

ACS Cancer Conference 2025

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AGENDA Current as of January 31, 2025

ACS Cancer Conference: Harnessing the Power of Collaboration

Thursday, March 13, 2025

Start/ End			Location
6:30 AM - 5:00 PM		Registration	Regency Ballroom Foyer
7:00 - 8:00 AM		Continental Breakfast Exhibits open	Atrium II
8:00 – 8:15 AM		Welcome Ronald Weigel, MD, PhD, MBA, FACS, Iowa City, IA	Regency Ballroom
8:15 - 9:30 AM		General Session Partnering for Better Care Moderator: Ronald Weigel, MD, PhD, MBA, FACS Success Stories: Linking Small and Large Programs 15 minutes Neal Wilkinson, MD, FACS, Kalispell, MT Abstract – How CoC Collaboration Increases Rural Volumes and Helps Remove Geographic-Linked Disparity in Cancer 10 minutes Charles Shelton, MD, Nags Head, NC Collaborative Research Agenda: Improving Surgical Care in Rural Communities 15 minutes Waddah Al-Refaie, MD, FACS, Omaha, NE Improving Care in the Rural Setting 20 minutes Mary Charlton, PhD, Iowa City, IA	Regency Ballroom

		Q&A 15 min	
9:30 - 10:15 AM		<p>Rapid Fire Poster Session Moderator: Bruce Brenner, MD, FACS, Staten Island, NY 5 minutes</p> <p>Spatial Analysis of Melanoma Mortality in Relation to Provider Distribution Across U.S. Health Service Areas 5 minutes Eli Kasher, BS, Miami, FL</p> <p>Re-envisioning Cancer Survivorship – Introducing Comprehensive Cancer Care & Survivorship Medicine 5 minutes Regina Jacob, MSCE, MD, New Hyde Park, NY</p> <p>Excellence in Compliance with Standard 5.8 Lung Nodes- Implementing a QI Project to Improve Patient Care and Outcomes 5 minutes Isabel Emmerick, MPH, PhD, Worcester, MA</p> <p>Iterative Process for Improving Compliance with Synoptic Operative Reports in a Large Healthcare System 5 minutes Mary Brandt, MD, Milwaukee, WI</p> <p>The Lived Experiences of Family Cancer Caregivers: The Impact of Supportive Services 5 minutes Amy Halter, PhD, Indiana, PA</p> <p>Establishing Physician Partnerships to Improving Synoptic Reporting Compliance 5 minutes Joy Joseph, RN, MSN, OCN, Orlando, FL</p> <p>Q&A 10 min</p>	Regency Ballroom
10:15 - 10:35 AM		Morning Break Exhibits open	Atrium II
10:35 - 11:30 AM		Track Session 1	
	Accreditation Track	<p>Marketing Your Accredited Program: Getting the Word Out Moderator: Erin Reuter, JD, MS, Chicago, IL</p>	Regency Ballroom

		<p>New Opportunities for Cancer Accreditation 15 minutes Erin Reuter, JD, MS</p> <p>ACS Power of Quality Campaign: Practical Tips for Marketing Your Accreditation 30 minutes Brian Edwards, MBA, Chicago, IL</p> <p>Q&A 10 minutes</p>	
	Research Track	<p>Inside the Black Box: FDA 101</p> <p>CANCELED DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES</p>	
	Quality Track	<p>Engaging Leaders in QI: From the Leaders Perspective Moderator: Anthony Dong Eun Yang, MD, MS, FACS, Indianapolis, IN</p> <p>How to get physicians and others to care about quality Anthony Dong Eun Yang, MD, MS, FACS</p> <p>Erica Fischer-Carlidge, DNP, CNS, AOCNS, EBP (CH), Springfield, NJ</p> <p>Ronald Weigel, MD, MBA, FACS</p> <p>Lee Wilke, MD, FACS, Madison, WI</p> <p>Q&A</p>	Ellis
	Clinical Track	<p>Hot Topics: Trends in Cancer Care Moderator: Kelsey Larson, MD, FACS. Kansas City, KS</p> <p>De-escalation in Breast Cancer 10 minutes Kelsey Larson, MD, FACS</p> <p>De-escalation in Melanoma 10 minutes Bruce Brenner, MD, FACS, Staten Island, NY</p> <p>Treatment Trends in Rectal Cancer 10 minutes David Dietz, MD, FACS, New York, NY</p> <p>Can AI Improve the Quality of Care? 10 minutes Taryne Imai, MD, FACS, Honolulu, HI</p>	Hanson

		<p>Adjuvant and Neoadjuvant Treatment in Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer 10 minutes John T. Hamm, MD, FASCO, Louisville, KY</p> <p>Q&A 5 minutes</p>	
11:30 AM- 12:30 PM		Track Session 2	
	Accreditation Track	<p>Success at the Site Visit; Using the Corrective Action Plan to Address Challenges Moderator: Marcella Ramahi, Chicago, IL</p> <p>Edward Kruse, DO, FACS, Edinburg, TX</p> <p>Marcella Ramahi</p> <p>Q&A</p>	Regency Ballroom
	Research Track	<p>Ethics in Research Moderator: Erica Carlisle, MD, FACS, Iowa City, IA 5 minutes</p> <p>Ethics in Cancer Research 15 minutes Erica Carlisle MD, FACS</p> <p>Research Integrity 15 minutes Puneet Singh MD, FACS, Houston, TX</p> <p>Increasing Access and Diversity in Clinical Trials 15 minutes Allison Martin, MD, MPH, Durham, NC</p> <p>Q&A 10 minutes</p>	Cameron
	Quality Track	<p>Leveraging Data Sources to Conduct Local QI Projects</p> <p>Moderator: Elizabeth Wick, MD, FACS, San Francisco, CA</p> <p>Daniel Boffa, MD, MBA, FACS, New Haven, CT</p> <p>Andrea Iannucci, PharmD, BCOP, Sacramento, CA</p> <p>Ryan Merkow, MD, MS, FACS, Winnetka, IL</p> <p>Q&A</p>	Ellis

	Clinical Track	<p>Understanding the Importance of AJCC Staging Moderator: Jeffrey Gershenwald, MD, FACS, Houston, TX 5 minutes</p> <p>AJCC: Who Are They and What Do They Do? 15 minutes Jeffrey Gershenwald, MD, FACS</p> <p>Version 9 Protocols: Current Releases and What's in the Pipeline? 20 minutes Elliot Asare, MD, FACS, Salt Lake City, UT</p> <p>Work on the Recurrence Project 15 minutes Kelley Chan, MD, MS, Chicago, IL</p> <p>Q&A 10 minutes</p>	Hanson
12:30 - 1:30 PM		Lunch Exhibits open	Atrium II
1:30 - 2:30 PM		<p>General Session</p> <p>Demonstrating the Value of Accreditation: A Review of Academic Literature Moderator: Ryan McCabe, PhD, Chicago, IL</p> <p>Kelley Chan, MD, MS</p> <p>Raheem Bell, MD, Chicago, IL</p> <p>Q&A</p>	Regency Ballroom
2:30 - 3:30 PM		<p>Rapid Fire Poster Session Moderator: Taryne Imai, MD, FACS</p> <p>A Current Unmet Need for Staging in the Setting of Recurrent Breast Cancer Michael Lee, Hawthorn Woods, IL</p> <p>Kaiser Permanente Mid-Atlantic States (KPMAS) Physician Assistant (PA) Led Cancer Survivorship Program (CSP): Multispecialty Outpatient Ambulatory Health System Experience Aung Oakkar, MBA, MHA, Washington, DC</p> <p>Timing is Key- Expediting Radiation Therapy Following Definitive Surgery for Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Head and Neck Beverly Garber, BA, BSN, MSN, Sacramento, CA</p>	Regency Ballroom

		<p>Building a Path to Standardized Survivorship Care: Streamlining Oncology Practices with the A3 Methodology Gunita Kashyap, MS, MEd, ODS-C, Palo Alto, CA</p> <p>Post-Operative Optimization through Prehabilitation and Rehabilitation Services Dominic van Loggerenberg, Johannesburg, Gauteng, SA</p> <p>Can We Identify Disparities that may Impact Breast Cancer Screenings, Detection and Diagnosis in Women 60 and Older? Sharon Inzetta, MS, ONN-GC, CN-BN, CBCN, Akron, OH</p> <p>Impact of AI-Driven Sarcopenia Assessment on Costs and Outcomes in Geriatric Oncology Surgery Fayeza Ahmad, MSC, BSc, Montreal, Quebec, Canada</p> <p>Enhancing Primary Care Utilization Among Cancer Survivors Treated at a Large, Academic Cancer Center: A Quality Improvement Initiative Whittney Thoman, MS, Houston, TX</p> <p>Lymph Node Sampling by Lung Cancer Resection Type: Exploring Trends Preceding CoC Operative Standard 5.8 Alison Baskin, MD, San Francisco, CA</p> <p>Comparing Nephroblastoma Patient Outcomes with Standard Treatment of Chemotherapy followed by Surgery versus Direct Surgical Nephrectomy Zayan Musa, Riverside, CA</p> <p>Q&A 10 min</p>	
3:30 - 3:50 PM		<p>Afternoon Break Exhibits open</p>	Atrium II
3:50 - 5:15 PM		<p>General Session</p> <p>Next Steps to Improving Operative Quality Moderator: Timothy Vreeland, MD, FACS, San Antonio, TX</p> <p>Introduction 10 minutes</p>	Regency Ballroom

		<p>Timothy Vreeland, MD, FACS</p> <p>Current and New Operative Standards 5 minutes Tina Heiken, MD, FACS, Rochester, MN</p> <p>Assessing the Effectiveness of the Operative Standards Program (AEOSP) Grant 10 minutes Lesly Dossett, MD, FACS, Ann Arbor, MI</p> <p>Abstract - Optimizing Surgical Documentation: Evaluating the Impact of Synoptic Operative Notes (SON) of Efficiency and Compliance at Kaiser Permanente Mid-Atlantic States 10 minutes Lisa Pizzo, CRS- A/D, Rockville, MD</p> <p>Abstract - CoC Operative Standards: Turning Old Norms into New Paradigms 10 minutes Lauren Prescott, MD, MPH, Nashville, TN</p> <p>Abstract - Site Reviewer Perspectives on the Implementation of the Commission on Cancer (CoC) Operative Standards 5.3-5.8 10 minutes Alison Baskin, MD, San Francisco, CA</p> <p>Q&A 20 Min</p>	
5:15 - 6:45 PM		Welcome Reception Featuring the Poster Showcase and Exhibit Kickoff	Atrium II

Friday, March 14, 2025

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7:00 AM - 3:00 PM		Registration	Regency Ballroom Foyer
7:00 - 8:00 AM		Continental Breakfast Exhibits and Posters open	Atrium II
8:00 - 9:15 AM		<p>General Session</p> <p>Keynote Panel Focusing on Value: National Organizations Work Together</p> <p>Moderator: Ronald Weigel, MD, PhD, MBA, FACS, Iowa City, IA)</p> <p>Panel: Ronald DeMatteo, MD, FACS, Society of Surgical Oncology, Philadelphia, PA</p> <p>Stephanie Goff, MD, Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer, Bethesda, MD</p> <p>Julie Gralow, MD, FACP, FASCO, American Society of Clinical Oncology, Alexandria, VA</p> <p>Vivek Kavadi, MD, MBA, FASRO, American Society of Therapeutic Radiation Oncology, Arlington, VA</p> <p>Laurie Kirstein, MD, FACS Commission on Cancer, Westfield, NJ</p> <p>Wui-Jin Koh, MD, National Cancer Center Network, Plymouth Meeting, PA</p> <p>Leticia Nogueira, PhD, American Cancer Society, Atlanta, GA</p> <p>Q&A</p>	Regency Ballroom
9:15 - 10:00 AM		<p>General Session</p> <p>Engagement Within Programs: Working Together to Improve Care</p> <p>Moderator: Daniel Boffa, MD, MBA, FACS, New Haven, CT</p>	Regency Ballroom

		<p>Introduction 5 minutes Daniel Boffa, MD, MBA, FACS</p> <p>Abstract - Advocate Health High-Risk Breast Program 10 minutes Abigail Tran, MHA, Milwaukee, WI</p> <p>Abstract - Growth and Alignment of a Large, Academic Survivorship Program with ACS CoC Standard 4.8 10 minutes Whittney Thoman, MS, ACSM-CEP, ACSM-EIM-III, ACSM-CET, Houston, TX</p> <p>CoC, NAPBC, and NAPRC Accreditation: Making it Work 10 minutes Daniel Boffa, MD, MBA, FACS</p> <p>Q&A 10 minutes</p>	
10:00 - 10:30 AM		<p>Morning Break Exhibits and Posters open</p>	Atrium II
10:30 - 11:15 AM		Track Session 3	
	Accreditation Track	<p>Documenting Program Performance Common Issues and How to Address Them Moderator: Karen Stachon, Chicago, IL</p> <p>Karen Stachon Kalea Whitmore, Chicago, IL</p> <p>Q&A</p>	Regency Ballroom
	Research Track	<p>What's New at NCDB Moderator: Courtney Day, PhD, Rochester, MN 5 Minutes</p> <p>NCDB Annual Report 10 Minutes Courtney Day, PhD</p> <p>Using Worldwide Data for the Next AJCC Version 10 Minutes Qian Shi, PhD, Rochester, MN</p> <p>The Role of Interoperability in Improving Cancer Data 10 Minutes Stephanie Hill, MPH, ODS-C, Springfield, IL</p>	Cameron

		Q&A 10 Minutes	
	Quality Track	<p>Collaborating Through Quality Improvement: What We Have Accomplished Nationally</p> <p>A Review of National QI projects</p> <p>Moderator: Anthony Dong Eun Yang, MD, MS, FACS, Indianapolis, IN</p> <p>GAP (Genetics Access Pilot) Lee Wilke, MD, FACS, Madison, WI</p> <p>Lung NODES David Odell, MD, FACS, Ann Arbor, MI</p> <p>Breaking Barriers Laurie Kirstein, MD, FACS</p> <p>Q&A</p>	Ellis
	Clinical Track	<p>Integrating Genetics and Genomics into Multidisciplinary Care</p> <p>Moderator: Patricia Cronin, MBBCH, FACS, Phoenix, AZ 5 minutes</p> <p>Basics of Interpretation and Integrating into Multidisciplinary Care 10 minutes Patricia Cronin, MBBCH, FACS</p> <p>Disease Site Panel: 20 minutes Thyroid - Jennifer Rosen, MD, FACS, Washington, DC</p> <p>Lung - Timothy Mullett, MD, MBA, FACS, Lexington, KY</p> <p>Colon - Nell Maloney Patel, MD, FACS, FASCRS, New Brunswick, NJ</p> <p>Breast – Katharine Yao, MD, FACS, Evanston, IL</p> <p>Next Generation Sequencing Christie Jett, MS, LCGC, Cross Junction, VA</p> <p>Q&A 10 minutes</p>	Hanson
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM		Track Session 4	
	Accreditation Track	Common Deficiencies and How to Mitigate Them	Regency Ballroom

		Aaron Bleznak, MD, MBA, FACS, Virginia Beach, VA Q&A	
	Research Track	<p>Studies from the PUF files Moderator: Courtney Day, PhD, MPH, Rochester, MN 2 minutes</p> <p>Abstracts – Survival Outcomes of Adjuvant Treatment in Upstaged cT2N0 Rectal Cancer: Are We Underutilizing Therapy? 8 minutes Simran Kripalani, MD, Philadelphia, PA</p> <p>Analyzing The Missing Clinical Stage Data on NCDB: A Large Population-Based Cohort of Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer from 2004 to 2021 8 minutes Isabel Emmerick, MPH, PhD, Worcester, MA</p> <p>Impact of COVID-19 Diagnosis and Treatment for Lung Cancer in the US National Cancer Database (NCDB) from 2014 to 2021 8 minutes Isabel Emmerick, MPH, PhD</p> <p>Impact of Age on Survival following Surgery for Non-Metastatic Melanoma 8 minutes Rainya Heath, MD, Hollywood, FL</p> <p>Disparities among Early-Onset Colorectal Cancer in Hispanic Patients 8 minutes Narjes Sweis, MD, Chicago, IL</p> <p>Q&A 3 minutes</p>	Cameron
	Quality Track	<p>Quality Measures: Past, Present, and Future Moderator: Ko Un Clara Park, MD, FACS, Boston, MA 5 minutes</p> <p>Breast SNBx/ALND Measure 10 minutes Katharine Yao, MD, FACS, Evanston, IL</p> <p>Head/Neck p16 Measure 10 minutes Sara Pai, MD, FACS, New Haven, CT</p>	Ellis

		<p>HBP Measures (Pancreas, Biliary, and HCC) and 2024 Measures 10 minutes Ko Un Clara Park, MD, FACS</p> <p>Q&A 10 minutes</p>	
	Clinical Track	<p>The Current Role of Immunotherapy in Cancer Treatment Moderator: Stephanie Goff, MD</p> <p>Breast Cancer 10 Minutes Jessica Crystal, MD, FACS, Miami, FL</p> <p>Rectal and other GI Cancer 10 Minutes Jeffrey Farma, MD, FACS, Philadelphia, PA</p> <p>Melanoma and Cutaneous Cancer 10 Minutes Marybeth Hughes, MD, FACS, Norfolk, VA</p> <p>Surgical resection for TIL 10 Minutes Marybeth Hughes, MD, FACS, Norfolk, VA</p> <p>Q&A 5 Minutes</p>	Hanson
12:00 - 1:00 PM		<p>Lunch Exhibits and Posters open</p>	Atrium II
1:00 - 2:00 PM		Track Session 5	
	Accreditation Track	<p>Focusing on Future Needs: Better Data, Faster Data Ryan McCabe, PhD, Chicago, IL</p> <p>Q&A</p>	Regency Ballroom
	Research Track	<p>How to Establish and Grow a Research Program Moderator - Matthew Katz, MD, FACS, Houston, TX 3 minutes</p> <p>Why Participate in Cooperative Group Clinical Trials through NCTN 10 minutes Jamie Wagner, DO, FACOS, FACS, Kansas City, KS</p> <p>How to Develop Successful Accrual to Clinical Trials in a Community Center</p>	Cameron

		<p>12 minutes Alyssa Throckmorton, MD, FACS, Germantown, TN</p> <p>Ensuring Quality Data Capture and Entry Matthew Katz, MD, FACS 10 minutes</p> <p>Q&A Panel - Establishing a Research Program 25 minutes</p>	
	Quality Track	<p>Meet the Quality Experts: Answers to Your Questions</p> <p>Anthony Dong Eun Yang, MD, MS, FACS, Indianapolis, IN</p> <p>Elizabeth Wick, MD, FACS, San Francisco, CA</p> <p>Muneera Kapadia, MD, FACS, Chapel Hill, NC</p> <p>Q&A</p>	Ellis
	Clinical Track	<p>Exercise Oncology: Improving Pre-treatment and Post-treatment Care Moderator: Kathryn Schmitz, PhD, FACSM, FTOS, FNAK, Pittsburgh, PA 3 minutes</p> <p>Exercise Oncology 16 minutes Kathryn Schmitz, PhD, FACSM, FTOS, FNAK</p> <p>Nutrition Oncology 15 minutes Renee Stubbins, PhD, RD, LD, CSO, Houston, TX</p> <p>Maximizing Patient Outcomes in Cancer: The Intersection of Prehab, Rehab, and Survivorship Exercise 16 minutes Chris Wilson, PT, DPT, DScPT, Rochester, MI</p> <p>Q&A 10 minutes</p>	Hanson
2:00 - 2:20 PM		<p>Afternoon Break Exhibits and Posters open</p>	Atrium II
2:20 - 3:20 PM		<p>General Session</p> <p>Leveraging Inclusion to Support Care Excellence Moderator: Anthony Froix, MD, MBA, FACS, Dallas TX 3 minutes</p>	Regency Ballroom

		<p>Abstract - Reducing Access Disparity Through Lodging Partnerships to Cancer Patients Cared for in a Comprehensive Cancer Center 8 minutes Karline Peal, RTT, MBA, Nashville, TN</p> <p>Abstract - Identifying and Addressing Access Barriers to Screening Mammography in Asian American Populations 8 minutes Minh Nguyen, BS, MD Candidate, Portland, OR</p> <p>Abstract - A Multifaced Approach to Address Transportation Challenges for Cancer Patients in a Community Hospital Setting 8 minutes L. Jill Schulmann, MS, White Plains, NY</p> <p>Abstract - Addressing Financial Toxicity and Health Inequities: A Collaborative Approach to Enhancing Patient Care 8 minutes Andrea Kliss, MA, Danbury, CT</p> <p>Inclusive Excellence - - Integrating Equity into Surgical Quality 20 minutes Anthony Froix, MD, MBA, FACS</p> <p>Q&A 5 minutes</p>	
3:20 - 3:30 PM		<p>Wrap up Ronald Weigel, MD, MBA, Chicago, IL</p>	Regency Ballroom
3:30 PM		Adjourn	