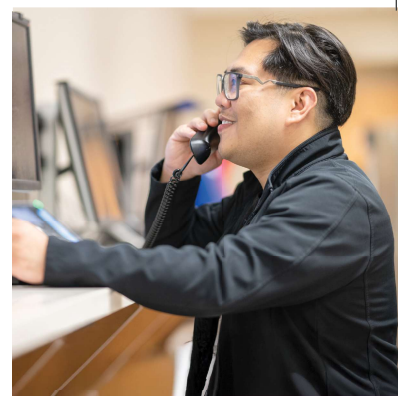




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Friday, September 25, 2026

Time	Dur	Session Title	Presenter(s)
8:00 AM	15	Welcome & Morning Announcements	Kim Slusser, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, CHPN
8:15 AM	60	Opening Keynote – Future Directions in Oncology Insights into emerging trends and strategies that will define the future of oncology practice, understanding the human microbiome and its influence on cancer response to treatment, & introduction to precision medicine principles	Jennifer Wargo, MD
9:15 AM	75	Immunotherapy Overview Categories of immunotherapies and indications; management & patient education for immunotoxicities	Michelle Rohlf, APP
10:30 AM	15	Break	
10:45 AM	75	Cell Therapy Principles of cell therapies, innovations and future of practice, and nursing considerations	Jason Westin, MD Sherry Adkins, APRN
12:00 PM	60	LUNCH – Satellite Symposium	
1:00 PM	60	The Role and Responsibility of the Cardio-Oncology Nurse Aspects of caring for the oncology patient with cardiac complications, including inpatient rounding, ambulatory considerations assessment and triaging, APP responsibilities, and research involvement.	Anecita Fadol, PhD, APRN
2:00 PM	45	Understanding Oncofertility Impact of cancer therapies on fertility; evaluation and risk considerations, and the latest approaches to preservation	Terri Woodard, MD
2:45 PM	15	Break	
3:00 PM	60	Why Goal Concordant Care Should Matter for Oncology Nursing Define goal concordant care and its impact on patient outcomes; strategies to apply in different practice settings. Include patient perspective/crucial conversation concepts	Victoria McClosky, RN
4:00PM	60	Glycemic Management of the Cancer Patient Coordination of care and management of the cancer patient experiencing diabetic conditions	Sonali Thosani, MD Vivian Crowder, MSN, APRN, FNP-C
5:00 PM	-	Adjourn	
TOTAL HOURS	9.5 hrs		
5:00 pm	90	Networking Reception - <i>all are included</i>	

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Time	Min	Session Title	Presenter(s)
6:45 AM	60	Breakfast Satellite Symposium	
7:45 AM	15	Check in/be seated	
8:00 AM	15	Welcome & Morning Announcements	Danya Garner, PhD, RN
8:15 AM	60	Innovations in Technology to Improve Oncology Nursing Practice Benefits and risks of incorporating technology into nursing practice. Discuss bias, alarm fatigue, patient engagement, equity, and benefit to patient. Updates on MDA's implementation of nursing innovation and technology initiatives. Consider including AI in clinical trials	Lavonia Thomas, DNP
9:15 AM	60	Advances in the Treatment of Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer Overview of disease, landscape of genetic mutations and associated treatment options, and latest advances in systemic therapy	John Heymach, MD
10:15 AM	30	Break	
10:45 AM	75	Updates in the Management of Pancreatic and Biliary Tract Cancers Insights into the latest therapeutic strategies and clinical advancements for pancreatic and hepatobiliary cancer, including high-risk screening considerations (highlight somatic and germline genetics)	Kaysia Ludford, MD Madhulika Eluri, MD
12:00 PM	60	LUNCH + <i>Non Accredited</i> Select Satellite Symposium	Pharma
1:00 PM	60	Driving Change: Advocacy, Policy, & Impact in Oncology Practice How advocacy and policy initiatives shape oncology practice and effect patient outcomes; understanding how nurses use their expertise to drive change. Provide updates in the student loan caps for higher level nursing education	(ONS)
2:00 PM	15	Break	
2:15 PM	75	Cutting Edge Surgical Updates: Breast and Melanoma Cancer Panelists should include considerations for APRNs in surgical practice and patient management, ERAS a. Breast Cancer Advances in minimally invasive surgery and the use of biomarkers to guide surgical decisions b. Melanoma Cancer Considerations for the sequence of surgery within the treatment plan; node dissection in the era of immunotherapy	Susie Sun, MD Roi Weiser, MD Moderator: Rae Reynolds, APRN
3:30 PM	60	All Hands-on Deck: Oncology Team Approach to Pain Management Discussion of pain management guidelines and regulations, and overview of opioid misuse behaviors in the cancer patient	Tonya Edwards, APRN Matthew Clark, PharmD
4:30 PM	-	Adjourn	
TOTAL HOURS	9.75 hrs		

Elements to include in all topics, as applicable:

Coordination of care – specialty consults
 Prevention and Screening
 Epidemiology
 Genomics – impact on treatment plan/prognosis/symptoms
 Disparities
 Goals of care/patient driven care
 Pediatric/AYA considerations
 Precision Medicine

Symptom Management
 Survivorship
 Team based practice
 Wellness/Burnout/Resilience