4:55 p.m.	Closing Remarks Ashley Hole, DNP, FNP-BC, CPON®, EBP-C
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn



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