

MPN Workshop of the Carolinas 2026

August 21 – 23, 2026

Agenda

Friday, August 21, 2026

2:50 – 3:00 PM **CONGRESS WELCOME: DAY 1 OPENING REMARKS & The State of MPN**

Ruben Mesa, MD & Naveen Pemmaraju, MD

3:00 – 4:30 PM **Special Session #1: MPN: Progress and Future Directions**

Moderators: *Naveen Pemmaraju, MD & Ruben Mesa, MD*

3:00 – 3:30 PM **Keynote #1: Aiming for Disease Modification in MPNs for 2026 and Beyond**

Claire Harrison, MD

3:30 – 4:00 PM **Keynote #2: Hypoxia, Erythrocytosis, and MPNs: Reflections & Future Directions**

Josef Prchal, MD

4:00 – 4:30 PM **Panel Discussion: Aiming for Disease Modification in the MPNs**

Moderators: *Naveen Pemmaraju, MD & Ruben Mesa, MD*

All speakers above

4:30 PM – 4:45 PM **BREAK & VISIT EXHIBITS**

4:45 – 6:15 PM **Session #1: Inflammation and MPNs**

Moderators: *Angela Fleischman, MD and Stephen Oh, MD, PhD*

4:45 – 5:00 PM **NkFB and the Tumor Microenvironment in MPNs**

Stephen Oh, MD, PhD

5:00 – 5:15 PM **Hypereosinophilic Syndrome (HES)**

William Shomali, MD

5:15 – 5:30 PM **TNFalpha, Cytokines, and Inflammation in MPNs**

Angela Fleischman, MD, PhD

5:30 – 5:45 PM **Targeting the MPN Stem Cell**

Ronald Hoffman, MD

5:45 – 6:00 PM **Panel Discussion**

Moderators: *Angela Fleischman, MD & Stephen Oh, MD, PhD*

All speakers above

6:00 – 6:05 PM **WRAP – UP DAY 1, Q&A & ANNOUNCEMENTS:** *Ruben Mesa, MD & Naveen Pemmaraju, MD*

7:00 – 9:00 PM **OPENING RECEPTION – Westin Hotel Grand Ocean Terrace**

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Saturday, August 22, 2026

7:00 AM – 7:55 AM **BREAKFAST & EXHIBITS**

7:55 – 8:00 AM **Day 2 OPENING REMARKS & RECAP FROM DAY 1**

Ruben Mesa, MD & Naveen Pemmaraju, MD

8:00 – 9:45 AM **Session #2: Driver Mutations & Pathways in MPNs**

Moderators: *Raajit Rampal, MD, PhD & Shannon Elf, PhD*

8:00 – 8:15 AM **Development of Type II selective JAK Inhibitors at the Benchside**

Andrew Dunbar, MD

8:15 – 8:30 AM **CDK Inhibitors in MPNs**

Raajit Rampal, MD, PhD

8:30 – 8:45 AM **Targeting CALR mutations in 2026 and Beyond: Benchside Perspective**

Shannon Elf, MD

8:45 – 9:00 AM **Targeting CALR mutations in the MPN Clinic**

John Mascarenhas, MD

9:00 – 9:15 AM **CMML: Novel Targets and Future Directions**

Mrinal Patnaik, MBBS

9:15 – 9:30 AM **HMG 1 and 2 in MPNs: A new biomarker in development**

Linda Resar, MD

9:30 – 9:45 AM **Panel Discussion**

Moderators: *Raajit Rampal, MD, PhD & Shannon Elf, MD*

All speakers above

9:45 – 11:00 AM **Special Session #2: Special Topics MPN Management**

Moderator: *Nicole Kucine, MD, MS*

9:45 – 10:00 AM **Pediatric & AYA MPN for 2026**

Nicole Kucine, MD, MS

10:00 – 10:15 AM **Thrombosis and MPNs: Clinical / Translational Updates**

Brandi Reeves, MD

10:15 – 10:30 AM **Myeloid/Lymphoid Neoplasms with Eosinophilia/8p11 syndrome**

Lindsay Rein, MD

10:30 – 10:45 AM **Ropeglylated IFN updates in PV, ET, Pre-Fibrotic MF**

Ghaith Abu-Zeinah, MD

10:45 – 11:00 AM **Long-term Follow-Up of Pegylated IFN in PV and ET**

Lucia Masarova, MD

11:00 – 11:30 AM **BREAK & VISIT EXHIBITS**

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11:30 – 12:45 PM **Spotlight on Rare MPNs: Raising Awareness and Gaining Momentum**

Moderators: *Prithviraj Bose, MD & David Steensma*

****This session is NOT ACCREDITED.****

11:30 – 11:45 AM **Top Abstract Presentations:** *Brandi Reeves, MD & Michael Grunwald, MD*

Abstract Presenter #1 & Abstract Presenter #2

11:45 – 12:00 PM **Advanced SM: Clinical Updates**

Jason Gotlib, MD

12:00 – 12:15 PM **Future Directions for Targeted Therapies in Myelofibrosis**

Ross Levine, MD

12:15 – 12:30 PM **IL – B promotes MPN disease initiation**

Radek Skoda, MD

12:30 – 12:45 PM **Artificial Intelligence (AI) in MPNs: Future Directions**

Aziz Nazha, MD

12:45 PM – 1:30 PM **LUNCH & VISIT EXHIBITS**

1:30 – 3:45 PM **Session # 3: ET, PV, Prefibrotic MF and AP/BP MPN**

Moderators: *Toyosi Odenike, MD & Alexander Coltoff, MD*

1:30 – 1:45 PM **Indolent SM: Current and Future Targeted Therapies**

Hussein Abbas, MD, PhD

1:45 – 2:00 PM **Atypical CML**

Ami Patel, MD, PhD

2:00 – 2:15 PM **Hematopathology in MPNs: Pearls from Your Pathologist for ET, PV, Prefibrotic MF and MF**

Sanam Loghavi, MD

2:15 – 2:30 PM **Essential Thrombocytosis – Clinical Updates**

Rupali Bhawe, MD

2:30 – 2:45 PM **Polycythemia Vera – Current State of the Art for 2026**

Michael Grunwald, MD

2:45 – 3:00 PM **PV: Hecpidin Modulators and Mimetics: A new Field has Emerged – Current and Future Directions**

Naveen Pemmaraju, MD

3:00 – 3:15 PM **Prefibrotic MF: A Rapidly Evolving Field**

Alexander Coltoff, MD

3:15 – 3:30 PM **AP/BP MPNs: Current and Future Directions**

Anand Patel, MD

3:30 – 3:45 PM **Panel Discussion**

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3:45 – 4:00 PM **BREAK**

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- 4:00 – 6:15 PM **Session #4: Myelofibrosis**
Moderators: Aaron Gerds, MD & Rupali Bhave, MD
- 4:00 – 4:15 PM **GLP-1 agonists, weight loss, and the MPNs**
Joseph Scandura, MD
- 4:15 – 4:30 PM **Novel Treatments for Anemia in Myelofibrosis: A promising new area**
Prithviraj Bose, MD
- 4:30 – 4:45 PM **Ruxolitinib in MF for 2026: Updates and Future Directions**
Gabriella Hobbs, MD
- 4:45 – 5:00 PM **Fedratinib: 2nd JAK2i approved for MF**
Haris Ali, MD
- 5:00 – 5:15 PM **Pacritinib for Myelofibrosis: Review and Updates**
Abdulraheem Yacoub, MD
- 5:15 – 5:30 PM **Momelotinib in 2025: Clinical Updates**
Andrew Kuykendall, MD
- 5:30 – 5:45 PM **SCT in Myelofibrosis: Review of Clinical Data and Standards of Care**
Jeanne Palmer, MD
- 5:45 – 6:00 PM **MPN Symptom Burden in MF – Updates on An Essential Tool**
Ruben Mesa, MD
- 6:00 – 6:15 PM **Panel Discussion: JAKi in 2025 and Beyond**
Moderators: Aaron Gerds, MD & Rupali Bhave, MD
All speakers above
- 6:15 – 6:20 PM **WRAP – UP DAY 2 – Q&A & ANNOUNCEMENTS:** *Ruben Mesa, MD & Naveen Pemmaraju, MD*
- 6:20 – 6:30 PM **FACULTY PHOTO PRIOR TO FACULTY DINNER**
- 6:45 – 9:00 PM **FACULTY DINNER – OUTSIDE VENUE**

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Sunday, August 23, 2026

8:00 – 8:55 **BREAKFAST & EXHIBITS**

8:55 – 9:00 AM **Day 3 OPENING REMARKS & RECAP FROM DAY 2**

Ruben Mesa, MD & Naveen Pemmaraju, MD

9:00 – 11:30 AM **Session #5: Novel Targeted Pathways in Myelofibrosis/MPNs**

Moderators: *Laura Michaelis, MD & Lindsay Rein, MD*

9:00 – 9:15 AM **MDM2 inhibitors in MPNs: Clinical Updates**

Pankit Vacchani, MD

9:15 – 9:30 AM **PIM Kinase Inhibitors in MPNs**

Firas El-Chaer, MD

9:30 – 9:45 AM **Telomerase Inhibition in MPNs**

Salman Fazal, MD

9:45 – 10:00 AM **XPO1 inhibition in MPNs**

Srinivas Tantravahi, MBBS, MRCP

10:00 – 10:15 AM **Immunotherapy & CAR –T in MPNs: Future Directions**

Tania Jain, MD

10:15 – 10:30 AM **Targeting LSD – 1 in MPNs**

Kristen Pettit, MD

10:30 – 10:45 AM **Targeted Therapy in MF: Unanswered questions and Future Directions for the Field**

Laura Michaelis, MD

10:45 – 11:00 AM **Aiming for Disease Modification in MF**

Aaron Gerds, MD

11:00 – 11:15 AM **Panel Discussion**

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11:15 – 11:30 AM **WRAP–UP Day 3: Ruben Mesa, MD and Naveen Pemmaraju, MD**

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