

MPN Workshop of the Carolinas 2026

August 21 – 23, 2026

Agenda

Friday, August 21, 2026

2:50 – 3:10 PM **CONGRESS WELCOME: DAY 1 OPENING REMARKS & The State of MPN**

Ruben Mesa, MD & Naveen Pemmaraju, MD

3:10 – 4:00 PM **Special Session #1: MPN: Progress and Future Directions**

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

3:10 – 3:40 PM **Keynote Speaker: Hypoxia, Erythrocytosis, and MPNs: Reflections & Future Directions**

Josef Prchal, MD

3:40 – 4:00 PM **Panel Discussion: Aiming for Disease Modification in the MPNs**

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

All speakers above

4:00 PM – 4:15 PM **BREAK**

4:15 – 6:00 PM **Session #1: Inflammation and MPNs**

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

4:15 – 4:30 PM **Development of the Concept of "Clone"**

David Steensma, MD, FACP

4:30 – 4:45 PM **CDK Inhibitors in MPNs**

Raajit Rampal, 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 – 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

7:15 AM – 8:10 AM **BREAKFAST & EXHIBITS**

8:10 – 8:15 AM **Day 2 OPENING REMARKS & RECAP FROM DAY 1**

Ruben Mesa, MD & Naveen Pemmaraju, MD

8:15 – 9:45 AM **Session #2: Driver Mutations & Pathways in MPNs**

Moderators: *Linda Resar, MD & Shannon Elf, PhD*

8:15 – 8:30 AM **Emerging Insights into Myelofibrosis Progression**

Andrew Dunbar, MD

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: *Linda Resar, MD & Shannon Elf, MD*

All speakers above

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

Moderator: *Nicole Kucine, MD, MS & Brandi Reeves, MD*

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: <i>Prithviraj Bose, MD & David Steensma, MD, FACP</i>
	**This session is NOT ACCREDITED. **
11:30 – 12:00 PM	Top Abstract Presentations: <i>Brandi Reeves, MD & Michael Grunwald, MD</i> <i>Abstract Presenters #1, 2 & 3</i>
12:00 – 12:15 PM	Advanced SM: Clinical Updates <i>Jason Gotlib, MD</i>
12:15 – 12:30 PM	Future Directions for Targeted Therapies in Myelofibrosis <i>Ross Levine, MD</i>
12:30 – 12:45 PM	Artificial Intelligence (AI) in MPNs: Future Directions <i>Aziz Nazha, MD</i>
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: <i>Toyosi Odenike, MD & Alexander Coltoff, MD</i>
1:30 – 1:45 PM	Indolent SM: Current and Future Targeted Therapies <i>Hussein Abbas, MD, PhD</i>
1:45 – 2:00 PM	Atypical CML <i>Ami Patel, MD, PhD</i>
2:00 – 2:15 PM	AP/BP MPNs: Current and Future Directions <i>Anand Patel, MD</i>
2:15 – 2:30 PM	Essential Thrombocytosis – Clinical Updates <i>Rupali Bhawe, MD</i>
2:30 – 2:45 PM	Polycythemia Vera – Current State of the Art for 2026 <i>Michael Grunwald, MD</i>
2:45 – 3:00 PM	PV: Heparin Modulators and Mimetics: A new Field has Emerged – Current and Future Directions <i>Naveen Pemmaraju, MD</i>
3:00 – 3:15 PM	Prefibrotic MF: A Rapidly Evolving Field <i>Alexander Coltoff, MD</i>
3:15 – 3:30 PM	Hematopathology in MPNs: Pearls from Your Pathologist for ET, PV, Prefibrotic MF and MF <i>Sanam Loghavi, MD</i>
3:30 – 3:45 PM	Panel Discussion Moderators: <i>Toyosi Odenike, MD & Alexander Coltoff, MD</i> <i>All speakers above</i>
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4:00 – 6:15 PM	Session #4: Myelofibrosis Moderators: Aaron Gerdts, MD & Rupali Bhawe, MD
4:00 – 4:15 PM	GLP-1 agonists, weight loss, and the MPNs <i>Joseph Scandura, MD</i>
4:15 – 4:30 PM	Novel Treatments for Anemia in Myelofibrosis: A promising new area <i>Prithviraj Bose, MD</i>
4:30 – 4:45 PM	Ruxolitinib in MF for 2026: Updates and Future Directions <i>Gabriella Hobbs, MD</i>
4:45 – 5:00 PM	Fedratinib: 2nd JAK2i approved for MF <i>Haris Ali, MD</i>
5:00 – 5:15 PM	Pacritinib for Myelofibrosis: Review and Updates <i>Abdulraheem Yacoub, MD</i>
5:15 – 5:30 PM	Momelotinib in 2025: Clinical Updates <i>Andrew Kuykendall, MD</i>
5:30 – 5:45 PM	SCT in Myelofibrosis: Review of Clinical Data and Standards of Care <i>Jeanne Palmer, MD</i>
5:45 – 6:00 PM	MPN Symptom Burden in MF – Updates on An Essential Tool <i>Ruben Mesa, MD</i>
6:00 – 6:15 PM	Panel Discussion: JAKi in 2025 and Beyond Moderators: Aaron Gerdts, MD & Rupali Bhawe, MD <i>All speakers above</i>
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: *Kristen Pettit, MD & Lindsay Rein, MD*

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

Pankit Vachhani, 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 **Aiming for Disease Modification in MF**

Aaron Gerds, MD

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

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