

Lurie Cancer Center Inaugural GI Oncology Symposium

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2026 • 7:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

PRENTICE WOMEN'S HOSPITAL, 3RD FLOOR CONFERENCE CENTER & HARRIS FAMILY ATRIUM

7:00 a.m. **Registration, Breakfast, Exhibits**

8:00 a.m. **Opening Remarks**

SESSION 1: HEPATOBIILIARY CANCERS

8:05 a.m. **State-of-the-Art Management of HCC: Liver-Directed Therapy or Systemic Therapy or Both?**

Aparna Kalyan, MD
Northwestern University

8:25 a.m. **Navigating the Landscape of Targeted Therapies for Biliary Malignancies**

Haley Ellis, MD
Mass General Brigham Cancer Institute

8:45 a.m. **Novel Approaches to Early-Stage Biliary Tract Cancer: Sequencing and Hepatic Arterial Infusion Therapy**

Shishir Maithel, MD
Northwestern University

SESSION 2: GASTROESOPHAGEAL CANCER

9:05 a.m. **The Evolving Landscape of Therapy for Advanced Disease**

Chengwei Peng, MD
Northwestern University

9:25 a.m. **Perioperative Therapy for Localized Esophageal, GE Junction, and Gastric Cancer**

Gladys Rodriguez, MD
Northwestern University

9:45 a.m. **Endoscopic Approach and Collaboration for Early-Stage Disease**

Aziz Aadam, MD
Northwestern University

10:05 a.m. CASE DISCUSSION
HCC & Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma

Sheetal Kircher, MD (*Moderator*)
Daniel Borja-Cacho, MD; David Bentrem, MD;
Robert Lewandowski, MD; Haley Ellis, MD;
Aparna Kalyan, MD; Shishir Maithel, MD

10:30 a.m. **Break & Exhibits**

SESSION 3: COLORECTAL CANCER

10:45 a.m. **Total Neoadjuvant Therapy for Rectal Cancer: Who and What Order?**

Joshua Smith, MD, PhD
MD Anderson Cancer Center

11:05 a.m. **Surgical Management of Peritoneal Surface Malignancies: Current Standards and Future Direction**

Donnele Daley, MD
Northwestern University

11:25 a.m. **Hepatic Arterial Infusion Therapy for CRCLM**

Brett Ecker, MD
Northwestern University

11:45 a.m. **Transplant for Cancer: Colorectal and Cholangiocarcinoma**

Daniel Borja-Cacho, MD
Northwestern University

12:05 p.m. **Lunch & Exhibits**

SESSION 4: PANCREATIC CANCER

1:00 p.m. **KRAS Inhibitors: The Next Frontier?**

Deva Mahalingam, MD, PhD
Northwestern University

1:20 p.m. **How and When Should Radiation Therapy Be Utilized?**

John Hayes, MD
Northwestern University

1:40 p.m. **Sequencing of Therapy for Early-Stage Disease**

Akhil Chawla, MD
Northwestern University

SESSION 5: NEUROENDOCRINE TUMORS

2:00 p.m. **Sequencing of Systemic Therapy for Metastatic Disease**

Jennifer Chan, MD, MPH
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

2:20 p.m. **The Role of Resection for Stage IV Disease**

John Abad, MD
Northwestern University

2:40 p.m. **The Next Frontier of Treatment Options**

Jaydira del Rivero, MD
National Institute of Health

3:00 p.m. CASE DISCUSSION
Pancreatic Cancer & NET

Shishir Maithel, MD (*Moderator*)
Deva Mahalingam, MD, PhD; Mary Mulcahy, MD;
Jaydira del Rivero, MD; Akhil Chawla, MD;
John Hayes, MD; John Abad, MD; Jennifer Chan, MD, MPH

CONCLUSION

3:30 p.m. **Closing Remarks**

Mary Mulcahy, MD
Northwestern University

3:35 p.m. **Reception**

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EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

1. Apply current evidence-based strategies for the diagnosis and management of gastrointestinal malignancies, including hepatobiliary, gastroesophageal, colorectal, pancreatic, and neuroendocrine cancers.
2. Evaluate the role and optimal sequencing of systemic, surgical, radiation, and liver-directed therapies to individualize treatment plans.
3. Incorporate emerging targeted therapies, biomarker-driven approaches, and novel treatment modalities into clinical practice.
4. Integrate multidisciplinary collaboration into the care of patients with GI cancers to improve clinical outcomes.
5. Analyze complex clinical cases to inform decision-making and optimize patient-centered care.

TARGET AUDIENCE

This activity is designed for healthcare professionals involved in the diagnosis, treatment, and management of patients with gastrointestinal malignancies, including medical oncologists, surgical oncologists, radiation oncologists, gastroenterologists, advanced practice providers, nurses, pharmacists, fellows, residents, and other members of the multidisciplinary cancer care team.

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