

2026 ASPIRE Conference

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Apr. 24, 2026 | Zayed Building or via Zoom | [Register here](#)



Friday, April 24

8:00 – 8:05 am

Welcome and Introduction

Yinghong Wang, MD, Professor, University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center

8:05 – 8:20 am

Progress since ASPIRE 2025: FACS and STORIES

Kerry Reynolds, MD

8:20 – 8:35 am

ASPIRE Forward: Updates, Impact, and the Patient Voice

Patient's voice (2 patient representatives)

8:35 – 9:05 am

Bridging Clinical and Research Data: Transforming IRAE Care and Databases

Moderators: Eric Roeland (OHSU)

Yevgeniy R Semenov (MGH)

- Citrus Oncology model and podcast: **Afreen Shariff (Duke)**
- Foundry and NLP for building clinical research database: **Nick Palaskas (MD Anderson)**
- SERIO data registry: **Lucie Heinzerling (LMU, Germany)**

9:05 – 9:25 am

Breakout Groups and Discussion from in person Audience

- Question 1
- Question 2
- Question 3

9:25 – 9:40 am

Bringing it Together from in-person Audience

Moderators

9:40 – 10:10 am

IRAE Survivorship and Patient Advocacy

Moderators: Evan Hall (U Washington)

Michael Roth (MD Anderson)

- IrAE Data and scientific overview and knowledge gap: **Doug Johnson (Vanderbilt)**
- Vision for future advances and long-term survivorship strategies: **Lidia Schapira (Stanford)**
- Patient advocacy and centered care: **Deborah Collyar (PAIR)**

Join us

Physical location:

Zayed Building
6565 MD Anderson Blvd., Houston, TX

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10:10 – 10:30 am

Breakout Groups and Discussion from in-person Audience

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10:30 – 10:45 am

Bringing it Together from in-person Audience

Moderators

10:45 – 11:00 am

Break - Poster Viewing, Pharma Exhibit and Short Talk

11:00 – 11:20 pm

Education for next generation of clinical providers on irAE practice

Moderators (in-person): Aliyah Pabani (Johns Hopkins), Kriti Mittal (U Mass)

Moderator (virtual): Alexa Meara (OSH)

- Education model for clinical providers and trainees: **Ajay Sheshadri (MD Anderson)**
- Alliance education program: **Noha Abdelwahab Ali Hassan (CCF)**

11:20 – 11:50 am

Breakout Groups and Panel Discussion

Faculty: Aliyah Pabani (JHU, Faculty), Kriti Mittal (U Mass, Faculty)

Fellow: Nazli Dizman (MDA, Onc Fellow), Shantanu Solanki (MDA, GI Fellow)

Resident: TMC resident (Tanvi Gupta, UT, Raakhi Menon, UTMB)

APP: Krista Rubin (MGH, APP), Alice Saji (MDA, APP)

- Question 1
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- Question 3

11:50 – 12:05 pm

Bringing it Together from in-person audience

Moderators

12:05 – 12:20 pm

Wrap-Up

- Summary of the event: **Pauline Funchain (Stanford)** (10 min)
- Closing remarks: **Yinghong Wang, MD, PhD (MDACC)** (5 min)
- Transition: **Namrata Singh, MD (UW)** (5 min)

12:20 – 1:00 pm

Lunch - Poster Viewing, Pharma Exhibit and Short Talk

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Friday, April 24

Session 1: Welcome and Keynote Address

1:30 – 1:35 pm

Welcome Remarks (Overview & Introduction of Keynote Speaker)

1:35 – 2:30 pm

David Tweardy, MD, Professor, Infectious Diseases, Division Head of Internal Medicine

Keynote Address:

Alexandra-Chloe Villani, PhD, Assistant Professor, Massachusetts General Hospital

Session 2: Clinical Perspectives to Scientific Discovery: Integrating Care and Research in Immune-Mediated Pneumonitis

Moderators: **Mehmet Altan, MD**, Associate Professor, Thoracic- Head & Neck Med Onc
Seyed Moghaddam, MD, Professor, Pulmonary Medicine

2:30 – 3:00 pm

Clinical Management and Current Limitations in Treatment

Ajay Sheshadri, MD, Associate Professor, Pulmonary Medicine

3:00 – 3:30 pm

Steroid-refractory Pneumonitis

Kevin Ho, MD, Assistant Professor, Ohio State University

3:30 – 3:45 pm

Break and Networking

3:45 – 4:15 pm

ICT Pneumonitis: Novel Mechanisms and Potential Therapy

Jianjun Gao, MD, PhD, Professor, Genitourinary Medical Oncology

4:15 – 4:45 pm

Radiomic Imaging - TBD

Jia Wu, PhD, Associate Professor, Imaging Physics

4:45 – 5:30 pm

Panel Discussion

5:30 – 6:30 pm

Session 3: Poster Presentations and Welcome Reception

Join us

Physical location:

Zayed Building

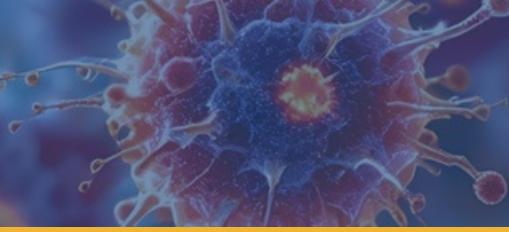
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Saturday, April 25

Session 4: Day 2 Welcome and Keynote Address

8:00 – 8:05 am

Welcome Remarks (Overview & Introduction of Keynote Speaker)

TBD

8:05 – 9:00 am

Keynote Address:

Douglas Johnson, MD, Professor, Vanderbilt University

Session 5: Round Table Discussions – Multi-Omics Bridging the Gap between Basic Science and Clinical Care

Moderators: Ajay Sheshadri

9:00 – 10:00 am

Panelists - Physicians

Catherine Sears, MD, PhD, Associate Professor, Indiana University

Stephane Champiat, MD, Associate Professor, Investigational Cancer Therapeutics

Sangeeta Goswami, MD, Associate Professor, Genitourinary Med Onc

Panelists- Scientists

Kristen Pauken, PhD, Assistant Professor, Immunology

Jason Schenkel, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor, Laboratory Medicine

Cara Haymaker, PhD, Associate Professor, Translational Molecular Pathology

Topics to be discussed

- TBD
- TBD

10:00 – 10:15 am

Break and Networking

Session 6: From Clinical Challenges to Research Innovations in irAEs I

Moderators: Yinghong Wang, MD, PhD, Professor, Gastroenterology & Hepatology

Roza Nurieva, PhD, Professor, Immunology

10:15 – 10:45 am

Colitis irAEs

Jessica Philpott, MD, PhD, Clinical Faculty, Cleveland Clinic

10:45 – 11:15 am

Liver irAEs

Michael Li, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor, University of California, San Francisco

11:15 – 11:45 pm

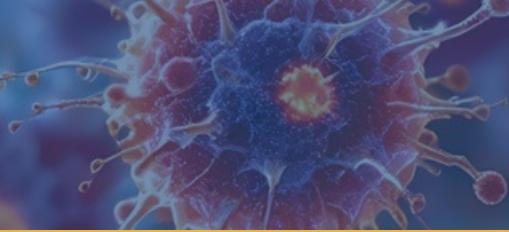
Derm irAEs

Anisha Patel, MD, Associate Professor, Dermatology

11:45 – 12:45 pm

Lunch (Satellite Symposium from Sponsors)

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Session 7: From Clinical Challenges to Research Innovations in irAEs II

Moderators: Joanna-Grace Manzano, MD, Associate Professor, Hospital Medicine
Nicolas Palaskas, MD, Associate Professor, Cardiology

12:45 – 1:15 pm

Endocrine irAEs

Afreen Shariff, MD, Associate Professor, Duke Cancer Institute

1:15 – 1:45 pm

Nephritis irAEs

Ala Abudayyeh, MD, Professor, Nephrology

1:45 – 2:15 pm

Hematology irAEs

Vahid Afshar-Kharghan, MD, Professor, Hematology

2:15 – 2:30 am

Break and Networking

Session 8: Oral Abstract Presentations (Select from Abstract Submissions)

Moderators: Fellow
Postdoc

2:30 – 2:45 pm

Presentation 1

2:45 – 3:00 pm

Presentation 2

3:00 – 3:15 pm

Presentation 3

3:15 – 3:30 pm

Presentation 4

3:30 – 3:35 pm

Closing Remarks

Bilal Siddiqui, MD, Assistant Professor, Genitourinary Med Oncology