

32ND ANNUAL CANCER RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

AGENDA

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2026

7:30 - 8 a.m.	BREAKFAST
8 - 8:10 a.m.	Introduction and Welcome: Primo N. Lara, Jr., M.D., F.A.S.C.O. , Director, UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center
DAVID R. GANDARA LECTURESHIP ON DEVELOPMENTAL THERAPEUTICS	
8:10 - 8:15 a.m.	Primo N. Lara, Jr., M.D., F.A.S.C.O. <i>Dr. Gandara Lectureship Speaker Introduction and Award Presentation</i>
8:15 - 9 a.m.	Neeraj Agarwal, M.D., F.A.S.C.O. , Huntsman Cancer Institute, "Personalizing Treatment of Metastatic Hormone-Sensitive Prostate Cancer"
9 - 9:15 a.m.	Q&A
CLINICAL RESEARCH SESSION: A FOCUS ON PANCREATIC CANCER Chair: Edward J. Kim, M.D., Ph.D.	
9:15 - 9:25 a.m.	Introduction and Pancreatic Cancer State of the Art: Edward J. Kim, M.D., Ph.D.
9:25 - 9:40 a.m.	Edward J. Kim, M.D., Ph.D.; Yuanpei Li, Ph.D. "Clinical Translation of a Novel Autophagy Inhibitor for Pancreatic Cancer"
9:40 - 9:45 a.m.	Q&A
9:45 - 10 a.m.	Julie Sutcliffe, Ph.D. "Alphavbeta6 Integrin Targeted Radiotheranostics in patients with Metastatic Pancreas Cancer. Bench to Bedside"
10 - 10:05 a.m.	Q&A
10:05 - 10:20 a.m.	BREAK
10:20 - 10:35 a.m.	Ebaa Al-Obeidi, M.D. "Post-Adjuvant Residual Disease Evaluation by Circulating Tumor DNA for Pancreatic Cancer"
10:35 - 10:40 a.m.	Q&A
10:40 - 10:55 a.m.	Minh Duc Pham, Ph.D. Candidate "RUNX 1/2 - Mediated Chromatin Accessibility Governs the Activation of Cancer Associated Fibroblasts in Pancreatic Cancer"
10:55 - 11 a.m.	Q&A
11 - 11:15 a.m.	Sean Judge, M.D. "Assessing Regional B7-H3 Cart T Cells for Pancreatic Cancer Liver Metastases"
11:15 - 11:20 a.m.	Q&A
TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH SESSION Chair: Nicholas Mitsiades, M.D., Ph.D.	
11:20 - 11:25 a.m.	Introduction: Nicholas Mitsiades, M.D., Ph.D.
11:25 - 11:40 a.m.	Paul Knoepfler, Ph.D. "Targeting Epigenomic Machinery in H3.3 Mutant Pediatric Diffuse Midline Glioma"
11:40 - 11:45 a.m.	Q&A
11:45 - 12 p.m.	Maxine Umeh Garcia, Ph.D., M.S. "CSF-SEQ Reveals Prognostic Tumor and Host Transcriptional Programs in Leptomeningeal Disease"
12 - 12:05 p.m.	Q&A
12:05 - 1:10 p.m.	LUNCH
1:10 - 1:15 p.m.	Introduction to Afternoon Session: Nicholas Mitsiades, M.D., Ph.D.
1:15 - 1:30 p.m.	Randy Carney, Ph.D. "Analysis of Single Circulating Extracellular Vesicles as Liquid-Biopsy Biomarkers"
1:30 - 1:35 p.m.	Q&A
1:35 - 1:50 p.m.	Jack Goon, Ph.D. Candidate "Spatial Transcriptomic Impact of Immune-Radiotherapy on Systemic Anti-Tumor Immunity in Patients with Metastasis"
1:50 - 1:55 p.m.	Q&A
1:55 - 2:10 p.m.	Open Discussion and Invitation to Poster Session: Moderated by Nicholas Mitsiades, M.D., Ph.D.
POSTER SESSION AND MIXER - AGGIE SQUARE Hosted by: Cancer Center's Office of Education, Training, and Workforce Development	
2:25 - 3:25 p.m.	Poster Session: Part A
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Poster Session: Part B

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026

7:30 - 8 a.m.

BREAKFAST

GLOBAL ONCOLOGY, POPULATION SCIENCE, AND CANCER CONTROL SESSION

Chair: Shehnaz Hussain, Ph.D., Sc.M.

8 - 8:05 a.m.

Introduction: Shehnaz Hussain, Ph.D., Sc.M.

8:05 - 8:20 a.m.

Elysia Alvarez, M.D., M.P.H.; Cameron Gaskill, M.D., M.P.H.

"Vision of the UCDCCC Global Oncology Initiative"

8:20 - 8:25 a.m.

Q&A

8:25 - 8:40 a.m.

Victor K. Gozali, M.D., Makati Medical Center Cancer Institute, Philippines

"Perspectives on the Provision of Cancer Care in the Philippines"

8:40 - 8:45 a.m.

Q&A

8:45 - 9 a.m.

Joel Sanchez Mendez, Ph.D.

"Genome and Transcriptome-wide Association Studies of HER2-Positive Breast Cancer in Hispanic/Latina women in the United States and Latin America"

9 - 9:05 a.m.

Q&A

9:05 - 9:20 a.m.

Peter James, Sc.D., M.H.S.

"Residential Greenspace and Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer Survival in the California Cancer Registry 2017 – 2021"

9:20 - 9:25 a.m.

Q&A

9:25 - 9:40 a.m.

Alex Fauer, Ph.D., N.N., O.C.N.

"A Pilot Survivorship Navigation Trial using Practical Geriatric Assessments for Older Adult Cancer Survivors"

9:40 - 9:45 a.m.

Q&A

9:45 - 10 a.m.

Anjlee Mahajan, M.D.

"Clinical Epidemiology of Cancer Associated Thrombosis"

10 - 10:05 a.m.

Q&A

10:05 - 10:15 a.m.

BREAK

HEAD AND NECK CANCER SESSION

Chairs: Stephanie Goldschmidt, D.V.M. and Xiao-Jing Wang, M.D., Ph.D.

10:15 - 10:20 a.m.

Introduction: Stephanie Goldschmidt, D.V.M.

10:20 - 10:35 a.m.

Siao-Yi Wang, M.D., Ph.D.

"Advances in Head and Neck Cancer Discovery and Therapeutics: State of the Art"

10:35 - 10:40 a.m.

Q&A

10:40 - 10:55 a.m.

Stephanie Goldschmidt, D.V.M.

"Molecular Signatures of Squamous Cell Carcinoma with and without Locoregional Metastasis"

10:55 - 11 a.m.

Q&A

11 - 11:15 a.m.

Xiao-Jing Wang, M.D., Ph.D.

"Preclinical Studies and Clinical Trial for Targeting TGF- β , Time in Oligometastatic Head and Neck Cancer with SBRT and Immunotherapy"

11:15 - 11:20 a.m.

Q&A

11:20 - 11:35 a.m.

Andrew Birkeland, Ph.D.

"Leveraging Current Research to Inform the Next Generation of Immunotherapeutics for Head and Neck Cancer Clinical Trials"

11:35 - 11:40 a.m.

Q&A

11:40 - 11:55 a.m.

Open Discussion: Moderated by **Stephanie Goldschmidt, D.V.M.**

11:55 - 12:10 p.m.

Primo N. Lara, Jr., M.D., F.A.S.C.O.

"Celebration of the CCSG Renewal and Perspectives on the Next Five Years"

12:10 - 12:20 p.m.

Award Presentations and Final Remarks

Fred Meyers, M.D., M.A.C.P. and **Primo N. Lara, Jr., M.D., F.A.S.C.O.**

12:20 p.m.

Adjourn

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