

2026 ASPIRE Conference

(ASPIRE portion is a Non-CE Accredited Meeting)

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



A S P I R E

Alliance for Support and Prevention of Immune-Related adverse Events

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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Friday, April 24

10:10 – 10:30 am

Breakout Groups and Discussion from in-person Audience

- Question 1
- Question 2
- Question 3

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
- Question 2
- 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

2026 IOTOX SYMPOSIUM

Delivering What Matters:
Patient-centered Outcomes Through IOTOX Translational Science

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
MD Anderson
Cancer Center
Making Cancer History*

Friday, April 24

Session 1: Welcome and Keynote Address

1:30 – 1:35 pm

Welcome Remarks (Overview & Introduction of Keynote Speaker)

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

1:35 – 2:30 pm

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

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Saturday, April 25

Session 4: Day 2 Welcome and Keynote Address

Welcome Remarks (Overview & Introduction of Keynote Speaker)
TBD

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

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

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

Colitis irAEs

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

Liver irAEs

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

Derm irAEs

Anisha Patel, MD, Associate Professor, Dermatology

Lunch (Satellite Symposium from Sponsors)

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