

Located in Hall C, Next to Registration

This Lounge offers specialized programming, complimentary refreshments, and a comfortable space to relax for Student, Trainee/Fellow, and Early Career (within 5-years post-subspecialty training) members of ASCO.

Friday, May 31 | Open 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM CT

2:00 PM - 2:45 PM CT

Leveraging Social Media Early on in Your Career

Panel Talk: Learn how to leverage social media for your career, education, and professional networking.

Eric Singhi, MD | University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Fumiko Chino, MD | Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center Rohit Gosain, MD | University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Hillman Cancer Center

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM CT

Trivia Event

Test your knowledge of pop culture, history, geography, ASCO, and more alongside your peers in a trivia event hosted by the Trainee & Early Career Advisory Group.

4:00 PM - 4:45 PM CT

Trainee & Early Career Welcome Reception

Kick-off ASCO24 by meeting with colleagues and making new connections in this informal networking hour. Complimentary beer, wine, sodas, and light appetizers provided.

Saturday, June 1 | Open 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM CT

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM CT

Preparing for the Transition from Fellowship: Navigating Important Decisions

Panel Talk: Hear advice from early career oncologists on topics such as Advanced Fellowships, Board exams, and adapting to new teams.

Carolina Bernabe Ramirez, MD | Montefiore Einstein Cancer Center Coral Olazagasti, MD | Sylvester Compreensive Cancer Center at University of Miami Ilana Schlam, MD | Tufts University Samer Al Hadidi, MD, FACP, MS | University of Arkansas

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM CT

Mentorship 101

Panel Talk: Learn the fundamentals of establishing successful mentoring relationships throughout your career.

Carlos Gil Moreira Ferreira, MD, PhD | Oncoclínicas Deepa Rangchari, MD | Beth Israel Hospital Sumanta Pal, MD, FASCO | City of Hope

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT

Career Chats with Employers

Networking Reception: Engage in informal conversations with employers over complimentary refreshments.



Saturday, June 1 | (Continued)

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM CT

Careers in Oncology: Academia

Panel Talk: Meet with academic oncologists to learn about pursuing a career in this field.

Amanda Nizam, MD | Cleveland Clinic Foundation

Estelamari Rodriguez, MD, MPH | Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center at University of Miami

Neeraj Agarwal, MD, FASCO | Huntsman Cancer Institute, University of Utah

1:30 PM - 2:15 PM CT

Careers in Oncology: Community, Private, & Hospital-Based Practice

Panel Talk: Meet with oncologists from a variety of practices to learn about pursuing a career in this field.

Eleonora Teplinsky, MD | Valley Health System

Rahul Gosain, MD | James P. Wilmot Cancer Center/URMC

Megan Emmich, DO | Davenport Mugar Cancer Center - Cape Cod Hospital

2:30 PM - 3:15 PM CT

Oncology Training/Fellowships: Applying, Interviewing, Making Important Decisions

Roundtable Discussion: Meet with Oncology Training Program Directors to learn about pursuing oncology training, how to be a competitive candidate, and important factors to consider in the application and decision process.

Christine Garcia, MD, MPH | New York-Presbyterian/Weill-Cornell Medical Center

Deborah Doroshow, MD, PhD | Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Gerald Hsu, MD, PhD | University of California, San Francisco

Kristen Marrone, MD | Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Lori J. Rosenstein, MD | Gundersen Health System

Lyudmila Bazhenova, MD | University of California, San Francisco

Martina Murphy, MD | University of Florida

Prakash Neupane, MD | University of Kansas Medical Center

Raid Aljumaily, MD | University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

Rami Manochakian, MD, FASCO | Mayo Clinic

Shella Saint Fleur-Lominy, MD, PhD | New York University

Tim Brown, MD | University of Texas Southwestern Simmons Cancer Center

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Medical Student & Resident Abstract Forum

Poster Session & Networking Reception: Connect and learn from student and resident researchers while enjoying beer, wine, sodas, and snacks as you explore posters and meet the presenters.



Sunday, June 2 | Open 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM CT

8:15 AM - 9:00 AM CT

Becoming an Oncologist in the U.S. as an International Medical Graduate

Panel Talk: Hear from International Medical Graduates (IMGs) as they share their experience with training and finding a job in the U.S.

Fawzi Abu Rous, MD | Henry Ford Hospital Leticia Varella, MD | Dana-Farber Cancer Institute Nazli Dizman, MD | MD Anderson Cancer Center Suresh Ramalingam, MD, FASCO, FACP | Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University

9:30 AM - 10:15 AM CT

Exploring Research Paths in Oncology

Roundtable Discussion: Meet with oncologists and trainees to hear their advice for pursuing research during oncology training. Each table will highlight a different type of research and will feature two oncologists who have experience in that research area.

Ana Garrido-Castro, MD | Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

Andrea Cercek, MD | Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

Ann Partridge, MD, MPH, FASCO | Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

Becky Deboer, MD, MA | University of California, San Francisco

Carolyn Presley, MD | Ohio State University

Charles Blanke, MD, FACP, FASCO | Oregon Health & Sciences University

Enrique Soto de Pérez, MD, PhD, MSc, FASCO | Instituto Nacional de Ciencias Médicas y Nutrición Salvador Zubirán

Frank Weinberg, MD, PhD | University of Illinois Hospital & Health Sciences System

Gilberto Castro, MD, PhD | University of California, San Francisco

Jacquelyne Gaddy, MD, MS | Yale University

Jennifer Schwartz, MD | University of Vermont

Katherine Van Loon, MD, MPH | University of California, San Francisco

Manali Patel, MD, MPH, MS, FASCO | Stanford University, Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Healthcare System

Mazie Tsang, MD, MS | Kaiser Permanente Northern California

Nagla Abdel Karim, MD, PhD | Inova Schar Cancer Institute & University of Virginia

Narjust Florez, MD, FASCO | Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

Niharika Dixit, MD | University of California, San Francisco

Nina Sanford, MD | University of Texas Southwestern

Oluwadamilola Temilade Oladeru, MD, MA, MBA | Mayo Clinic

Sarah Tolaney, MD, MPH | Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM CT

Research 101: Designing Your First Clinical Trial

Panel Talk: Learn the basics of developing a research question and designing a clinical trial from experienced researchers.

Guilherme Nader Marta, MD | Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

Linda Vahdat, MD, MBA | Dartmouth Cancer Center

Shearwood McClelland, MD | University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Center, Case Western University

Susanna Ulahannan, MD | University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center



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Making the Most of Oncology Training

Roundtable Discussion: Meet with trainees and early career oncologists to learn how to prepare for oncology training, including major milestones and how to make the most of the experience.

Dawood Findakly, MD | Louisiana State University Shreveport

Fawzi Abu Rous, MD | Henry Ford Hospital

Fernando Diaz, MD | University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Ivy Riano, MD | Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center

Laura Huppert, MD | University of California, San Francisco

Megan Dupuis, MD, PhD | Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center

Megan Melody, MD | Northwestern University

Muhamad Alhaj Moustafa, MD, MS | Mayo Clinic Florida

Nazli Dizman, MD | MD Anderson Cancer Center

Noha Soror, MD, MSc | University of Oklahoma

Peter Li, MD | Walter Reed National Military Medical Center

Qasim Hussaini, MD, MS | University of Alabama at Birmingham

Samuel Kareff, MD, MPH | University of Miami-Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM CT

Livestream of Plenary Session

Watch the live broadcast of the ASCO Plenary Session which showcases the most groundbreaking science of the Annual Meeting from the comfort of the Lounge.

4:15 PM - 5:00 PM CT

Navigating the Job Search, Interviews, & Contract Negotiations

Roundtable Discussion: Meet with oncologists to hear practical advice and tips for finding your first job.

Abdul Rafeh Nagash, MD | Stephenson Cancer Center, University of Oklahoma

Abhishek Kumar, MD | Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Jacobi Medical Center

Amanda Nizam, MD | Cleveland Clinic Foundation

Amany Keruakous, MD, MS | Augusta University

Ana Velázquez Mañana, MD, MSc, MS | University of California, San Francisco

Christine Bestvina, MD | University of Chicago

Deepa Rangachari, MD | Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

Ibrahim Azar, MD | IHA Hematology Oncology Consultants

Inas Abuali, MD, FACP | Massachusetts General Hospital

Jonathan Trent, MD, PhD | Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center at University of Miami

Narjust Florez, MD, FASCO | Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

Nina Balanchivadze, MD | Virginia Oncology Associates

Pavani Chalasani, MD, MPH | George Washington University

Rami Manochakian, MD, FASCO | Mayo Clinic

Shella Saint Fleur-Lominy, MD, PhD | New York University

Shivaani Kummar, MD, MBBS, FACP | Oregon Health & Sciences University

Sonali Smith, MD, FASCO | University of Chicago



Monday, June 3 | Open 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM CT

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM CT

Navigating a Career in Non-Medical Oncology

Roundtable Discussion: Designed for oncologists from non-medical oncology subspecialties to meet with peers and mentors from their subspecialty to discuss training, career, and professional development topics in an intimate roundtable discussion. Facilitators available from Radiation Oncology, Surgical Oncology, and Neuro-Oncology.

Charles Thomas, MD, FASTRO | Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center Kekoa Tappara, MD, PhD | Stanford Health Care Idalid Franco, MD, MPH | Brigham and Women's Hospital Lauren Singer, MD | University of Chicago Neal Bhutiani, MD, PhD | The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Trinanjan Basu, MBBS, MD | HCG Cancer Centre, Mumbai

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM CT

Leadership Opportunities: Developing Skills Early on in Your Career

Panel Talk: Hear from a diverse panel of oncologists how they developed their leadership skills early on in their training and what makes a good leader in oncology.

Emily Touloukian, DO | Coastal Cancer Center Patrick Hwu, MD | H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center Roberto Leon-Ferre, MD | Mayo Clinic

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM CT

Establishing Work-Life Balance and Boundaries Early in Your Career

Panel Talk: Meet with early career and experienced oncologists to learn how they maintain balance, boundaries, and wellness in their personal and professional life.

Clarissa Mathias, MD, PhD, FASCO | Oncoclínicas Gabrielle Rocque, MD, FASCO | University of Alabama Sam Brondfield, MD, MA | University of California, San Francisco

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM CT

Publication 101: Peer Review & Becoming a Successful Author

Panel Talk: Meet with the editors of ASCO Journals to learn more about the peer review process, what makes a good manuscript, and how to decide where to submit your work.

Gilberto Lopes, MD, MBA, FASCO | University of Miami
Pamela Kunz, MD, FASCO | Yale University
Robert Maki, MD, PhD, FASCO, FACP | Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
Yara Abdou, MD | University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill



Monday, June 3 | (Continued)

1:30 PM - 2:15 PM CT

Navigating Funding & Finding Grants as a Junior Investigator

Panel Talk: Learn about available grants & funding sources, common application components, and skills to become an effective grant writer.

Adrienne Waks, MD | Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
Dawn Hershman, MD, MS, FASCO | Columbia University

3:00 PM - 3:45 PM CT

Careers in Oncology: Government & Industry

Panel Talk: Learn about pursuing a career in Government & Industry settings from oncologists at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, National Institutes of Health (NIH), and pharmaceutical drug companies.

Geetika Srivastava, MD, MSPH | U.S. Food and Drug Administration Pelin Cinar, MD, MS | Gilead Sciences, Inc. Shakun Malik, MD | National Cancer Institute/National Institutes of Health

Tuesday, June 4 | Open 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT

No Sessions Scheduled

Please join us for breakfast, complimentary refreshments, and mentoring meetings (advanced sign-up required).