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Achieving Health Equity in Cancer Care

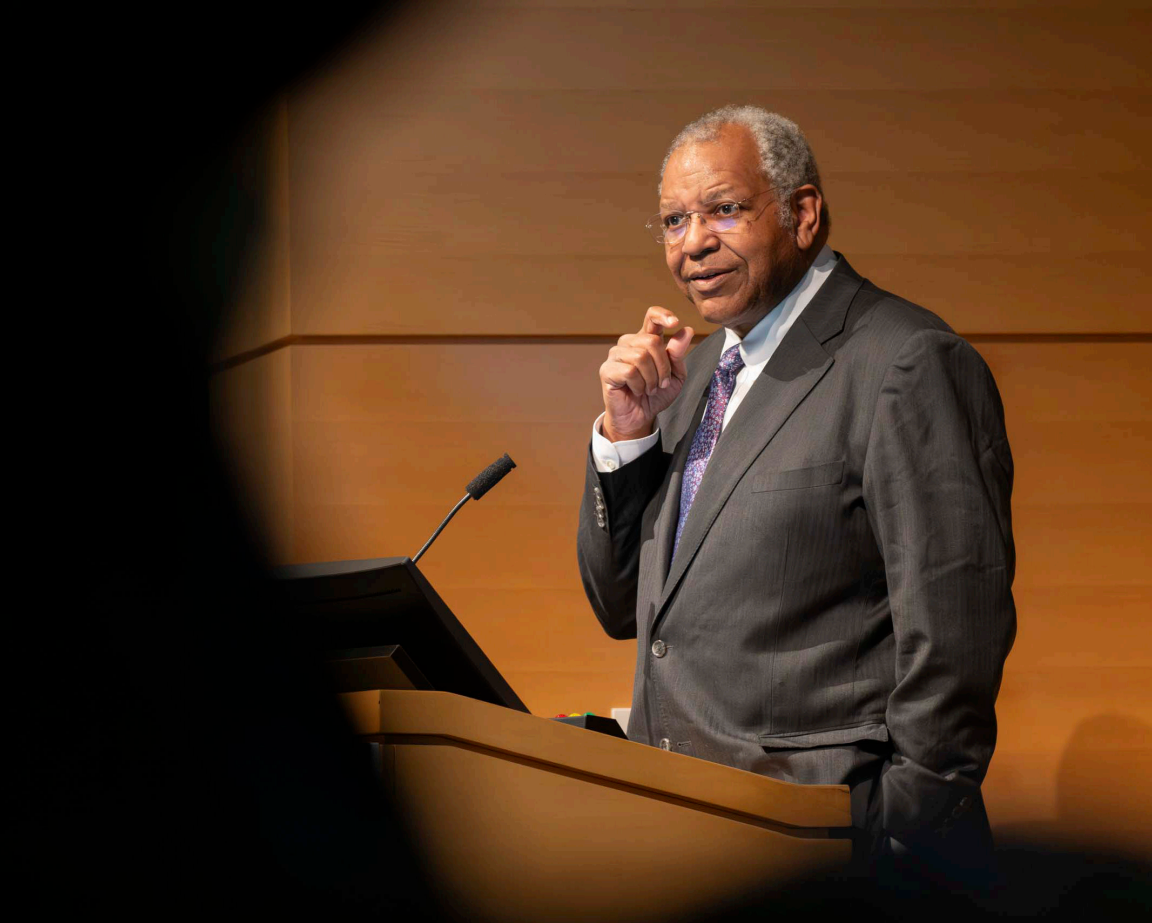
**Advancing Cancer Prevention in
Underserved Communities**

NOVEMBER 13, 2026
COMPLIMENTARY CONFERENCE
IN PERSON • ON DEMAND



Memorial Sloan Kettering
Cancer Center

MediSys Health
Network



Now in its fourth year, this dynamic conference brings together experts from diverse disciplines, institutions, and specialties to explore innovative approaches to advancing health equity and improving outcomes for underserved populations.

Presented by **Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center** and **MediSys Health Network**, with support from the **MSK Ralph Lauren Center**.



Overview

The conference **features globally and nationally recognized speakers**, as well as leaders from community hospitals—offering a 360-degree perspective on effective, equitable cancer care delivery.

This year's program will focus on **advancing cancer prevention strategies for underserved communities**. Topics will include the role of environmental exposures in carcinogenesis and approaches to reducing associated risks, as well as evidence-based strategies for tobacco cessation, nutrition, and physical activity. Bringing together researchers, physicians, community leaders and advocates, and other members of the healthcare team, the conference will foster interdisciplinary perspectives and collaborative discussions aimed at improving cancer prevention and promoting health equity.

Beyond the insights shared, this conference offers a unique **opportunity to build community and foster collaborations** among individuals passionate about advancing health equity in cancer care.

Target Audience

This conference is designed for healthcare professionals and stakeholders across the cancer care continuum with an interest in advancing health equity, including physicians, advanced practice providers, trainees, nurses, patient navigators, social workers, and case managers.

Registration is complimentary, with flexible options to participate live onsite or access the recorded program on demand.

Flexible Learning Options

Live Onsite Participation

Attend the symposium live on Friday, November 13, 2026, at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Onsite participants will have the opportunity to engage with faculty and peers, build professional connections, and claim credit for the live activity. An online syllabus will be available following the conclusion of the symposium.

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 symposium. Those who register for on demand access will be notified as soon as the content becomes available.



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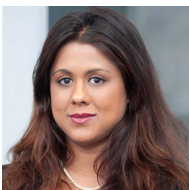
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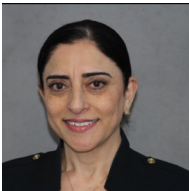
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Conference Keynote Speakers



Melissa Davis, PhD

Director, MSM Institute of Translational Genomic Medicine (ITGM)
Executive Director, MSM Center for Genomic Diversity (NHGRI)
Professor, Microbiology, Biochemistry, and Immunology (MBI)
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Michael Fiore, MD, MPH, MBA

University of Wisconsin Hillebrand Professor of Medicine
Lead Scientist, University of Wisconsin Center for Tobacco Research
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Conference Faculty



Francisco Cartujano Barrera, MD

Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Medicine
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University of Rochester Medical Center
Assistant Director, Office of Community Outreach and Engagement,
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Bruce Flanz, MBA

President and CEO
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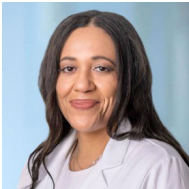
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Professor, Public Health Policy and Management
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Peggy Shepard, BA

Founder and Executive Director
WE ACT for Environmental Justice



Cardinale Smith, MD, PhD

Chief Medical Officer
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

We also greatly appreciate the valuable patient
perspective shared by **Vanessa Samayoa**.

Agenda

TIME	SESSIONS
7:15 a.m.	Conference Check-in and Breakfast Served Zuckerman Lobby
8:00 a.m.	Introductory Remarks  Rosa Nouvini, MD Conference Director Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
8:05 a.m.	Welcome Address  Cardinale Smith, MD, PhD Chief Medical Officer Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center  Bruce Flanz, MBA President and CEO MediSys Health Network
8:15 a.m.	Keynote Address  The Fourth Pillar of Cancer Care: Ensuring that Every Cancer Patient who Smokes Receives Cessation Treatment Michael Fiore, MD, MPH, MBA

SESSION I

Clearing the Air: Evolving Trends in Tobacco Use and Prevention

- 9:00 a.m. Strengthening Safety Net Health Care Systems to Optimize Tobacco Use Treatment
Donna Shelley, MD, MPH
- 9:30 a.m. Advancing Tobacco Cessation Among Latinos via Community-Based Participatory Research
Francisco Cartujano Barrera, MD

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- 10:00 a.m. **Break and Refreshments**
Zuckerman Lobby
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- 10:20 a.m. **Session Q&A and Panel Discussion**
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Francisco Cartujano Barrera, MD
Michael Fiore, MD, MPH, MBA
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SESSION II

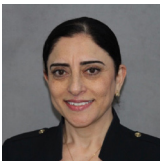
Environmental Drivers of Carcinogenesis

- 11:00 a.m. **Keynote Address**
- A portrait photograph of Melissa Davis, PhD. She is a Black woman with short, curly dark hair, wearing glasses, a blue top, and a yellow patterned scarf. She is smiling at the camera.
- The Grand Challenge of Inequities:
From the DARC Side of Disparities
Melissa Davis, PhD
- 11:45 a.m. Unequal Exposures, Unequal Health:
The Environmental Justice Imperative
Peggy Shepard, BA
- 12:15 p.m. Environmental Opportunities for Cancer Prevention:
The Power of Community and Interdisciplinary Science
Ana Navas-Acien, MD, PhD, MPH
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- 12:45 p.m. **Break and Lunch Served**
Zuckerman Lobby
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SESSION III

Cancer and The Metabolic Axis: Diet and Exercise in Cancer Prevention and Survival

- 1:45 p.m. GLP-1 Therapies and Cancer Risk: From Emerging
Evidence to Equitable Access
Neil Iyengar, MD
- 2:15 p.m. Dietary Interventions in Diverse Patients
Urvi Shah, MD
- 2:45 p.m. Optimizing Lifestyle Interventions for
Underserved Populations
Jennifer Leng, MD, MPH
- 3:15 p.m. Diet and Exercise: Implications for Cancer Prevention
Alan Roth, DO, FAAFP, FAAHPM
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3:45 p.m.	Break and Refreshments Zuckerman Lobby
4:05 p.m.	Session Q&A and Panel Discussion Neil Iyengar, MD Urvi Shah, MD Jennifer Leng, MD, MPH Alan Roth, DO, FAAFP, FAAHPM Vanessa Samayoa (Patient Perspective)
4:45 p.m.	Closing Remarks  Sabiha Raoof, MD, FACR, FCCP Chief Medical Officer Chair of Radiology MediSys Health Network
5:00 p.m.	Conference Adjournment

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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 1 Credit(s)*[™]
- ABA Maintenance of Certification in Anesthesiology[™] (MOCA[®])
- ABIM Maintenance of Certification (MOC)
- ABOHNS Continuing Certification (CC)
- ABPath Continuing Certification (CC)
- ABP Maintenance of Certification (MOC)
- ABS Continuous Certification (CC)
- ABTS Maintenance of Certification (MOC)
- NYS Psychology Contact Hours

The following credits are pending approval:

- NYS Social Work Continuing Education Credit
- Nursing Continuing Professional Development (NCPD) Credit

Please note that the on **demand program is eligible for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*[™] only**; no other continuing education credit types will be offered.



MSK–MediSys Collaboration

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK) and **MediSys Health Network (Jamaica Hospital Medical Center and Flushing Hospital Medical Center)** have partnered to expand access to world-class cancer care for communities throughout Queens and eastern Brooklyn.

By combining MSK's specialized expertise in cancer treatment with MediSys' deep roots in community-based care, this collaboration aims to improve access, advance health equity, and enhance outcomes for thousands of New Yorkers.

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MSK Ralph Lauren Center

The **MSK Ralph Lauren Center (RLC)** offers cancer prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and support services. Since its founding in 2003, the RLC has served the Harlem community and surrounding neighborhoods by providing high-quality care in a warm, welcoming, and culturally sensitive environment.

The center has cared for thousands of people, making it a beacon for accessible, compassionate cancer care for residents of Harlem and beyond.

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