

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 <i>Ruben Mesa, MD & Naveen Pemmaraju, MD</i>
3:10 – 4:00 PM	Special Session #1: MPN: Progress and Future Directions Moderators: <i>Naveen Pemmaraju, MD & Ruben Mesa, MD</i>
3:10 – 3:40 PM	Keynote Speaker: Hypoxia, Erythrocytosis, and MPNs: Reflections & Future Directions <i>Josef Prchal, MD</i>
3:40 – 4:00 PM	Panel Discussion: Aiming for Disease Modification in the MPNs Moderators: <i>Naveen Pemmaraju, MD & Ruben Mesa, MD</i> <i>All speakers above</i>
4:00 PM – 4:15 PM	BREAK
4:15 – 6:00 PM	Session #1: Inflammation and MPNs Moderators: <i>Angela Fleischman, MD and Stephen Oh, MD, PhD</i>
4:15 – 4:30 PM	Development of the Concept of "Clone" <i>David Steensma, MD, FACP</i>
4:30 – 4:45 PM	CDK Inhibitors in MPNs <i>Raajit Rampal, MD, PhD</i>
4:45 – 5:00 PM	Therapeutic RSK1 Targeting in MPNs <i>Stephen Oh, MD, PhD</i>
5:00 – 5:15 PM	Hypereosinophilic Syndrome (HES) <i>William Shomali, MD</i>
5:15 – 5:30 PM	Leveraging Competition between Clones to Buffer Hematologic Malignancy <i>Angela Fleischman, MD, PhD</i>
5:30 – 6:00 PM	Panel Discussion Moderators: <i>Angela Fleischman, MD & Stephen Oh, MD, PhD</i> <i>All speakers above</i>
6:00 – 6:05 PM	WRAP – UP DAY 1, Q&A & ANNOUNCEMENTS: <i>Ruben Mesa, MD & Naveen Pemmaraju, MD</i>
6:05 – 7:00 PM	SOCIAL HOUR – Westin Hotel Ocean Front Deck
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, PhD

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 – 10:00 AM **Panel Discussion**

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

All speakers above

10:00 – 11:00 AM **Special Session #2: Special Topics MPN Management**

Moderator: *Brandi Reeves, MD*

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

Brandi Reeves, MD

10:15 – 10:30 AM **Systemic Mastocytosis**

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 – 12:15 PM	Top Abstract Presentations Moderators: <i>Brandi Reeves, MD & Michael Grunwald, MD</i> <i>Abstract Presenters: Justin Johnson, MD, Muhammad Ali Khan, MD and Zanshé Thompson, PhD</i>
12:15 – 12:30 PM	Advanced SM: Clinical Updates <i>Jason Gotlib, 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: Hepcidin 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>
3:45 – 4:00 PM	BREAK

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| 4:00 – 6:15 PM | Session #4: Myelofibrosis
Moderators: Aaron Gerds, 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 | Pacritinib for Myelofibrosis: Review and Updates
<i>Abdulraheem Yacoub, MD</i> |
| 5:00 – 5:15 PM | Momelotinib in 2026: Clinical Updates
<i>Andrew Kuykendall, MD</i> |
| 5:15 – 5:30 PM | SCT in Myelofibrosis: Review of Clinical Data and Standards of Care
<i>Jeanne Palmer, MD</i> |
| 5:30 – 5:45 PM | MPN Symptom Burden in MF – Updates on An Essential Tool
<i>Ruben Mesa, MD</i> |
| 5:45 – 6:15 PM | Panel Discussion: JAKi in 2026 and Beyond
Moderators: Aaron Gerds, 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 – Benny's Coastal Kitchen |

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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 <i>Ruben Mesa, MD & Naveen Pemmaraju, MD</i>
9:00 – 11:30 AM	Session #5: Novel Targeted Pathways in Myelofibrosis/MPNs Moderators: <i>Kristen Pettit, MD & Lindsay Rein, MD</i>
9:00 – 9:15 AM	MDM2 inhibitors in MPNs: Clinical Updates <i>Pankit Vachhani, MD</i>
9:15 – 9:30 AM	PIM Kinase Inhibitors in MPNs <i>Firas El-Chaer, MD</i>
9:30 – 9:45 AM	Telomerase Inhibition in MPNs <i>Salman Fazal, MD</i>
9:45 – 10:00 AM	XPO1 inhibition in MPNs <i>Srinivas Tantravahi, MBBS, MRCP</i>
10:00 – 10:15 AM	Immunotherapy & CAR –T in MPNs: Future Directions <i>Tania Jain, MD</i>
10:15 – 10:30 AM	Targeting LSD – 1 in MPNs <i>Kristen Pettit, MD</i>
10:30 – 10:45 AM	Aiming for Disease Modification in MF <i>Aaron Gerds, MD</i>
10:45 – 11:15 AM	Panel Discussion Moderators: <i>Kristen Pettit, MD & Lindsay Rein, MD</i> <i>All speakers above</i>
11:15 – 11:30 AM	WRAP–UP Day 3: <i>Ruben Mesa, MD and Naveen Pemmaraju, MD</i>
11:30 AM	BOXED LUNCHES PROVIDED. ENJOY! SEE YOU IN 2027!!!

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