



Advancing Surgical Oncology in the Era of Multidisciplinary Cancer Care

Techniques, Technology, and
Transformation

October 28—29, 2026 *(Live Virtual & On Demand)*



Memorial Sloan Kettering
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This symposium offers a comprehensive update on **current and emerging advances in surgical oncology**, alongside discussions on **health equity, workforce development, provider training, and the evolving role of artificial intelligence** in cancer care.

Overview

The rapid pace of innovation in oncology and surgical care continues to transform cancer treatment, creating an ongoing need for education that supports evidence-based practice and multidisciplinary collaboration. This two-day virtual program examines current and emerging advances in surgical oncology across the cancer care continuum.

Through expert-led presentations and case-based discussions, participants will explore advances in perioperative optimization and management, integration of minimally invasive approaches in surgical practice, and systematic methods to early surgical recovery as well as complex surgical emergencies. The program will also address issues shaping the future of surgical oncology including specialized workforce development, healthcare equity, and innovation in clinical practice.

Through participation in this program, learners will gain practical, evidence-based knowledge that can be applied to optimize clinical decision-making, strengthen interdisciplinary collaboration, and improve outcomes for patients undergoing surgical oncology care.

Attend Live Virtually or Learn On Demand

Choose the learning format that works best for you. Participate live virtually on October 28–29, 2026, or register for on demand access to view recorded sessions at your convenience.

Please refer to the **Registration** section for details.



Target Audience

This symposium is intended for physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs), nurses, and other healthcare professionals who care for or collaborate in the management of patients undergoing surgical oncology treatment.

Continuing Education Credit

This live activity has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*[™] and American Board of Surgery (ABS) Continuing Certification (CC) Credit. Nursing contact hours are pending.

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Day 1 Agenda

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

TIME	SESSIONS
8:25 a.m.	Virtual Check-in
8:30 a.m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks Lolita Simmons, PA-C
8:35 a.m.	Symposium Director Welcome Jeffrey Drebin, MD, PhD

Let's Get Ready!

Pre-operative Medical Optimization

MODERATOR: Lolita Simmons, PA-C

8:40 a.m.	Medical Optimization Prior to Surgery Hallie Weiss, MD
8:55 a.m.	Pre-Surgical Testing from Home Stacey Cuomo, DNP, FNP-C
9:10 a.m.	Q&A and Discussion

Improving Surgical Outcomes: Integration of Adjuvant Therapies

MODERATOR: Joan Gorham, MSN, RN, ANP-BC

9:25 a.m.	Perioperative Enfortumab Vedotin and Pembrolizumab in Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer: Redefining the Treatment Landscape Gabrielle Arauz, MS, AGNP-BC, OCN®
9:40 a.m.	Enhancing Outcomes: Advancements in Adjuvant Treatment for Breast Cancer Niki Demos, PA-C
9:55 a.m.	Advances in Lung Cancer Management Unnati Jackson, PA-C
10:10 a.m.	Pre-Surgical Embolization To be announced
10:25 a.m.	Q&A and Discussion
10:40 a.m.	Break

All times listed in the agenda are Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

Innovations in Robotic Surgery

MODERATOR: Stephanie Alvarado, PA-C

- 10:55 a.m. **Whipple**
Brenna McHugh, MHS, PA-C
- 11:10 a.m. **Tonsillectomy and Tongue Resection**
Michele Cavalli, PA-C
- 11:25 a.m. **Lobectomy**
Karina Noboa, PA-C
- 11:40 a.m. **Cystectomy**
Maria Mazurchuk, PA-C
- 11:55 a.m. **Transposition of the Uterus**
To be announced
- 12:10 p.m. **Q&A and Discussion**
- 12:25 p.m. Break

Surgical Advances in Fertility Preservation and Sexual Dysfunction

MODERATOR: Ashley Linington, DNP, ACNP-BC, OCN®

- 1:05 p.m. **Surgical Channels for Female Fertility Preservation**
Ally McGrath, PA-C
- 1:20 p.m. **Surgical Advances in Treatment and Sexual Dysfunction**
Jose Flores Martinez, MD, MHA
- 1:35 p.m. **Q&A and Discussion**

Through a Clear Lens: Pre-Surgical Imaging and Modeling

MODERATOR: Madison Kidwell, MSHS, PA-C

- 1:50 p.m. **Orthopedic Tumor Modeling and Intraoperative Imaging Guidance**
Julia DiMaria, PA-C
- 2:05 p.m. **Intraoperative Guidance in Neurosurgery**
Linda McKenna, AGACNP-BC, ANP-BC, CNS, CCRN-CMC
- 2:20 p.m. **Medical Modeling and Pre-operative Planning Prior to Fibula Free Flap**
Jaewon Hwang, PA-C
- 2:35 p.m. **Q&A and Discussion**
- 2:50 p.m. Break

Transforming Surgical Oncology Through Technology and Education (Part 1)

MODERATOR: Stephanie Mendez, PA-C

- 3:05 p.m. **First Assist Training and Safety**
Jillian Fromkin, PA-C
- 3:20 p.m. **Optimizing APP Surgical Practice: Integration of AI**
Michael Russo, PA-C
- 3:35 p.m. **Q&A and Discussion**

Independent Practice in Surgical Care: The Evolving Role of Advanced Practice Providers

MODERATOR: Lindsey Przybilla, DMS, PA-C

- 3:50 p.m. **Nipple Tattooing**
Eden Davis, PA-C
- 4:05 p.m. **Pancreatic Cyst Surveillance**
Jennifer Flood-Caldwell, MSN, RN, ANP-BC
- 4:20 p.m. **Prostate Biopsy Program**
Xin Lin, MSN, RN, AGNP-BC, OCN®
Nicholas Romano, PA-C
- 4:35 p.m. **Thyroid Nodule Clinic**
Allyson Gillespie, PA-C
- 4:50 p.m. **Q&A and Discussion**
- 5:05 p.m. **Closing Remarks**
Ashley Linington, DNP, ACNP-BC, OCN®
- 5:10 p.m. **Adjournment**

Day 2 Agenda

Thursday, October 29, 2026

TIME	SESSIONS
8:10 a.m.	Virtual Check-in
8:15 a.m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks Ashley Linington, DNP, ACNP-BC, OCN®
8:20 a.m.	APP Educational Sponsor Welcome Nicole Zakak, MS, RN, CPNP, CPHON®

Enhancing Surgical Recovery

MODERATOR: Ashley Linington, DNP, ACNP-BC, OCN®

8:25 a.m.	Ambulatory Extended Recovery (AXR) Program Leigh McGrath Ehinger, DNP, AGPCNP-BC, OCN®
8:40 a.m.	Thriving after Colorectal Surgery: Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) Jennifer Valdellon, MSN, RN, ANP-BC
8:55 a.m.	Q&A and Discussion

Choose Your Path: Systematic Approaches to Surgical Emergencies

MODERATOR: Megan Graham, DNP, AGPCNP-BC

9:10 a.m.	Surgical Pathway Overview Tara Buchholz, MSN, RN, ACNP-BC
9:25 a.m.	Ishemic Limb Joan Gorham, MSN, RN, ANP-BC
9:35 a.m.	Spinal Cord Compression Joan Gorham, MSN, RN, ANP-BC
9:45 a.m.	Hemorrhagic Shock Meagan Mulawka, MSN, RN, ACNP-BC
9:55 a.m.	Pulmonary Embolis Meagan Mulawka, MSN, RN, ACNP-BC
10:05 a.m.	Q&A and Discussion
10:20 a.m.	Break

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Enhancing Recovery Through Effective Post-operative Pain Management Strategies

MODERATOR: Elizabeth McAvoy, MSN, FNP-BC

- 10:35 a.m. **Reducing and Standardizing Opioid Prescriptions After Ambulatory Oncologic Surgery**
Nkechi Fearon, MSN, AGPCNP-BC, AOCNS®
- 10:50 a.m. **Regional Anesthesia**
Poonam Sawant, MD, MS, FASA, FASRA
- 11:10 a.m. **Q&A and Discussion**

Transforming Surgical Oncology Through Technology and Education (Part 2)

MODERATOR: Jillian Fromkin, PA-C

- 11:25 a.m. **Using Artificial Intelligence to Improve Operative Efficiency in Robotic Surgery**
Isabelle Delau, PA-C
- 11:40 a.m. **Optimizing APP Surgical Practice: Data Literacy**
Michael Russo, PA-C
- 11:55 a.m. **Meet Hugo: Prostatectomy and Nephrectomy**
Alvin Goh, MD
- 12:10 p.m. **Q&A and Discussion**
- 12:25 p.m. Lunch Break

Health Equity in Surgical Oncology: Understanding and Reducing Disparities

MODERATOR: Lolita Simmons, PA-C

- 1:05 p.m. **Gender Disparities in Surgical Oncology**
Al Asante-Facey, PA-C
- 1:20 p.m. **Race Disparities in Surgical Oncology**
To be announced
- 1:35 p.m. **Q&A and Discussion**

Interventional Oncology: New Frontiers in Focal Therapy

MODERATOR: Stephanie Mendez, PA-C

- 1:50 p.m. **Nerve Reinnervation**
Johnny Chuieng-Yi Lu, MD, MSCI
- 2:05 p.m. **Lymphatic Mapping**
Caitlin Giles, MSHS, PA-C
- 2:20 p.m. **Focal Prostate Therapy**
Jonathan Fainberg, MD, MPH
- 2:35 p.m. **Q&A and Discussion**
- 2:50 p.m. **Break**

Find Your Target: Administration of Localized Chemotherapy

MODERATOR: Stephanie Alvarado, PA-C

- 3:05 p.m. **Intrahepatic Chemotherapy in Primary
and Metastatic Cancers**
Morie Davis, DNP, ACNP-BC
- 3:20 p.m. **Intraarterial Chemotherapy in Retinoblastoma**
Crystal Law, PA-C
- 3:35 p.m. **Intraarterial Chemotherapy in Pituitary
and Skull Based Tumors**
Francois Cornelis, MD, PhD
- 3:50 p.m. **Q&A and Discussion**

Call the Consult: Surgical Services on the Move

MODERATOR: Meagan Mulawka, MSN, RN, ACNP-BC

- 4:05 p.m. **Head and Neck Surgery**
Melissa Carmody-Bavasi, PA-C
- 4:20 p.m. **Thoracic Surgery**
Susan Kelly, MS, PA-C
- 4:35 p.m. **Mobile Interventional Radiology**
Edith Chess, PA-C
- 4:50 p.m. **Q&A and Discussion**
- 5:05 p.m. **Closing Remarks**
Lolita Simmons, PA-C
- 5:10 p.m. **Adjournment**

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Objectives

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

- Apply current evidence-based approaches to perioperative management of oncology patients to improve patient outcomes and quality of life.
- Identify surgical optimization and treatment strategies for the management of patients with cancer.
- Evaluate the role of robotics and emerging technologies in surgical oncology care.
- Define inequities in surgical cancer care delivery and their impact on patient outcomes.
- Describe multidisciplinary and collaborative care models that optimize outcomes for surgical oncology patients.
- Discuss the management of common surgical oncology emergencies and the role of consult services.
- Assess evolving trends in independent practice enhancing professional development opportunities.



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On Demand Access: View recorded presentations and complete the enduring activity at your convenience through April 30, 2027. On demand content will become available a few weeks after the live symposium. Participants will be notified when access is available and may claim credit upon completion of the enduring activity.

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- Physicians (MDs, PhDs, DOs): \$325
- Advanced Practice Providers: \$249
- Nurses and Other Healthcare Professionals: \$149
- Residents and Fellows: \$75
- Industry Professionals: \$575*
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