



2026 Advancing Oncology Practice

Updates in Diagnosis,
Management, and Outcomes

March 25—26, 2026 • Live Virtual Symposium



Memorial Sloan Kettering
Cancer Center

Hartford
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Overview

This two-day live virtual symposium is designed to provide a comprehensive update on advances in cancer treatment and management across the oncology care continuum.

The program will highlight current evidence-based clinical practice and research initiatives; address health inequities and wellness in the oncology population; explore the evolving role of technology and social media in healthcare; and examine emerging trends in independent oncology practice and professional development.

The overarching goal of this activity is to equip healthcare professionals with practical tools to deliver state-of-the-art, collaborative, team-based cancer care — ultimately improving patient outcomes and enhancing quality of life for individuals living with cancer.

Target Audience

This activity is intended for physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, certified registered nurse anesthetists, and nurses involved in the care of patients with cancer.

Online Syllabus

Following the conclusion of the symposium, participants will receive access to an online syllabus that includes video recordings of faculty presentations. Please note that PDFs of speakers' presentations will not be provided.

PRESENTED IN COLLABORATION WITH:

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Educational Objectives

Upon completion of this activity, participants will be able to:

- Identify innovative medical and surgical cancer treatment strategies for adult and pediatric cancers.
- Discuss ethical considerations seen throughout the cancer care continuum.
- Describe the multi-disciplinary approach and specialized teams necessary to optimize care in the oncology population.
- Formulate an optimal plan for the management of patients experiencing an oncologic emergency.
- Recognize inequities in the screening, diagnosis, and management of cancer.
- Identify cancer risk, assessment, prevention, and treatment in patients with a hereditary predisposition.
- Explain initiatives that promote advanced practice provider practice and professional development.
- Describe the current and future implications of artificial intelligence, social media, and advances in technology in the cancer care landscape.

Registration

This program will be held virtually via Zoom. Detailed access instructions will be provided prior to the start of the program.

- Physicians (MDs, PhDs, DOs): \$349
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- Residents and Fellows: \$50
- Industry Professionals: \$625
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Discounted registration is available for specific groups. If eligible, you will receive further instructions and a promotion code to use during registration.

For full program details and to register, visit:
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Schedule

Wednesday • March 25, 2026

7:55 a.m. Attendee Zoom Sign-In and Check-In

8:00 a.m. **Introduction and Welcome**
Nicole Zakak, MS, RN, CPNP, CPHON

8:05 a.m.  **Opening Lecture**
Healthcare Transformation Through Academic and Community-Hospitality Partnerships
David Pfister, MD

SESSION I

First, Do No Harm: Ethical Considerations and Supportive Care in the Oncology Population

Moderator Farrell Dearie, PA-C

8:20 a.m. **Oncology's Moral Crossroads: Navigating Ethical Conundrums in Cancer Care**
Michelle Colletti, PA-C, HEC-C

8:40 a.m. **Best Practices in Prognosis and Goals-of-Care Conversations**
Sarah Dost, MD

9:00 a.m. **Ethical Dilemmas at the End of Life**
Amy Scharf, MBe, HEC-C

9:20 a.m. **Q&A and Panel Discussion**

SESSION II

The Art and Science of Surgical Oncology: Blending Skill and Innovation

Moderator Cynthia Amador, APRN, FNP-BC, AGACNP-BC

9:35 a.m. **Robotic Surgery Training Redefined: APP-Led Wet Labs in Surgical Oncology Fellowships**
Camilla Guerrero, MSHS, PA-C

9:50 a.m. **Innovations in Breast Reconstruction for Managing the Ptotic Breast**
Rita Quintana, MSHS, PA-C

10:05 a.m. **Ready for the Table: The APPs Impact on Preoperative Optimization and Surgical Readiness**
Theresa Towers, MSN, RN, FNP-BC

10:20 a.m. **Endometrial Cancer and a Surgical Approach**
Camila Davalos, PA-C, MPSA

10:35 a.m. **Q&A and Panel Discussion**

10:50 a.m. **Break**

SESSION III

What's your Target?: Immunotherapy in the Cancer Landscape

Moderator	Haddie Flores, APRN-BC, BMTCN
11:05 a.m.	Safety and Efficacy Data from Nexicart-2, the First U.S. Trial of CAR-T in R/R Light Chain (AL) Amyloidosis, Nxc-201 Heather Landau, MD
11:25 a.m.	Recent Advancements in the Management of Gastro-Intestinal Malignancies Frank Nyanin, PharmD, BCPS, BCOP
11:45 a.m.	Immunotherapy Toxicities (GI/Liver) — Predict, Prevent, Protect Tara Corso, PA-C
12:05 p.m.	Q&A and Panel Discussion
12:15 p.m.	Lunch Break

SESSION IV

ASCO/ASH Updates

Moderator	Emma DiGiacomo, BS, MS, PA-C
12:45 p.m.	 Keynote Lecture Racial Disparities in the Use of Psychedelics Darron Smith, PhD, PA-C, DFAAPA
1:20 p.m.	The Emerging Role of Immunotherapy in dMMR Colorectal Cancer Desiree Bascombe, MSN, FNP-BC
1:35 p.m.	Shared Updates on Immunotherapy-Based Regimens for Advanced Renal Cell Carcinoma (RCC) Maria Carlo, MD
1:50 p.m.	RAS Therapies in Pancreas Cancer: The New Age Eileen O'Reilly, MD, FASCO
2:05 p.m.	Q&A and Panel Discussion

SESSION V

The Evolving Landscape of #Technology & AI in Healthcare

Moderator	Mary Kate Eanniello, DNP, RN, OCN
2:15 p.m.	Augmenting the Clinician: Artificial Intelligence in Oncology Decision Making Barry Stein, MD, MBA, FSIR, FACR, RPVI
2:35 p.m.	Likes, Lies & Longevity: Healthcare Education in the Era of Misinformation Timothy Tiutan, MD
2:55 p.m.	The Smart OR: Artificial Intelligence in Surgical Oncology Maria Mazurchuk, PA-C Isabelle Delau, PA-C

3:15 p.m.	Oncology on the Air: Using Podcasts to Educate, Engage, and Empower Carol Simpson, MSN, RN, NEA-BC
3:35 p.m.	Q&A and Panel Discussion
3:50 p.m.	Adjourn

SESSION VI

Innovations in Hematology, Transplant, and Cellular Therapies

Moderator	Gerlem Manso Morin, APRN, FNP-BC, AOCNP
4:00 p.m.	Atypical HUS Syndrome in the Postpartum Setting: Diagnostic Challenges and Multidisciplinary Management Rafael Alonso, DNP, APRN, AGACNP-BC
4:15 p.m.	Transplant-Associated Thrombotic Microangiopathy (TA-TMA) Patrick Nugent, APRN, MSN, FNP-BC, OCN
4:30 p.m.	Optimizing Management of Chemotherapy-Induced Thrombocytopenia in Solid Tumors: The Role of TPO-Receptor Agonists Alyssa Strohbusch, PharmD, MS, CPh, BCOP
4:45 p.m.	Q&A and Panel Discussion
5:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks Lindsey Przybilla, PA-C
5:05 p.m.	Adjourn

Thursday • March 26, 2026

7:55 a.m.	Attendee Zoom Sign-In and Check-In
8:00 a.m.	Opening Remarks Joanna Yohannes-Tomicich, DNP, NP-C, AGACNP-BC, FCCM

SESSION VII

Call 911! Trends in Symptom Care Clinics (SCC)

Moderator	Stephanie Alvarado, PA-C
8:05 a.m.	Oncology Symptom Care Without Borders: Expanding Access Beyond the Main Campus Janessa Fuentes, APRN, ACNP-BC, CNRN
8:25 a.m.	Triage and Transfer in the SCC Kristen O'Hagan, MSN, RN, ANP-BC, AOCNP Cara Fleming, MSN, AGPCNP-BC, AOCNP
8:45 a.m.	Emergencology: Managing the “Can’t Miss” Diagnoses in the Outpatient Oncology Setting Deirdre Kelly, MSN, AGACNP-BC
9:05 a.m.	Q&A and Panel Discussion

SESSION VIII

Paving the Way for APP Practice: Professional Development Initiatives

Moderator	Miri Sinclair, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, AOCNP
9:20 a.m.	From Orientation to Autonomy: The Journey to Independent Practice Sabrina Cordero , APRN, FNP-BC Shila Pandey, DNP, AGPCNP-BC, ACHPN Catherine Cannan, AGNP-C, AOCNP
9:50 a.m.	Voices that Change Policy: APP Political Advocacy in Action — The Future of APP Practice in a Changing Legislative Landscape Erica Fischer-Cartlidge, DNP, RN, AOCNS, EBP-C Maureen Regan, MBA, PA-C, FACHE, DFAAPA
10:20 a.m.	Q&A and Panel Discussion
10:35 a.m.	Break

SESSION IX

“But I’m too Young”: Cancer Care and the AYA Population

Moderator	Courtney Hennelly, MS, RN, APN-BC
10:50 a.m.	Breast Cancer in the AYA Patient: Biology, Fertility, and Beyond Alanna Jamner, MPA, MSc
11:05 a.m.	Bridging the Gap: Expanding Access to Comprehensive AYA Oncology Care Paulette Kelly, MSN, APRN-BC, FNP, CPN, CPON, OCN
11:20 a.m.	Inherited Risk, Informed Care: Genetics in AYA Oncology Elise Fiala, MS, CGC
11:35 a.m.	The Rarest Journeys: A Patient’s Perspective on the Diagnosis and Treatment of Rare Tumors in AYA Oncology Patient Speaker (To Be Announced)
11:50 a.m.	Q&A and Panel Discussion

SESSION X

Advancing Healthcare: Independent Advanced Practice Provider Care

Moderator	Jaclyn Stout, NP
12:05 p.m.	Primary Palliative Care in the Community Setting Kristi Dubey, MSN, APRN, AGACNP-BC, AOCNP
12:20 p.m.	From Bedside to Bench: Expanding the APP Role in Clinical Research and Innovation Theresa Elko, PA-C
12:35 p.m.	One Room, Many Voices: Leveraging Shared Medical Visits in Oncology Care Kenny Lin, MSN, AGNP-BC, OCN Lillian Rodich, PA-C

12:50 p.m.	Life After Cancer: Advanced Strategies for Long-Term Survivor Care Jessica Divanno, MSN, AGPCNP-BC
1:05 p.m.	Q&A and Panel Discussion
1:20 p.m.	Break

SESSION XI

Specialized Solutions: Advocating for Special Populations

Moderator Stacey-Ann Rhodd, APRN, FNP-BC, AOCNP

1:30 p.m. **Caring for Jehovah's Witness Patients with
Malignant Hematologic Diseases**
Leonor Perez Aquino, DNP, APRN-C, AOCNP, BMTCN

1:45 p.m. **Gender-Affirming Oncology:
Best Practices for Transgender Patient Care**
Al Asante-Facey, PA-C, MBA

2:00 p.m. **From Preservation to Parenthood:
Uterine Transposition in Oncofertility Care**
Jennifer Mueller, MD

2:15 p.m. **Q&A and Panel Discussion**

2:25 p.m. **Closing Remarks**
Lindsey Przybilla, PA-C

2:30 p.m. Adjourn

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ANCC CNE Statement

Application currently under review.



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