

42ND NATIONAL ONCOLOGY CONFERENCE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:55 AM - 8:30 PM **Registration Open**

8:00 AM - 9:00 PM **ACCC Financial Advocacy Network (FAN) and Cancer Support Community
Networking Breakfast**

This interactive breakfast will feature discussions from ACCC Financial Advocacy Network Advisory Committee members who will share their knowledge, experiences, and best practices in a collaborative environment where your insights and questions are welcome. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with peers and contribute to the conversations on the future of financial advocacy. Join us for a morning of inspiration, discussion, and connection!

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM **Psychosocial Oncology Professionals Symposium (POPs)**

Join us for POPS 2025, a dynamic, full-day symposium dedicated to advancing psychosocial oncology through innovation, compassion, and collaboration. Held in conjunction with the ACCC 42nd National Oncology Conference and available virtually, this event brings together leading voices in cancer care to explore critical topics such as trauma-informed financial conversations, AI-enhanced psychosocial support, integrative oncology resources, and the emotional complexities of CAR-T therapy. With sessions led by nationally recognized experts and opportunities to earn CE credits, POPS 2025 offers a unique blend of cutting-edge insights, practical tools, and heartfelt connection. Whether you're a clinician, navigator, or advocate, this is your chance to engage with a vibrant community committed to transforming cancer care—one conversation at a time.

5:00 PM - 5:30 PM **Welcome and ACCC Innovator Awards Ceremony**

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM **ACCC President's Fireside Chat: Designing Oncology Care to Meet the Needs of a
Growing Patient Population**



Una Hopkins, DNP, MSN, FNP-BC, NE-BC, RN, FACCC, Director of Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice, Montefiore Einstein Comprehensive Cancer Center, Montefiore Health System

Karla Bowen, MBA, BSN, RN, OCN, Director, Nursing Operations, Orlando Health Cancer Institute

Brian Lasonde, MPAS, PA-C, Advanced Practice Clinician, Hematology/Oncology, Palo Alto Foundation Medical Group, Sutter Health

Charles Shelton, MD, Director of Cowell Cancer Center, Outer Banks Health

ACCC President Una Hopkins leads a dynamic conversation with oncology providers from 3 cancer programs that are designing innovative care models to meet the needs of a growing patient population. Learn how Orlando Health Cancer Institute leveraged an AI-powered scheduling tool to dramatically improve infusion center efficiency—recovering over 100 hours of patient access time, reducing appointment wait times by 32%, cutting scheduling time from 7 days to under 48 hours, and increasing nurse satisfaction by 50%.

Sutter Health also leveraged AI to develop its patient education and virtual care program, which streamlined clinical workflows by replacing repetitive in-person education with personalized digital content, reducing a 90-minute in-person visit to a 60-minute visit (a 30-minute in-person visit combined with a 30-minute virtual visit). These efforts improved the patient and provider experience, while reducing costs of care. Finally, Outer Banks Health shares how rural cancer programs in North Carolina are expanding access to high-quality, guideline-concordant care through virtual tumor boards and peer-to-peer radiation oncology conferences. This collaborative model now enables over 95% of patients in eastern North Carolina to receive standardized treatment plans before therapy begins, improving outcomes and reducing treatment burdens. Together, these stories illustrate how technology can work as a workforce multiplier and support capacity building at scale.

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM **Poster Presentations**

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM **Welcome Reception in Exhibit Hall**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

7:00 AM – 5:30 PM **Registration Open**

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM **Networking Breakfast with Exhibitors**

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM **Opening Keynote: The Human Connection: Strategies for Creating a Trusting and Engaged Workplace**



Susan Salgado, PhD

In health care, the reciprocal relationship between employee experience and patient experience is critical. When you create thriving, trusting workplaces, you set the tone for caring, trusting patient relations. The key to creating a workplace where employees go above and beyond begins with leaders who care. Yet leadership alone cannot drive results—it's the synergy of leadership and culture that leads to exceptional outcomes. And everyone in the organization plays an important role in developing a supportive, inclusive culture. Learn practical strategies to hone your skills and mindset to contribute to the creation of a caring and accountable culture where staff and clinicians will be engaged and want to stay.

9:45 AM – 10:15 AM **Adopting Machine Learning-Enabled Decision Support to Improve Oncology End-of-Life Outcomes**



Andrew Munchel, MSN, RN, OCN, CPHQ
Quality Program Administrator,
Oncology Service Line
*WellSpan Health,
WellSpan Cancer Institute*



Andrew Ambort, DO
Palliative Care Consulting Physician
Wellspan Health

Machine learning-enabled decision support helped this cancer program integrate a 12-month mortality risk model into clinical workflows, reducing in-hospital mortality and health care costs while increasing palliative care utilization. Outcomes data show an 84% increase in palliative care referrals and a 14% decrease in in-hospital mortality among patients with advanced cancer. Join us to explore how technology can help your cancer program improve end-of-life care for patients with oncology.

10:15 AM – 10:45 AM **Networking Break in Exhibit Hall**

10:45 AM - 11:15 AM **The Ambulatory Care Excellence (ACE) Model: Charting a New Path in Care Coordination**



Anna Liza Rodriguez, MHA, MSN, RN, OCN, NEA-BC
Chief Nursing Officer, Vice President
Fox Chase Cancer Center

The ACE Model redesigns ambulatory cancer care by improving efficiency, care coordination, and patient outcomes through standardized roles, optimized workflows, and data-driven resource allocation. This innovative approach ensures top-of-license work for clinicians and improved continuity of care for patients. Join us to explore how development of a similar model can transform your practice and elevate patient care.

11:15 AM - 11:45 AM **Implementing a Structured, Scalable Geriatric Oncology Program**



Julianne Ani, MPH
Geriatric Oncology Program Manager
*Penn Medicine Princeton Health
Princeton Cancer Center*



Ramy Sedhom, MD
Section Chief, Medical Oncology
*Penn Medicine Princeton Health
Princeton Cancer Center*

Across multiple clinic locations, integration of comprehensive geriatric assessments into oncology workflows, real-time data tracking, multidisciplinary team coordination, and dedicated support services allowed providers to address the unique needs older patients with cancer. Outcomes from this model program show a 78% identification rate of functional impairments, 562 referrals to supportive care services, and a significant increase in advance care planning and clinical trial enrollment.

11:45 AM - 12:15 PM ***Shaw at Home*: An Oncology Specific and Community-Based Palliative Care Program**



Patricia Hardenbergh, MD, FASTRO
Medical Director



Erin Perejda, LCSW, OSW-C
Supportive Care Services Manager
*Vail Health Hospital
Shaw Cancer Center
Shaw at Home*

Shaw at Home expands palliative care services beyond the hospital and clinic setting to provide comprehensive, in-home emotional, spiritual, practical, financial, and physical support for oncology patients. Since its inception, the program *Shaw at Home* has served over 123 unique patients, providing 1427 palliative care visits that include goals of care discussions, symptom management, and psychological support, improving patient outcomes in rural communities.

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM **Networking Lunch in Exhibit Hall**

1:15 PM - 1:45 PM **Transforming Cancer Detection and Treatment with the AI-Driven Healthy Person Program**



Bart Daugherty
Vice President, Clinical Technology and Systems
Lifepoint Health

The *Healthy Person Program* leverages artificial intelligence to proactively identify and manage patients at risk for developing cancer. By creating a process to analyze health records and then alert providers to high-risk abnormalities, the *Healthy Person Program* enables early intervention and continuous patient monitoring. Implemented across an entire healthcare system, join us to learn how this program identified over 108,000 high-risk abnormalities and improved early-stage cancer diagnoses by 36%.

1:45 PM - 2:15 PM

Improving Care Between Clinic Visits: A Sustainable Model for Remote Patient Monitoring



Lauren Hughes, RN
Director of Infusion Services
Highlands Oncology

This sustainable remote monitoring model ensures continuous support and symptom management for patients between clinic visits. Leveraging electronic patient reported outcomes (ePROs) and intelligent triage technology, this practice significantly reduced emergency department visits and hospitalizations while increasing treatment adherence and patient engagement. Join us to learn how these strategies can help your program or practice improve patient care and operational efficiency.

2:15 PM - 2:45 PM

Networking Break in Exhibit Hall

2:45 PM - 3:45 PM

Innovation at the Helm: Leadership Perspectives on Value, Vision, and Viability

Facilitator: Russell C. Langan, MD, FACS, FSSO, *RWJBarnabas Health | Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey | Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center*

Christopher P DeSimone, MD, FACOG, Professor of Gynecologic Oncology and Executive Chief Medical Officer, *University of Kentucky Healthcare, Markey Cancer Center*

Carla Sims, Associate Vice President, *Atrium Health, Levine Cancer Center*

Tom Bird, Vice President, Business Development | *Enterprise Growth & Innovation, City of Hope*

In today's rapidly evolving health care landscape, innovation is essential—but how do leaders determine which ideas are worth pursuing? This panel brings together seasoned executives to explore what they look for in a compelling business case. Is return on investment the ultimate deciding factor, or can improvements in patient experience and quality of care justify the cost? As economic pressures mount, many organizations are grappling with how to fund innovative programs that may not be immediately profitable. Panelists will share candid insights into how they approach funding for services and initiatives that serve as loss leaders, and how they balance financial sustainability with mission-driven care. Leadership style also plays a critical role in driving innovation. Attendees will hear how different approaches—from collaborative to transformational—shape decision-making and team alignment. The discussion will also delve into strategies for integrating oncology with other service lines like cardiology, ensuring cohesive care delivery across specialties. Finally, the panel will examine the evolving role of leadership within health care systems. Whether part of the C-suite or working closely with executive leadership, these leaders will reflect on how they influence organizational strategy and innovation from their unique vantage points.

3:45 PM - 4:30 PM

Spark Sessions: Igniting Innovation

This series of quick, dynamic, high-energy presentations spotlight both early-stage programs that are just beginning to take shape—but already show exciting potential—and bold new ideas designed to inspire, provoke thought, and spark connections.

1

Improving the Care of Pregnant Individuals Diagnosed With Hematologic Malignancies

Rita Assi, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Hematology-Oncology, *Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center*

2

Development of a Novel Oncology Cannabis Clinic Improves Patient Quality of Life

Lisa Lafranchi, PA-C, Park Nicollet Health Partners, *Frauenshuh Cancer Center*

3

Implementing DPYD Genotyping to Reduce Severe Adverse Events and Hospitalizations with Fluoropyrimidine-Based Chemotherapy

Jai N. Patel, PharmD, Associate VP, Translational Research, Director, Cancer Pharmacology & Pharmacogenomics, *Atrium Health Levine Cancer*

4

Pancreas Cancer Care Coordination and Embedded Pain Management Improves Patient Outcomes

Adrianna Oraiqat, MS, Pancreas Cancer Care Coordinator, *Moffit Cancer Center*

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Après ACCC Event

Join us for an exciting event to celebrate our host city, Denver. Enjoy a meal, participate in a beer tasting, and network with your peers. Then relax under the stars and end the evening on a sweet note with S'mores around the firepits.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

7:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Registration Open

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Breakfast with Exhibitors

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Women Leaders in Oncology: Exploring Successful Dyad Models

Alyssia Crews, MBA, Vice President, Orlando Health Cancer Institute

Jennie Crews, MD, MMM, FACCC, Associate Chief Medical Officer, Ambulatory Care and Stanford Health Care and Chief Medical Officer, Stanford Medicine Partners

Kelley D. Simpson, President, Cancer Concierge LLC

This dynamic panel will explore the power of the dyad leadership model in bridging the gap between clinical and administrative priorities. As health care grows more complex, aligning business goals with quality, patient-centered care is essential—but not always easy. Through real-world examples and candid dialogue, panelists will examine how dyad partnerships can foster a shared language, build mutual understanding, and drive quality and process improvement. The session will also address common disconnects and offer strategies for creating unified goals that support both clinician well-being and organizational success. Panelists will share practical tips for leading together, building trust, and communicating across disciplines and teams. They will also discuss how to navigate the significant challenges facing cancer programs today while maintaining a strong, collaborative leadership front.

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Stronger Together: Building Collaborative Care Models Between Oncology and Primary Care

Cheyenne Corbett, PhD, Co-Director, Center for Onco-Primary Care

Nilam Patel, Administrative Director, The Duke Center for Onco-Primary Care

Daniel J. George, MD, Medical Oncology, GU Program

Edward W. Cooner, MD, Internal Medicine and Primary Care

This session explores how oncology and primary care teams can work together across every phase of the cancer journey—from prevention and early detection to treatment, survivorship, and long-term monitoring. Panelists will discuss the distinct yet complementary roles each specialty plays in cancer screening, timely diagnosis, management of co-morbid conditions, and coordinated follow-up care. Attendees will gain insight into building integrated care models that support whole-person health, improve outcomes, and ensure no patient falls through the cracks.

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Networking Break

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Shared Solutions for Rural Oncology: Insights from Across the Americas



Facilitator: Enrique Soto, MD, PhD, FASCO, Associate director for Global Oncology, University Colorado Cancer Center

Oscar Arrieta, MD, MSc, Professor and Chief of the Section of Thoracic Medical Oncology, National Institute of Cancer in México City

Joaquin Barnoya, MD, MPH, Minister of Public Health and Social Assistance, Guatemala

Jacqueline Galica, RN, BScN, MSc, PhD, CON(C), Associate Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences, School of Nursing, Sinclair Cancer Research Institute, Division of Cancer Care & Epidemiology

Wade Swenson, MD, MPH, MBA, Medical Director, Lakewood Health System

Rural and remote communities face shared challenges in delivering consistent, high-quality cancer care. These include limited access to oncology specialists, transportation barriers, and fragmented care coordination. This panel brings together providers from Canada, the United States, Mexico, and Central America to discuss practical strategies for addressing these issues. Panelists will explore such issues as the use of standardized care pathways, partnerships and affiliations that allow patients to receive much of their care locally while still benefiting from expert oversight, and use of technology like virtual tumor boards, telehealth visits, and remote patient monitoring to improve access and continuity of care. The discussion will also highlight the critical role of the community and the importance of leveraging local resources—such as primary care providers, community health workers, and regional health networks—to support care delivery and patient navigation. Bringing together the global oncology community offers a valuable opportunity to learn from one another's experiences and adapt successful models across diverse settings. Attendees will gain insights into collaborative, scalable approaches that strengthen cancer care in their own rural communities.

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Networking Lunch and Roundtables with the ACCC Leadership

Talk Emerging Therapeutics Value Models with Jorge Garcia, PharmD, MS, MHA, MBA, FACHE, FACCC

AI in Oncology with Doug Flora, MD, LSSBB, FACCC

A Focus On Cancer Prevention with Renea Duffin, MPA, FACCC

Prioritizing Access to Cancer Clinical Trials—Moving to Action with Nadine Barrett, PhD, MA, MS, FACCC