



Diagnostic Excellence Across the Cancer Care Continuum for Primary Care Providers

Screening, Early Detection, Complications,
and Survivorship

DECEMBER 12-13, 2026
LIVE VIRTUAL OR ON DEMAND



Memorial Sloan Kettering
Cancer Center



Overview

THE CHALLENGE

- ▶ **Nearly 40%** of men and women will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime.
- ▶ Unfortunately, the **vast majority of these cases (>80%)** are discovered only after a patient becomes symptomatic or during routine care for an unrelated issue.
- ▶ **Less than 20%** of cancers are identified through recommended preventive screening—a statistic that underscores a massive gap in effective screening, even for malignancies with established guidelines like lung and colorectal cancers.

For cancers that lack standard screening protocols, general practice providers serve as the critical first line of defense. Because the signs and symptoms of early-stage cancer can mimic common, everyday conditions, maintaining a high index of suspicion is vital to avoid diagnostic delays that drastically decrease patient survival rates. ^[1-3]

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

This intensive, two-day course is specifically designed to **equip primary care, advanced practice physicians and nurse navigators** with the advanced clinical insights needed to optimize early cancer detection. Through an evidence-based approach, attendees will master precision testing paradigms, learn to navigate complex imaging and laboratory choices and proper diagnostic triage.

¹New Research Highlights Just One In Seven Diagnosed Cancers Found By A Recommended Screening Test

²National Cancer Institute Cancer Statistics

³Delayed Diagnosis of Cancer

The curriculum will also address the crucial transition of cancer survivors back to primary care, focusing heavily on cardio-prevention and identifying delayed, high-morbidity complications of modern treatments including immunotherapy related adverse events which may present years later.

Lastly, advanced imaging in noncancer patients often discloses findings that are potentially cancerous but require additional testing for a definitive diagnosis. The majority prove benign, and as such, adherence to evidence-based surveillance guidelines is essential for cost-effective management.

TARGET AUDIENCE

This activity is designed for general practice physicians, family medicine physicians, internal medicine physicians, advanced practice providers (nurse practitioners and physician assistants), nurse navigators (registered nurses), and other primary care clinicians dedicated to improving early cancer detection, high-value diagnostic accuracy, and comprehensive survivorship care.

Participate Live Virtually or Access On Demand

Live Virtual Participation: Join us virtually December 12–13 via Zoom. Engage with faculty through interactive Q&A and panel discussions, earn continuing education credit, and access the online course syllabus following the program.

On Demand Access: View recorded presentations, complete the enduring activity, and claim continuing education credit at your convenience. The on demand program will be available a few weeks after the live course, and registrants will be notified when content becomes available.

Agenda

Saturday, December 12, 2026

All Times Eastern Time (ET)

TIME	SESSIONS
7:40 a.m.	Virtual Check-in
7:45 a.m.	Welcome and Introduction Pamela T. Johnson, MD, FACR
KEYNOTE PRESENTATION	
8:00 a.m.	Evolving Role of Artificial Intelligence in Cancer Diagnosis Lawrence H. Schwartz, MD
SESSION I	
MODERATOR: Lonny B. Yarmus, DO, MBA	
BREAST CANCER	
8:20 a.m.	Breast Cancer Screening Kristin Belen, MD
8:40 a.m.	Breast Cancer Suspected Esther Zusstone, MD
GYN ONCOLOGY	
9:00 a.m.	Ovarian Cancer Prevention and Early Diagnosis Rebecca Lynn Stone, MD, MS
9:20 a.m.	Cervical Cancer Prevention and Screening Al Asante-Facey, PA-C, MBA
9:40 a.m.	Session Panel Discussion / Q&A Kristin Belen, MD Esther Zusstone, MD Rebecca Lynn Stone, MD, MS Al Asante-Facey, PA-C, MBA
10:00 a.m.	Break

SESSION II

MODERATOR: Lonny B. Yarmus, DO, MBA

LUNG CANCER

- 10:15 a.m. **Lung Cancer Screening**
Alexis Chidi, MD, PhD, MSPH
- 10:30 a.m. **Lung Cancer Suspected**
Or Kalchiem-Dekel, MD
- 10:45 a.m. **Lung Cancer Surveillance**
Catherine Oberg, MD
- 11:00 a.m. **Incidental Lung Nodule**
Charles A. Powell, MD, MBA

THYROID CANCER

- 11:15 a.m. **Palpable Thyroid Nodule**
Samantha Kass Newman, MD
- 11:30 a.m. **The Epidemic of Incidental Thyroid Nodules**
R. Michael Tuttle, MD
- 11:45 a.m. **Session Panel Discussion / Q&A**
Alexis Chidi, MD, PhD, MSPH
Or Kalchiem-Dekel, MD
Catherine Oberg, MD
Charles A. Powell, MD, MBA
Samantha Kass Newman, MD
R. Michael Tuttle, MD

12:00 p.m. **Lunch Break**

SESSION III

MODERATOR: Pamela T. Johnson, MD, FACP

GENITOURINARY ONCOLOGY

- 1:00 p.m. **Prostate Cancer:**
Screening, Suspected Disease, Surveillance
Firas S. Ahmed, MD, MPH
- 1:20 p.m. **Kidney Cancer:**
Screening, Suspected Disease, Surveillance
Stephanie Chahwan, MD
- 1:40 p.m. **Urothelial Cancer:**
Screening, Suspected Disease, Surveillance
Josip Nincevic, MD

CANCER AND CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

- 2:00 p.m. **Incidental Coronary Artery Calcification and Underdiagnosis**
Krishan Kumar Sharma, MD, MMSc
- 2:20 p.m. **Cardiovascular Complications of Systemic Therapy and XRT**
Jennifer Liu, MD, FACC
- 2:40 p.m. **Session Panel Discussion / Q&A**
Firas S. Ahmed, MD, MPH
Josip Nincevic, MD
Stephanie Chahwan, MD
Krishan Kumar Sharma, MD, MMSc
Jennifer Liu, MD, FACC

3:00 p.m. **Break**

SESSION IV

MODERATOR: Lonny B. Yarmus, DO, MBA

SYSTEMIC TREATMENT COMPLICATIONS

- 3:15 p.m. **Contemporary Systemic Agents and Delayed Adverse Reactions**
Aliyah Pabani, MD, MPH

HEPATIC CANCER

- 3:55 p.m. **Screening for Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC)**
Hassan Azhari, MD
- 4:10 p.m. **Suspected Hepatic Cancer**
Alice Wei, MD, CM, MSc, FRCSC, FACS
- 4:25 p.m. **Incidental Liver Lesion Management**
Wyanne Law, MD
- 4:40 p.m. **Session Panel Discussion / Q&A**
Hassan Azhari, MD
Alice Wei, MD, CM, MSc, FRCSC, FACS
Wyanne Law, MD
- 5:00 p.m. **Closing Remarks and Adjournment**
Pamela T. Johnson, MD, FACR
Lonny B. Yarmus, DO, MBA

Sunday, December 13, 2026

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7:15 a.m.	Virtual Check-in
7:45 a.m.	Welcome and Introduction Pamela T. Johnson, MD, FACR
SESSION V	
MODERATOR: Pamela T. Johnson, MD, FACR	
COLORECTAL CANCER	
8:00 a.m.	Screening (Colonoscopy, CT Colongraphy, Laboratory Testing) Jacques C. Beauvais, MD
8:15 a.m.	Suspected Cancer and Rising Incidence in Young Patients Robin Mendelsohn, MD
8:30 a.m.	Post-treatment Surveillance Zsofia K. Stadler, MD
PANCREATIC CANCER	
8:45 a.m.	Screening Vineet Syan Rolston, MD
9:00 a.m.	Suspected Cancer Seung Eun (Grace) Lee, MD
9:15 a.m.	Pancreatic Cyst Management Mark A. Schattner, MD, FASGE, AGAF
9:30 a.m.	Session Panel Discussion / Q&A Jacques C. Beauvais, MD Robin Mendelsohn, MD Zsofia K. Stadler, MD Vineet Syan Rolston, MD Seung Eun (Grace) Lee, MD Mark A. Schattner, MD, FASGE, AGAF
9:45 a.m.	Break

SESSION VI

MODERATOR: Lonny B. Yarmus, DO, MBA

COMMUNICATION SKILLS WORKSHOP

10:00 a.m. **Delivering Difficult News**

Smita C. Banerjee, PhD
Patricia A. Parker, PhD

SURVIVORSHIP

10:30 a.m. **Survivorship**

Danielle Novetsky Friedman, MD

SKIN CANCER

11:00 a.m. **Skin Cancer Screening**

William Murphy, MD, MBA

11:15 a.m. **Suspected Skin Cancer: Dermoscopy,
Artificial Intelligence, and Emerging Technologies**

Ashfaq A. Marghoob, MD

11:30 a.m. **Post-treatment Surveillance**

Charlotte Freytag, PA-C

11:45 a.m. **Session Panel Discussion / Q&A**

Smita C. Banerjee, PhD
Patricia A. Parker, PhD
Danielle Novetsky Friedman, MD
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Charlotte Freytag, PA-C

12:00 p.m. **Closing Remarks and Adjournment**

Pamela T. Johnson, MD, FACR
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Registration

Registration Fees

- Physicians (MDs, PhDs & DOs): \$395
- Advanced Practice Providers: \$195
- Nurses & Other Healthcare Professionals: \$95
- Residents and Fellows: \$50
- Industry Professionals*: \$695
- MSK Employees: Complimentary**

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Discounted registration is available for select groups.

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- *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*[™]
- American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) MOC

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