

2025 2nd Annual “Hot Topics” in Cancer Symposium

Hosted By: Department of Surgery, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine

Thursday, October 2, 2025 | 7:30 AM – 7:00 PM

MSU University Club | 3435 Forest Rd, Lansing, MI 48910

Agenda

7:30-7:55 AM

Registration & Breakfast

Sponsor Booths Open

7:55-8:00 AM

Introductory Remarks

Srinivas Kavuturu, MD, Interim Chair, MSU Department of Surgery

SESSION I: LIVER AND BILIARY TRACT CANCERS

8:00-8:15 AM

Downstaging HCC to Liver Transplant: Criteria and Outcomes

*Sasha Shingina, MD, Medical Director, Liver Transplant Program,
University of Michigan Medical Center*

8:15-8:30 AM

Resection vs Ablation for Colorectal Liver Metastases

Scott Kizy, MD, Surgical Oncologist, Henry Ford Hospital

8:30-8:45 AM

Transplant for Hilar Cholangiocarcinoma

*Atsi Yoshida, MD, Chief, Division of Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgery,
Henry Ford Hospital*

8:45-9:00 AM

Targeted Therapy for Advanced Biliary Tract Cancers

*Gordan Srkalovic, MD PhD, Medical Director, University of Michigan
Health-Sparrow Cancer Center*

9:00-9:10 AM

Panel: Discussion and Q&A

SESSION II: ENDOCRINE AND MELANOMA

9:10-9:25 AM

Surgical Management of Hereditary MTC

Darci Foote, MD, Assistant Professor, MSU Department of Surgery

9:25-9:40 AM

Neoadjuvant Therapy for Stage III Melanoma

Shiva Shrotriya, MD, Assistant Professor, MSU Department of Medicine

9:40-9:50 AM

Panel: Discussion and Q&A

9:50-10:05 AM

Morning Coffee Break

Sponsor Booths Open

SESSION III: PANCREAS CANCER

- 10:05-10:20 AM** **Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy for Resectable Pancreatic Cancer**
Linda Qu, MD, Assistant Professor, MSU Department of Surgery
- 10:20-10:35 AM** **Advanced Endoscopic Techniques with Palliative Intent for Pancreatic Cancer**
Abhishek Satishchandran, MD PhD, Interventional Gastroenterologist, University of Michigan Health-Sparrow
- 10:35-10:55 AM** **Bench to Bedside: Translational Research in Pancreatic Cancer**
Ralph Francescone, PhD, Henry Ford Pancreatic Cancer Center
- 10:55-11:05 AM** **Panel: Discussion and Q&A**
- KEYNOTE AND LUNCH**
- 11:05-11:35 AM** **Keynote Speaker**
David Kwon, MD, Division Chief of Surgical Oncology, Director of the Henry Ford Pancreatic Cancer Center, and Physician in Charge of the Brigitte Harris Cancer Pavilion at Henry Ford Health
- 11:35-1:05 PM** **Lunch**
Sponsor Booths Open
- 12:00-12:40 PM** **Product Theater Discussion Sponsored by Castle Biosciences: Utilization of DecisionDx for Invasive Melanoma**
Joal Beane, MD, Assistant Professor, The Ohio State University School of Medicine
- 12:40-1:05 PM** **Breakout Room: Research Poster Presentations**
Suhail Sapkota, Kiana Sadri, Venkat Katkoori, Chinedum Udekwo, Seidu Adams

SESSION IV: ESOPHAGEAL AND GASTRIC CANCERS

- 1:05-1:20 PM** **Extent of Surgery for Gastroesophageal Junction Cancers**
Srinivas Kavuturu, MD, Interim Chair, MSU Department of Surgery
- 1:20-1:35 PM** **How I Do It: Video Session on Robotic Major Hepatectomy and Ivor-Lewis Esophagectomy**
Maher Ghanem, MD, Associate Professor, Central Michigan University College of Medicine

1:35-1:50 PM

Adjuvant Radiation for Gastric Cancer: Who Gets It?

Brooke Spencer, MD, *Radiation Oncologist, Karmanos Cancer Institute*

1:50-2:00 PM

Panel: Discussion and Q&A

SESSION V: COLORECTAL CANCER

2:00-2:15 PM

Sphincter Preservation in Low Rectal Cancer

Kyle Schank, MD, *Colorectal Surgeon, University of Michigan Health-Sparrow*

2:15-2:30 PM

Systemic Therapy for MSI-H Colorectal Cancer

Jatin Rana, MD, *Medical Director, Karmanos Cancer Institute at McLaren Greater Lansing*

2:30-2:45 PM

The Association of Colibactin and Colon Cancer

Jackie Charbel, DO, *Assistant Professor, MSU Department of Surgery*

2:45-2:55 PM

Panel: Discussion and Q&A

2:55-3:10 PM

Afternoon Coffee Break

Sponsor Booths Open

SESSION VI: RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS AND FACULTY PANEL

3:10-3:45 PM

Research Oral Presentations

Sai Sushrutha Mudupula Vemula, Karim Koussa, Trinity Bauer-Wojnar, Rachel Bonacci, Anoosh Farooqui

3:45-4:10 PM

A Career in Oncology – Discussion Panel with Faculty

4:10-4:15 PM

Closing Remarks & Adjourn

Srinivas Kavuturu, MD, *Interim Chair, MSU Department of Surgery*

HAPPY HOUR

4:30-5:30 PM

DINNER WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER

5:30-7:00 PM