Geriatric Oncology Symposium

Rapid Diagnosis, Early Detection, Risk Reduction, and Innovations

April 28, 2026 • **Live Virtual Symposium**

Memorial Sloan Kettering
Cancer Center

Overview

Aging is a significant risk factor for the development of cancer, and as the U.S. population continues to age, the demand for clinicians skilled in the care of older adults with cancer will continue to grow. Yet research suggests that common geriatric syndromes and the psychosocial needs of older oncology patients are often unintentionally overlooked or under-addressed.

This one-day, evidence-based virtual symposium is designed to enhance the care of older adults with cancer by advancing clinicians' knowledge, skills, and confidence in geriatric oncology practice. The program will explore innovative strategies to improve the rapid diagnosis and management of disease in older adults. Sessions will examine the complexities of multimorbidity, the importance of early disease detection, and approaches to reducing patient harm and optimizing care. Faculty will also highlight emerging advances in technology and digital health, illustrating how innovation is transforming the delivery of geriatric care.

Through a multidisciplinary lens, participants will gain practical insights into clinical tools, system-level solutions, and emerging research aimed at improving outcomes and quality of life for older adults with cancer.

Target Audience

his symposium is designed for physicians, advanced practice providers, registered nurses, CRNAs, residents, fellows, respiratory therapists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, social workers, case managers, and other healthcare professionals in medicine and surgery who provide care for the older adult.

Online Syllabus

Participants will receive access to an online syllabus after the symposium concludes, which will include recorded videos of the presentations as well as downloadable PDF versions of the faculty slide decks.

Keynote Speaker

The symposium will feature a keynote presentation by **Dr. Stephanie Nothelle**, Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and a primary care physician in the Beacham Ambulatory Center for Geriatric Medicine.

Dr. Nothelle will share insights from her research on outpatient care models for older adults with complex and chronic illnesses.

Educational Objectives

- Identify strategies for implementing rapid diagnostic tools and workflows to accelerate timely and accurate disease detection in geriatric patients
- Discuss the importance of early detection and risk reduction strategies tailored to older adults to optimize health outcomes
- Evaluate emerging innovations in digital health and medical technology

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): $199
- Advanced Practice Providers: $149
- Nurses and Other Healthcare Providers: $99
- Residents and Fellows: $25
- Industry Professionals: $350
- MSK Employees: Complimentary

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 registration, visit the symposium website.
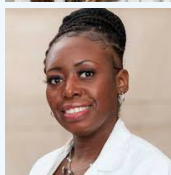
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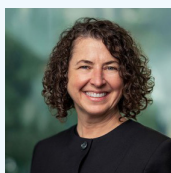## Symposium Directors

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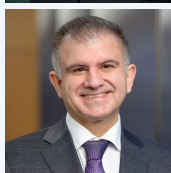

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Schedule

8:55 a.m.	Attendee Zoom Sign-In and Check-In

Rapid Diagnosis

Moderator	Sincere McMillan, DNP, MS, RN, ANP-BC
9:00 a.m.	**Introduction and Welcome** Sincere McMillan, DNP, MS, RN, ANP-BC
9:05 a.m.	**Keynote Address** **Caring for Patients with Multimorbidity** Stephanie Nothelle, MD
9:50 a.m.	**RADAR and Older Adult with Cancer** Armin Shahrokni, MD, MPH
10:20 a.m.	**Q&A and Panel Discussion**
10:30 a.m.	Break

Early Detection and Risk Reduction

Moderator	Farrell Dearie, MMSc, PA-C
10:40 a.m.	**Session Introduction** Farrell Dearie, MMSc, PA-C
10:45 a.m.	**Minimizing Postoperative Complications in Older Adults with Breast Cancer** Jennifer Baranello, NP
11:05 a.m.	***Good Time to Stop?* Cancer Screening in High-risk Older Adults** Alicia Latham, MD, MS
11:35 a.m.	**Implications of Sensory Changes in Oncology Care** Margaret Wallhagen, PhD, GNP-BC, AGSF, FGSA, FAAN
12:05 p.m.	**Reducing Risk in an Age-friendly Environment** Shannon Larson, BSN, RN, CEN Meghan Salvador, MSN, APRN-CNS, ACCNS-AG, OCN®
12:35 p.m.	**Q&A and Panel Discussion**
12:45 p.m.	Lunch Break

Optimizing Care

Moderator	Ndidi Okuesi, AGNP-BC
1:15 p.m.	**Session Introduction** Ndidi Okuesi, AGNP-BC
1:20 p.m.	**Case Study** Ndidi Okuesi, AGNP-BC

1:30 p.m.	**CAIT Clinic Model:** **Updates on Risk Stratification Prior to Chemotherapy** Koshy Alexander, MD, MBA
2:00 p.m.	**Improving Care for Older Adults Undergoing Surgery:** **Implementing the American College of Surgeons' Geriatric** **Surgery Verification (GSV) Program** Matthew P. Schiralli, MD, FACS
2:30 p.m.	**Palliative Care and Geriatrics Service:** **Who Does What for Patients with Serious Illnesses?** Kate Boskey, NP-C, ACHPN
2:50 p.m.	**Q&A and Panel Discussion**
3:00 p.m.	Break

Novel Technologies and Geriatric Oncology

Moderator	Soo Jung Kim, DNP, AGPCNP-BC
3:20 p.m.	**Session Introduction** Soo Jung Kim, DNP, AGPCNP-BC
3:25 p.m.	**Digital Health: Updates on Current Research** Kristen Fessele, PhD, RN, ANP-BC, AOCN®
3:45 p.m.	**EPIC Implementations: Lessons Learned** Jericho Garcia MSN, RN, NI-BC
4:15 p.m.	**Telehealth and the Older Adult** *To be announced*
4:35 p.m.	**Upcoming MSK Technology Innovations** *To be announced*
4:55 p.m.	**Q&A and Panel Discussion**
5:05 p.m.	**Closing Remarks and Adjournment** Planning Committee

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