

Advocate Health's Pulmonary Oncology 2026 Summit

Early Detection, Treatment Paradigms, and Future Directions

AGENDA

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

Early Detection & Diagnostics

07:30 – 08:00 Registration & Breakfast

08:00 – 08:30 Welcome & Introduction to Advocacy

Jaspal Singh, MD | Raul Mendoza-Ayala, MD | Brad Icard, MD

08:30 – 09:30 Advancements in Detection of Early Lung Cancer

Lung Cancer Screening — Who Are We Missing?

John Doty, MD | Chelsea Cain, FNP

Emerging Roles of Use of Biomarkers / Liquid Testing

Jimmy Ruiz, MD

Evolution of Invasive Testing and Trends Forthcoming

Raul Mendoza-Ayala, MD | Uzair Ghori, MD

Questions & Answers

09:30 – 10:30 Advancements in Treatments of Early-Stage Lung Cancers

Update in Use of Neoadjuvant Therapy in Early-Stage Lung Cancers

Kathryn Mileham, MD

Update in Radiation Oncology Tools and Efficacy

Josh Heinzerling, MD

Update in Surgical Treatments for Early-Stage Lung Cancers

Jeff Hagen, MD

Questions & Answers

10:30 – 11:00 Break: Poster Viewing

11:00 – 12:00 Case-Based Panel Discussion: Therapeutic Challenges for Advanced Diseases

Megan Dell, DO | Andrew Perry, DO | Saumya Easaw, MD | Zalak Shah, MD

** Fellows in pulmonary and hematology-oncology discuss cases*

Panel: All Morning Faculty

Moderator: Sarah Barnhardt, DO | Nicholas Bills, DO | Jaspal Singh, MD



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12:00 – 01:00	Lunch & Poster Viewing & Visit Exhibits
01:00 – 03:00	Extended Afternoon Breakout Tracks
	TRACK A: Staffing and Mentorship Models for Nodule Programs
	Target Audience: Clinicians, Educators <i>John Doty, MD Susan Garwood, MD Sushant Nanavati, MD Jonathan Hovda, MD Saj Rambob, RRT</i>
	TRACK B: Administrative and Financial Perspectives of Programs
	Target Audience: Clinicians, Administrative Leaders, Cancer Center Leaders <i>Rabih Bechara, MD Veronica Getz, MBA Ralph Wilson, MBA Jorge Mercado, MD</i>
	TRACK C: Enabling Multidisciplinary Research in Thoracic Oncology
	Target Audience: Researchers, Clinicians, Industry Partners <i>Raul Mendoza-Ayala, MD Judd Heideman, MD Kathryn Mileham, MD Christopher Pallas, MD</i>
03:00 – 03:15	Break: Poster Viewing & Exhibits
03:15 – 04:00	One Scan Saved My Life – A Program Can Save Thousands More <i>Shira Kupperman Boehler</i>
04:00 – 05:00	Reception: Introduction to the Pearl and IRCAD * NOT ACCREDITED Reception Book Signing by Shira Boehler, Author "One Scan Saved My Life" Opening Presentation and Welcome - Ruben Mesa, MD
05:00 – 07:30	Innovation Pitch Night * NOT ACCREDITED Cancer X, Advocate Health, Comprehensive Cancer Center Moderators: <i>Bhanu Patibandla, MD Santosh Mohan, MMCI</i>
07:30 Onwards	Social Event (Optional) Sponsored by the Society for Advanced Bronchoscopy (SAB) * NOT ACCREDITED

More information at:

<https://www.southpiedmontahec.org/event/78180>

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

Treatment Paradigms & Future Directions

07:30 – 08:00	Registration & Breakfast & Exhibits
08:00 – 08:30	Welcome & Day 1 Recap <i>Jaspal Singh, MD & Uzair Ghori, MD</i>
08:30 – 09:15	Top 5 Papers in Thoracic Oncology Therapeutics <i>Daniel Carrizosa, MD & Max Diddams, MD</i>
09:15 – 09:45	Single Procedural Events: Key Issues Involved <i>Jaspal Singh, MD Ralph Wilson, MBA Jeff Hagen, MD</i>
09:45 – 10:15	Break: Poster Viewing & Exhibits
10:15 – 11:45	Extended Breakout Tracks TRACK F: Defining & Enabling Personalized Medicine in Lung Cancer Care Target Audience: Clinicians, Navigators, Administrative Leaders <i>Kathryn Mileham, MD John Doty, MD Vritti Gupta, MD Jorge Mercado, MD Christopher Pallas, MD</i> TRACK G: AI Workshop & Digital Health in Pulmonary Oncology Demos & Discussion in using AI in early detection of lung cancer <i>Jaspal Singh, MD Husam Nayef, MD Uzair Ghori, MD</i> TRACK H: Quality Metrics in Thoracic Oncology Target Audience: Clinicians, Administrative Leaders <i>Josh Heinzerling, MD Jeff Hagen, MD Rabih Bechara, MD Susan Garwood, MD</i>
11:45– 12:30	Conclusions & Next Steps
12:30 – 03:30	SAB Administrative Meeting * NOT ACCREDITED For officers, committee members - current and prospective

