



Memorial Sloan Kettering
Cancer Center

10th Advances in Colorectal Oncology

Shaping the Future
of Multidisciplinary Care

NOVEMBER 5 —6, 2026

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Overview

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK) is pleased to present the 10th anniversary of Advances in Colorectal Oncology, a milestone event dedicated to the latest evidence-based strategies and multidisciplinary approaches transforming the care of patients with colorectal cancer.

Designed to enhance clinical practice, foster collaboration, and improve patient outcomes, this program brings together nationally and internationally recognized experts to explore advances across the continuum of colorectal cancer care.

The symposium will highlight both surgical and multidisciplinary management through a dynamic combination of live case demonstrations, expert-led lectures, tumor board discussions, and interactive sessions. Participants will gain practical insights into current challenges, emerging technologies, and evolving treatment paradigms that are shaping the future of the field.

Program Highlights

- Live surgical cases streamed directly from MSK operating rooms, featuring expert commentary, case discussions, and supplemental video presentations.
- An anatomically based review of contemporary surgical techniques in colorectal cancer.
- Surgical considerations in the management of metastatic colorectal cancer.
- Role of immunotherapy in MMR deficient and MMR proficient colorectal cancer.
- New targeted therapies in the treatment of metastatic colorectal cancer.
- A focused update on appendiceal neoplasms.
- Management of colorectal cancer in patients with inflammatory bowel disease.
- Multidisciplinary tumor boards and complex case discussions.
- Key findings from landmark clinical trials.
- The annual **Stuart H.Q. Quan Lecture**, delivered this year by **Karuna Ganesh, MD, PhD**.
- A new dedicated breakout session, **The Robotic APP in Colorectal Surgery**, highlighting the role of the advanced practice provider as a first assistant in robotic colorectal surgery and exploring strategies for developing a dedicated robotic surgery team.
- A special **10th Anniversary Reception and Networking Event** celebrating a decade of progress and collaboration in colorectal oncology.

Target Audience

This symposium is designed for medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, diagnostic and interventional radiologists, colorectal surgeons, hepatopancreatobiliary surgeons, surgical oncologists, gastroenterologists, pathologists, advanced practice providers, nurses, trainees, and other members of the multidisciplinary oncology care team with an interest in colorectal cancer.

Flexible Learning Options

We are pleased to offer **flexible learning options**, with the opportunity to participate live in person or virtually, or register for on demand access to the recorded program.

Live Participation (In Person or Virtually)

Attend the symposium live on **November 5-6, 2026**, either in person at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center or virtually via Zoom. All live participants will have the opportunity to engage with faculty through interactive Q&A sessions, while those attending in person are also invited to a networking reception. Participants may claim credit for the live activity and will receive access to the online course syllabus following the symposium.

Please note: The lecture portion of **The Robotic APP in Colorectal Surgery** breakout session is available in person or virtually. The optional hands-on component is offered in person only.

On Demand Access

View the recorded presentations, complete the enduring activity, and claim credit **at your convenience**. The on demand program will be available a few weeks after the live event. Those who register for on demand access will be notified as soon as the content becomes available.



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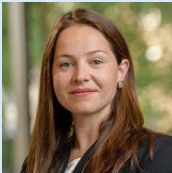
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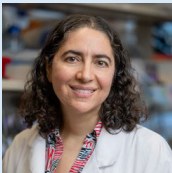
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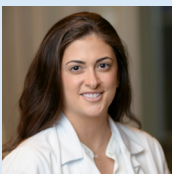
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***Please note that symposium faculty and agenda
are subject to change.***

Agenda

Thursday, November 5, 2026

TIME	SESSIONS
7:30 a.m.	Onsite Breakfast and Check-in
7:55 a.m.	Virtual Check-in
8:00 a.m.	Welcome and Introduction Julio Garcia-Aguilar, MD, PhD

Live Surgery Presentations

8:05 a.m.	Live surgical cases will be streamed directly from MSK's operating rooms, accompanied by case discussions and video presentations. A scheduled break will take place from 10:00 to 10:15 a.m. SESSION CHAIRS Emmanouil P. Pappou, MD, PhD, FACS, FASCRS Tsuyoshi Konishi, MD, PhD OPERATING SURGEONS Julio Garcia-Aguilar, MD, PhD Martin R. Weiser, MD CASE DISCUSSANTS Wolfgang Gaertner, MD, MSc, MBA, FACS, FASCRS Campbell Roxburgh, PhD
12:30 p.m.	Lunch Break

Current Controversies in Colorectal Surgical Oncology

SESSION CHAIRS

Mohammad Ali Abbass, MD, MPH
Iris H. Wei, MD, FACS

1:30 p.m.	Low-Grade Appendiceal Mucinous Neoplasm (LAMN): What Is It and What to Do About It? Garrett Nash, MD, MPH, FACS, FASCRS Efsevia Vakiani, MD, PhD
1:45 p.m.	Upfront Local Excision in Rectal Cancer: Are We Still Doing It? Wolfgang Gaertner, MD, MSc, MBA, FACS, FASCRS
2:00 p.m.	Management of CRC in Ulcerative Colitis: When Is Segmental Resection Appropriate? David Liska, MD

2:15 p.m.	Malignant Polyps: When Is Observation Appropriate? Georgios Karagkounis, MD
2:30 p.m.	Oligometastatic Metastatic Rectal Cancer: Surgical Considerations Martin R. Weiser, MD
2:45 p.m.	Session Q&A and Panel Discussion
3:00 p.m.	Break
Surgical Tumor Board Interesting Cases From Everyday Clinical Practice	
3:30 p.m.	SESSION CHAIRS Julio Garcia-Aguilar, MD, PhD Marc J. Gollub, MD, FACR, FSAR Jinru Shia, MD Maria Widmar, MD, MPH CASE DISCUSSANTS Christopher Crane, MD Wolfgang Gaertner, MD, MSc, MBA, FACS, FASCRS Georgios Karagkounis, MD David Liska, MD Garrett Nash, MD, MPH, FACS, FASCRS Philip B. Paty, MD Campbell Roxburgh, PhD Martin R. Weiser, MD Rona Yaeger, MD
4:55 p.m.	Closing Remarks Julio Garcia-Aguilar, MD, PhD
Conclusion of Accredited Sessions	
5:00 p.m.	10th Anniversary Reception Celebrate a decade of progress and collaboration in colorectal oncology with fellow participants and faculty. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, and an opportunity to connect with colleagues.
5:45 p.m.	Non-Accredited Industry Session* SESSION CHAIR Maria Widmar, MD, MPH *Please note that <i>AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™</i> will not be offered for this session. Additional details will be announced shortly.

Friday, November 6, 2026

TIME	SESSIONS
7:30 a.m.	Onsite Breakfast and Check-in
7:55 a.m.	Virtual Check-in
8:00 a.m.	Welcome and Keynote Introduction Martin R. Weiser, MD

Keynote Lecture

Stuart H.Q. Quan Lecture Series

8:05 a.m.



Tumor Plasticity
Karuna Ganesh, MD, PhD

The **Robotic APP in Colorectal Surgery** breakout session will be held concurrently with the general program from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The agenda for this breakout session is provided on the following pages.

Current Controversies in the Management of Resectable Colon Cancer

SESSION CHAIRS

Michael Foote, MD
Philip B. Paty, MD

9:00 a.m.	Immunotherapy for dMMR Colon Cancer: Neoadjuvant or Definitive Treatment? Myriam Chalabi, MD, PhD
9:12 a.m.	Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy in pMMR Colon Cancer Jenny Seligmann, MBChB, PhD
9:24 a.m.	Surgery Is Still the Best Option for dMMR/pMMR Nonmetastatic Colon Cancer Philip B. Paty, MD
9:36 a.m.	Adjuvant Immunotherapy in dMMR/pMMR Colon Cancer: Why and When? Neil H. Segal, MD, PhD
9:48 a.m.	Session Q&A and Panel Discussion
10:00 a.m.	Break

Optimizing Management of Locally Advanced Rectal Cancer

SESSION CHAIRS

Christopher Crane, MD

Imane El Dika, MD

10:30 a.m.	Immunotherapy and Radiation in LARC Campbell Roxburgh, PhD
10:42 a.m.	Immunotherapy Alone for pMMR Rectal Cancer Andrea Cercek, MD
10:54 a.m.	Radiation for LARC: An Old Hero or a New Villain? Paul Romesser, MD
11:06 a.m.	Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy Alone in LARC To be announced
11:18 a.m.	Intermediate-Risk LARC: When Surgery Alone Is Enough Julio Garcia-Aguilar, MD, PhD
11:30 a.m.	Neoadjuvant Therapy in Stage I Rectal Cancer: When and Why? Maria Widmar, MD, MPH
11:42 a.m.	Session Q&A and Panel Discussion
12:00 p.m.	Lunch Break

Current Controversies in Metastatic Colorectal Cancer

SESSION CHAIRS

Sree Bhavani Chalasani, MD

Maliha Nusrat, MD, MS

1:00 p.m.	Optimal Sequencing of Chemotherapy: First-Line EGFR or Save It for Later? Guillem Argilés, MD
1:15 p.m.	Targeted Therapy for RAS Wild-Type CRC: Are EGFR Dual Inhibitors Needed? Paul E. Oberstein, MD
1:30 p.m.	Can Targeted Therapy Control RAS/BRAF Mutant CRC or Is Chemotherapy Needed? Rona Yaeger, MD
1:45 p.m.	Regional Therapy for CRC Liver Metastases: The Role of Yttrium-90 and Histotripsy Vlasios S. Sotirchos, MD
2:00 p.m.	Session Q&A and Panel Discussion

Key Clinical Trial Updates

SESSION CHAIRS

Garrett Nash, MD, MPH, FACS, FASCRS

Rona Yaeger, MD

2:30 p.m.	PACHA-01 Hepatic Artery Infusion Pump with Oxaliplatin Maximiliano Gelli, MD Bas Groot Koerkamp, MD, PhD (Discussant)
2:52 p.m.	PUMP Adjuvant FUDR FAIP for Resectable Liver Metastasis Bas Groot Koerkamp, MD, PhD (Discussant to be announced)
3:14 p.m.	AZUR-1 Dostarlimab as Sole Treatment for Stage II–III dMMR/MSI-H Rectal Cancer Andrea Cercek, MD Myriam Chalabi, MD, PhD (Discussant)
3:36 p.m.	IROCAS Irinotecan and Oxaliplatin for Colon Cancer in Adjuvant Setting Julien Taïeb, MD, PhD Jenny Seligmann, MBChB, PhD (Discussant)

4:00 p.m. Break

Tumor Board

Interesting Cases From Everyday Clinical Practice

4:30 p.m.	SESSION CHAIRS Julio Garcia-Aguilar, MD, PhD Marc J. Gollub, MD, FACR, FSAR Jinru Shia, MD CASE DISCUSSANTS Andrea Cercek, MD Myriam Chalabi, MD, PhD Bas Groot Koerkamp, MD, PhD Paul Romesser, MD Campbell Roxburgh, PhD Leonard Saltz, MD Jenny Seligmann, MBChB, PhD Julien Taïeb, MD, PhD Martin R. Weiser, MD
6:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks and Adjournment Julio Garcia-Aguilar, MD, PhD

BREAKOUT SESSION

The Robotic APP in Colorectal Surgery

Held on **Friday, November 6, 2026**, this breakout session will highlight the critical role of Advanced Practice Providers (APPs) as first assistants in robotic colorectal surgery and explore strategies for developing a dedicated robotic surgery team. Participants will learn key principles of robotic bedside assistance, OR workflow optimization, instrumentation, troubleshooting, and effective multidisciplinary collaboration.

Dedicated lectures will illustrate specific set-up and assisting techniques for common colorectal procedures and approaches for combined colorectal and liver resections. Additionally, a session on emergency conversion strategies will highlight important principles to achieve controlled open conversion in the case of hemorrhagic complications, including planning, communication, tamponade, and robot undocking.

For a limited number of attendees, the program will also include a hands-on bedside assist workshop led by experienced robotic surgery PAs. This interactive session will focus on patient positioning and port placement, instrument exchange and troubleshooting, retraction techniques, laparoscopic suturing and stapling, emergency conversion scenarios, and other essential skills for robotic colorectal surgery.

Please note: The lecture portion of this breakout session will be available in person or virtually. The optional hands-on component is offered in person only and space is limited.

Target Audience: Physician assistants (PAs) and nurse practitioners (NPs), including those practicing as registered nurse first assistants (RNFAs).

Breakout Session Agenda

TIME	SESSIONS
9:00 a.m.	Welcome and Breakout Session Introduction Camilla Guerrero, PA-C
9:05 a.m.	Beyond the Console: Development, Challenges and Success of the Robotic PA Program Camilla Guerrero, PA-C
9:45 a.m.	Break
10:00 a.m.	The Colorectal Playbook: First Assist Guide to Core Colorectal Robotic Procedures Brenna McHugh, PA-C
10:30 a.m.	Ports with a Purpose: Setting up Combined Colorectal and Hepatobiliary Robotic Cases for Success Maria Mazurchuk, PA-C
11:00 a.m.	Intraoperative Crisis Management in Robotic Surgery: Prevention, Recognition & Response Kelly Fitzsimmons, PA-C
11:30 a.m.	Session Q&A and Panel Discussion
12:00 p.m.	Lunch Break
1:00 p.m.	Hands-on Bedside Assist Workshop* Available in person only; space is limited. *Please note: The hands-on session is not accredited for continuing education credit.
4:00 p.m.	Breakout Session Closing Remarks Camilla Guerrero, PA-C

Following the conclusion of the breakout session, participants are invited to join the main session break, followed by the Tumor Board session in the auditorium at 4:30 p.m.



Accreditation

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

This activity has been approved to offer the following credit types.

- *AMA PRA Category I Credit(s)TM*
- ABIM Maintenance of Certification (MOC)
- ABS Continuous Certification (CC)

The following credits are pending approval:

- Nursing Continuing Professional Development (NCPD) Credit*

*Please note that ANCC Nursing Contact Hours are available only to participants who attend the live symposium and are not available for the on demand program.



Registration

Registration Fees

- Physicians (MDs, PhDs & DOs): \$400
- Advanced Practice Providers: \$350
- Residents, Fellows, Nurses & Other Healthcare Professionals: \$300
- Industry Professionals*: \$950
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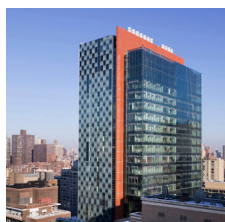
Discounted registration is available for select groups.

For full details and registration, visit:

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Onsite Participation

Continental breakfast, lunch, and refreshment breaks will be provided for onsite participants. If you have dietary restrictions or require accommodations to attend in person, please contact cme@mskcc.org at least one week before the event.



Location

Zuckerman Research Center
417 East 68th Street
New York, NY

For travel and parking information, visit the symposium website.

Virtual Participation

The virtual portion of this program will be delivered via Zoom. Access instructions and login details will be provided to registered virtual attendees prior to the event. Please note that all times listed on the schedule are Eastern Standard Time (UTC-5).

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