

2026 National Summit on Hematologic Cancers: Defining the Standard Where the Guidelines Meet the Patient

AGENDA

Day 1: Friday, October 16th, 2026

All timings are in Central Time (CDT, GMT-05:00) time.

07:00 AM - 07:50 AM	Registration, Breakfast, & Exhibits (Non - CME Accredited)
07:50 AM - 08:00 AM	Welcome
08:00 AM - 09:00 AM	Session 1: The Access & Equity Imperative in Hematologic Malignancies
Session Chair: Paolo Strati, MD	
08:00 AM - 08:15 AM	The Geography of Cellular Therapy – Folashade Otegbeye, MPH, MBChB
08:15 AM - 08:30 AM	The Economics of Innovation – Richard T. Maziarz, MD
08:30 AM - 08:45 AM	Community–Academic Partnerships That Work – Carter Davis, MD
08:45 AM - 09:00 AM	Panel Discussion & Audience Q&A
Moderators: Paolo Strati, MD	
Panelists: Carter Davis, MD; Richard T. Maziarz, MD; Folashade Otegbeye, MPH, MBChB	
09:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Breakout Session 2 – The Data-Free Zone I: High-Stakes Decisions Without Guidelines
09:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Session 2A: Pediatrics - Prevention and Management of Leukemia Relapse
Moderators: Akshay Sharma, MBBS, M.Sc; Soheil Meshinchi, MD	
09:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Session 2B: Adults- The Gray Zone: High-Grade Lymphoma
Moderators: Andrew Ip, MD; Pierluigi Porcu, MD	
Panelists: Basem M. William, MD	
09:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Session 2C: APP & Pharmacist – Balancing Benefit and Burden in Hematologic Malignancies
Moderators: Rhiannon Dorris, PharmD, BCOP, BCPS; Heena Westlake Kurish, BCOP	
Panelists: Adam DiPippo, PharmD; Nataly Bailey, MSN, NP; Callee Brooks , PharmD, BCOP; Amy Webb, RN, FNP, PhD	
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	Break & Exhibits (Non - CME Accredited)
10:45 AM - 11:45 AM	Breakout Session 3 – Rare & Refractory: When Evidence Disappears
10:45 AM - 11:45 AM	Session 3A: Pediatrics – Bone Marrow Failure and MDS in Young
Moderators: Eneida Rosario Nemecek, MD, MBA, MS; Raul Ribeiro, MD	
10:45 AM - 11:45 AM	Session 3B: Adults – The Gray Zone: Controversy and Clinical Judgment in MDS/AML
Moderators: Martha Mims, MD, PhD	
Panelists: Aref Al-Kali, MD; Eytan Stein, MD; Yasmin Abaza, MD; Stephen Anthony Strickland, MD; Alexander Perl, MD; Sumeet Bhatia, MD, MBBS	
10:45 AM - 11:45 AM	Session 3C: APP & Pharmacist – Delivering Bispecific Antibodies and CAR-T in the Real World
Moderators: Catherine Marcucci, PA-C; Justine Wilson - Miller, PharmD	
Panelists: Amie Fonder, PA-C; Kathryn E. Kennedy, ARNP; Patricia Bulger, MSN; Sydney Spurgeon , PA-C; Brian Primeaux, PharmD, BCOP	
11:45 AM - 12:45 PM	Breakout Session 4 – Clinical Decision-Making in Newly Diagnosed Disease
11:45 AM - 12:45 PM	Session 4A: Pediatrics – Biphenotypic Leukemia
Moderators: Stephen B. Gruber, MD, PhD, MPH; Hiroto Inaba , MD, PhD	
11:45 AM - 12:45 PM	Session 4B: Adults – The Gray Zone: Controversy and Clinical Judgment in Newly Diagnosed Multiple Myeloma
Moderators: Noopur Raje, MD; Sagar Lonial, MD	
Panelists: Muhamed Baljevic, MD; Gurbakhash Kaur, MD; Rajshekhar Chakraborty, MD	
11:45 AM - 12:45 PM	Session 4C: Adults – The Gray Zone: Controversy and Clinical Judgment in ALL

Moderators: Marlise Rachael Luskin, MD

Panelists: Daniel DeAngelo, MD, PhD; Emily Curran , MD; Ryan Cassaday, MD; Caner Saygin, MD

11:45 AM - 12:45 PM Session 4D: APP & Pharmacist – Managing Complex Acute Leukemia Cases: Toxicities, Transitions, and Multidisciplinary Coordination

12:45 PM - 01:45 PM Lunch & PT by Takeda - Dr. Raji Shameem (Non - CME Accredited)

01:45 PM - 03:15 PM Session 5: When CAR-T Fails: Resistance, Relapse, and the Next Move

Session Chair: Helen Elisabeth Heslop, MD

02:05 PM - 02:25 PM The Post-CAR-T Playbook: What Comes Next? – **Sattva S Neelapu, MD**

02:25 PM - 02:45 PM Beyond Current CAR-Ts: The Cellular Therapy Arms Race – **Helen Elisabeth Heslop, MD**

02:45 PM - 03:15 PM Panel Discussion: Tough Questions, Real Decisions

Moderators: Helen Elisabeth Heslop, MD

Panelists: Sattva S Neelapu, MD

01:45 PM - 02:05 PM Understanding Antigen Escape: Biology & Early Signals

03:15 PM - 03:30 PM Break & Exhibits (Non - CME Accredited)

03:30 PM - 04:30 PM Session 6: Plenary: Where Are We Now, and Where Are We Going?

Session Chair: Aziz Nazha, MD

03:30 PM - 03:45 PM AI in Hematology Practice: From pathology to MRD to clinical decision-making – **Aziz Nazha, MD**

03:45 PM - 04:00 PM AI-Accelerated Drug Development & Trial Design – **Andrew Srisuwananukorn, MD**

04:00 PM - 04:15 PM The “Living Drug” Autopilot - AI in cellular therapy and transplant care – **Sandeep Raj, MD**

04:15 PM - 04:30 PM Panel Discussion & Audience Q&A

Moderators: Aziz Nazha, MD

Panelists: Andrew Srisuwananukorn, MD; Sandeep Raj, MD

Day 2: Saturday, October 17th, 2026

07:00 AM - 08:00 AM Registration, Breakfast & Exhibits (Non - CME Accredited)

08:00 AM - 09:00 AM Session 7: MRD in 2026: From Test to Treatment Strategy

Session Chair: Jerald Radich, MD

08:00 AM - 08:15 AM MRD Technology Update ctDNA, ClonoSEQ, mass spectrometry, and emerging platform – what to order and when – **Jerald Radich, MD**

08:15 AM - 08:30 AM The Gray Zone: Interpreting and Acting on MRD (Multiple Myeloma)

08:30 AM - 08:45 AM The Gray Zone: Interpreting and Acting on MRD (AML case) – **Fevzi Yalniz, MD**

08:45 AM - 09:00 AM The Gray Zone: Interpreting and Acting on MRD (ALL case) – **Ryan Cassaday, MD**

09:00 AM - 10:00 AM Breakout Sessions – Strategic Sequencing in the Real World

09:00 AM - 10:00 AM Session 8A: Adults – Relapsed/Refractory Lymphoma: Sequencing in the Era of CAR-T Bispecifics

Moderators: Preetesh Jain, MD

Panelists: Tycel Phillips, MD; Nancy Bartlett, MD; Andrew Jallouk, MD

09:00 AM - 10:00 AM Session 8B: Adults – Case-Based Discussion: Myeloma

Moderators: Larry D. Anderson, MD, PhD, FACP

Panelists: Al-Ola Abdallah, MD; Meera Mohan, MD; Oren Pasvolsky , MD

09:00 AM - 10:00 AM Session 8C: APP & Pharmacist – Oral Oncolytics: Adherence, Toxicity and Access (Just because it is Oral Doesn’t Mean it is Easy

Moderators: Kathryn E. Kennedy, ARNP; Lindsay Adkins, BSN, RN

Panelists: Erin Taylor, PharmD; Darby Siler, PharmD; BENYAM MULUNEH, PharmD, BCOP; Xiaoxiao Zhang , RN, MSN

10:00 AM - 10:15 AM Break & Exhibits (Non - CME Accredited)

10:15 AM - 11:15 AM Breakout Sessions – Clinical Dilemmas That Keep You Up at Night

10:15 AM - 11:15 AM Session 9A: Adults – Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma: The Next Move

Moderators: Natalie S Callander, MD

10:15 AM - 11:15 AM Session 9B: Adults - Case-Based Discussion: The Gray Zone - CLL

Moderators: Danielle Brander, MD; Nicole Lamanna, MD

Panelists: Bitu Fakhri, MD, MPH; Andrew Jallouk, MD; Andrew Lipsky , MD

10:15 AM - 11:15 AM Session 9C: APP & Pharmacist - Equitable Access to Advanced Hematologic Therapies

Moderators: Sarah Profitt, PharmD, BCOP; Kayleigh Marx, PharmD, BCOP

Panelists: Erin Taylor, PharmD; Nancy Long, NP; Shawn Griffin, PharmD

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM Breakout Sessions - Advanced Decision-Making in Complex Disease

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM Session 10A: Adults - Low-Grade Lymphoma: When to Treat vs Observe

Moderators: Paolo Strati, MD

Panelists: Andrew Lipsky , MD; Amitkumar Mehta, MD, MBA; Hassaan Yasin, MD

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM Session 10B: Adults - The Gray Zone: Relapsed Multiple Myeloma

Panelists: Joshua Richter, MD; Noa Biran, MD, MD; Murali Janakiram, MD; Minocher Battiwalla, MD

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM Session 10C: Adults - The Gray Zone: MPN/CML

Moderators: Jorge Cortes, MD; Prithviraj Bose, MD

Panelists: Ashwin Kishtagari, MD; Gabriela Hobbs, MD; Srinivas Tantravahi, MBBS; Jonathan Abbas, MD

12:15 PM - 01:30 PM Lunch & Poster Session (Non - CME Accredited)

01:30 PM - 03:30 PM Session 11: The Binaytara Hematologic Innovation Challenge

03:30 PM - 03:45 PM Break & Exhibits (Non - CME Accredited)

03:45 PM - 04:45 PM Session 12: Immunotherapy Showdown: Bispecifics vs. CAR-T

03:45 PM - 04:15 PM Bispecifics vs. CAR-T in Multiple Myeloma

Moderators: Shaji K Kumar, MD

Panelists: Rajshekhar Chakraborty, MD; Joshua Richter, MD

04:15 PM - 04:45 PM Bispecifics vs. CAR-T in Lymphoma

Moderators: Bhagirathbhai Dholaria, MD

Panelists: Ayushi Chauhan, MD; Olalekan Oluwole, MBBS

04:45 PM - 05:00 PM Awards Ceremony & Adjournment (Non - CME Accredited)
