

The poster features a large, colorful circular graphic composed of concentric rings of multi-colored rectangular segments, resembling a DNA microarray or a genomic map. This graphic is overlaid with several circular and rectangular inset images. At the top, a young girl with a pink floral headscarf smiles. Below her, an elderly woman is being embraced by a man. In the center, a woman in a lab coat and safety glasses works with a microscope in a laboratory. To the left, a large crowd of people is shown. At the bottom left, a 3D model of a protein structure is shown next to a DNA double helix. The background is a mix of these images and the colorful circular graphic.

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September 24, 2019	Abstract Submission Opens
September 24, 2019	Early Access to Housing Reservations Opens for AACR Members
September 24, 2019	Meeting Registration Opens
October 1, 2019	Housing Reservations Open to Nonmember Attendees
October 10, 2019	Application Deadline: NextGen Stars
November 25, 2019	Membership Application Deadline for Regular Abstract Sponsors and for Scholar-in-Training Award Applicants
<b>December 5, 2019</b>	<b>Regular Abstract Submission Deadline (11:59 p.m. ET)</b>
December 9, 2019	Application Deadline: AACR Global Scholar-in-Training Awards
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December 9, 2019	Application Deadline: AACR Women in Cancer Research Scholar Awards
December 13, 2019	Membership Application Deadline for Early Registration Rate
<b>December 20, 2019</b>	<b>Early Registration Deadline (lowest rates)</b>
January 3, 2020	Late-Breaking and Clinical Trials Abstract Submission Opens
January 6, 2020	Online Itinerary Planner Available
January 23, 2020	Membership Application Deadline for Late-Breaking and Clinical Trials Abstract Sponsors
<b>January 30, 2020</b>	<b>Late-Breaking and Clinical Trials Abstract Submission Deadline (11:59 p.m. ET)</b>
<b>February 17, 2020</b>	<b>Regular Abstract Status Notifications Sent</b>
February 19, 2020	Membership Application Deadline for Advance Registration Rate
<b>February 20, 2020</b>	<b>Submission Deadline: Final Data for Clinical Trial Placeholder Abstracts</b>
<b>February 21, 2020</b>	<b>Advance Registration Deadline (discounted rates)</b>
<b>February 26, 2020</b>	<b>Late-Breaking and Clinical Trials Abstract Notifications Sent</b>
March 9, 2020	Regular Abstract Withdrawal Deadline
<b>March 13, 2020</b>	<b>Housing Reservation Deadline</b>
March 20, 2020	Cancellation Deadline for Registration Refunds (less \$125 processing fee)
March 24, 2020	Regular Abstract Titles and Text Posted to Online Itinerary Planner (4:30 p.m. ET)
March 24, 2020	Late-Breaking and Clinical Trials Abstract Titles Posted to Online Itinerary Planner (4:30 p.m. ET); Abstract Text Embargoed until April 24, 2020 (3:00 p.m. PT)
March 24, 2020	Late-Breaking and Clinical Trials Abstract Withdrawal Deadline
April 1, 2020	Annual Meeting App Available for Download
<b>April 24, 2020</b>	<b>On-Site Registration Opens at San Diego Convention Center (12:00 p.m. PT)</b>
<b>April 24, 2020</b>	<b>AACR Annual Meeting Begins (3:00 p.m. PT)</b>
April 24, 2020	Late-Breaking and Clinical Trials Abstract Text Posted to Online Itinerary Planner and Meeting App (3:00 p.m. PT)



## Dear Members, Colleagues, and Friends of the AACR,

We are pleased to invite you to attend the 111th Annual Meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR), which will be held from April 24-29, 2020, in the great city of San Diego, California. The theme of this year's meeting, "Turning Science into Lifesaving Care," summarizes the critical role of the Annual Meeting in achieving the AACR's mission to prevent and cure all cancers. The meeting brings together more than 21,000 members of the cancer community—scientists, clinicians, other health care professionals, survivors, and advocates—to discuss cutting-edge innovations across the full spectrum of cancer research with the focus on improving and saving the lives of cancer patients.

We are extremely grateful to the Program Committee Vice Chairs and Cochairs for their hard work and expert guidance in developing a spectacular scientific program to be presented by outstanding speakers from around the world. An Opening Plenary Session will launch the theme of the meeting, covering timely topics such as epigenetic regulation of cancer, liquid biopsies and early detection, aging and cancer, the promise of CRISPR editing for cancer therapy, and data integration for patient care. Key sessions featuring clonal hematopoiesis, tumor microenvironment, and next-generation drug development are not to be missed.

This exciting scientific program, spanning the continuum from basic, translational, clinical, prevention, and population research to regulatory science and public policy, will be preceded by a comprehensive educational program. Beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 24, and running through Saturday, April 25, more than 60 educational sessions and methods workshops covering a wide array of disciplines and new technologies will be available.

Another feature of the Annual Meeting 2020 will be the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of Minorities in Cancer Research (MICR), a membership group within the AACR that is committed to supporting and advancing the careers of minority scientists and addressing the disparities in cancer incidence and mortality faced by minorities and the medically underserved. The AACR looks forward to marking this milestone anniversary with a special program of events at the Annual Meeting.

In addition to the program of invited speakers, we anticipate receiving more than 6,000 proffered papers for presentation at the meeting. The regular abstract deadline is December 5, 2019; we encourage you to submit your work to be considered for oral or poster presentation. The proffered program features special oral presentation opportunities in Clinical Trial Plenary Sessions for abstracts reporting on high-impact clinical trials. More than 210 early and late phase clinical trials were presented at the Annual Meeting 2019; thirty of these were phase III trials. We encourage all clinical trialists to consider the AACR Annual Meeting as the forum for their work. The deadline for clinical trial abstracts is January 30, 2020.

To increase the number of opportunities to present proffered papers at the Annual Meeting, we are pleased to announce that the Board of Directors has approved an expansion of the abstract sponsorship privileges for certain AACR member types. Active, Honorary, and Emeritus Members in good standing may now sponsor an unlimited number of abstracts for presentation at the meeting. In addition, Affiliate Members, who are permitted to sponsor one abstract for each deadline provided that they are the presenters of their abstracts, are no longer required to identify endorsers for abstracts. Details of these expanded sponsorship privileges are available on page 26. We encourage these AACR members to use their additional sponsorships to support abstract submissions from their mentees and nonmember colleagues.

The proffered program also provides special presentation opportunities for early-career scientists. All AACR Associate Members and Active Members at the assistant professor level or equivalent may apply to the NextGen Stars program to be considered for the honor of presenting in one of the major sessions during the meeting. Interested members must submit an abstract along with supporting materials by October 10, 2019.

We hope you share our excitement for the exceptional program developed by the Program Committee, and we urge you to take full advantage of everything the meeting has to offer. Please plan to arrive on Friday, April 24, to attend the opening educational sessions and to stay through Wednesday, April 29, when the Wrap-Up Plenary Session will highlight the innovative research presented at the meeting.

Please check the AACR website ([AACR.org/AACR2020](http://AACR.org/AACR2020)) regularly for program updates and announcements. We look forward to receiving your abstract submissions and to welcoming you to San Diego in April.

Sincerely yours,

Elaine R. Mardis, PhD  
President, 2019-2020

Antoni Ribas, MD, PhD  
Chair, 2020 Program Committee

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# WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND THE WORLD'S MOST IMPORTANT CANCER RESEARCH MEETING

The AACR Annual Meeting highlights the work of the greatest minds in cancer science and medicine from institutions all over the world. This meeting presents the many scientific discoveries across the breadth of cancer research—from prevention, early detection, and interception; to cancer biology and genetics, translational, and clinical studies; to survivorship, population science, and advocacy. You will be exposed to the latest developments in all areas of cancer research, form new collaborations, and learn how to apply exciting new concepts, tools, and techniques to your own research.

This year's program, with the theme of "Turning Science into Lifesaving Care," will be a comprehensive, cutting-edge scientific event that you will not want to miss!

## Highlights of the Annual Meeting 2019 Included:

- More than 21,000 participants
- Over 5,600 proffered papers presented in a variety of formats, including 5,385 poster presentations and 244 short talks in Minisymposia
- A record-setting 213 clinical trials presented in Clinical Trial Plenary Sessions, Minisymposia, and Poster Sessions
- 299 sessions accredited for continuing medical education
- 42 Educational Sessions and 14 Methods Workshops for those seeking a foundation of knowledge in rapidly developing areas
- 76 Major Symposia and Recent Advances Sessions
- 758 invited speaker presentations
- More than 950 webcasts of the scientific talks available to attendees and subscribers
- An extensive exhibit show with 535 exhibiting companies and organizations
- Major news coverage by 190 journalists and more than 3,500 media clips and news stories in top-tier media outlets including CBS Evening News, Associated Press, *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, CNN, *Forbes*, *STAT*, *Nature*, *Science*, and many others
- Global coverage of the meeting by media outlets in Brazil, Canada, China, Egypt, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Russia, and South Korea, among others

## The Annual Meeting 2020 Will Highlight:

- **Educational Program**—A full slate of more than 60 Educational Sessions and Methods Workshops will once again be offered beginning on Friday, April 24, and continuing through Saturday, April 25. An Educational Program Pass granting access to the complete educational program is available for a single flat fee of \$50 for AACR members and \$75 for nonmembers.

- **Clinical Trials**—Included in the growing science-based clinical research program at the Annual Meeting, high-impact clinical trials will once again be a part of Clinical Trials Plenary Sessions, Minisymposia, and Poster Sessions.
- **NextGen Stars Program**—The NextGen Stars oral presentations will showcase early-career scientists who are AACR Associate Members and early-career Active Members at the level of assistant professor or equivalent. To apply, submit your abstract and supporting materials by **October 10, 2019**. Details can be found at [AACR.org/AACR2020](http://AACR.org/AACR2020).
- **Wrap-Up Plenary Session**—The meeting will close with key opinion leaders presenting the most exciting highlights from the meeting and providing visionary remarks about cancer research opportunities in the future. The Wrap-Up Plenary Session will be held on **Wednesday, April 29, 12:15 p.m.-1:30 p.m.**

## WHY YOU SHOULD SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT

The AACR Annual Meeting is the premier event for presenting the cutting-edge cancer science and medicine that are shaping the future of cancer research and delivering cures to patients. Every abstract that is accepted for publication in the online *Proceedings* of the AACR is presented at the Annual Meeting as a proffered paper, and all abstracts are considered for oral presentation in Minisymposia.

- **New in 2020:** Submit your abstract detailing how you use AACR Project GENIE data by the **December 5, 2019**, deadline for an opportunity to be featured in a special session during the Annual Meeting. Simply include GENIE as a keyword during the submission process.
- Opportunities to give an oral presentation and simultaneously publish your work in a high-impact AACR journal are available for Clinical Trials abstract submissions. See page 10 for more details.

## ABOUT SAN DIEGO, CA

Emerging as a health care development center, San Diego is the eighth largest city in the United States and one of the fastest-growing cities in the nation. The presence of the University of California San Diego and UC San Diego Health has helped make the area a center of research in biotechnology. The Salk Institute Cancer Center and the UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center are located just north of San Diego in La Jolla. San Diego is known for its mild year-round climate, natural deep-water harbor, extensive beaches, long association with the U.S. Navy, and the Gaslamp Quarter's world-class shopping and dining.



## CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF MINORITIES IN CANCER RESEARCH (MICR)

The AACR is pleased to announce the 20th Anniversary of Minorities in Cancer Research (MICR). MICR is a membership group within the AACR that is committed to supporting the professional needs and advancing the careers of minority scientists; increasing the number, participation, visibility, and recognition of minority scientists in cancer research; and addressing the disparities in cancer incidence and mortality faced by minorities and the medically underserved. Join the AACR and MICR in celebrating the contributions of minority investigators to cancer research. Visit [www.AACR.org/MICR](http://www.AACR.org/MICR) for additional information. Contact us at [micr@aacr.org](mailto:micr@aacr.org) with any questions.

## AACR RUNNERS FOR RESEARCH ANNUAL MEETING 5K RUN/WALK

The AACR Runners for Research Annual Meeting 5K Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, April 25. Join our team for a run through the streets of San Diego while raising funds and awareness for cancer research! Watch for announcements for the 2020 event in the coming months. Early-career researchers are encouraged to join the AACR Associate Member team. Details about this team and a new post-race celebration for Associate Members will be available online shortly.

## AACR 2020 CANCER AND BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH CAREER FAIR

Whether you are a researcher or employer, this Career Fair is for you! This premier recruiting event is for scientists seeking opportunities within academia, government, or industry and representatives from cancer and biomedical research companies seeking to fill many positions. Visit [CancerCareers.org](http://CancerCareers.org) to learn more about the 2020 Career Fair and upload your CV/resume. Employers may also post open positions.

# SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 24, and continuing all day Saturday, April 25, 2020, a program of Educational Sessions and Methods Workshops will be presented. (An Educational Program Pass granting access to the complete educational program is available for a single flat fee of \$50 for AACR members and \$75 for nonmembers.) The Opening Ceremony and the Opening Plenary Session will take place on Sunday morning, April 26. The meeting will conclude at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29. The 2020 Program in Progress follows:

## PLENARY SESSIONS

**Sunday, April 26, 2020**

### OPENING PLENARY SESSION: TURNING SCIENCE INTO LIFESAVING CARE

**Chair: Antoni Ribas**, UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA  
Howard Y. Chang, Stanford University, Stanford, CA  
Daniel Diniz De Carvalho, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, Toronto, ON, Canada  
Ashani T. Weeraratna, The Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD  
Olivier Elemento, Weill Cornell Medical College of Cornell University, New York, NY  
Alexander Marson, University of California San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

**Monday, April 27, 2020**

### UNDERSTANDING THE MOLECULAR AND MICROENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINANTS OF CANCER

**Chair: Christina Curtis**, Stanford University, Stanford, CA  
Garry P. Nolan, Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, CA  
Serena Nik-Zainal, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom  
Ross L. Levine, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY  
Jérôme Galen, INSERM, Paris, France

**Tuesday, April 28, 2020**

### CANCER BIOLOGY AND THE CHANGING THERAPEUTIC LANDSCAPE

**Chair: Sheila A. Stewart**, Washington University, St. Louis, MO  
Tony Hunter, Salk Institute, La Jolla, CA  
William G. Kaelin, Jr., Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, MA  
Olufunmilayo I. Olopade, University of Chicago Medicine Comprehensive Cancer Center, Chicago, IL  
Dennis J. Slamon, UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA

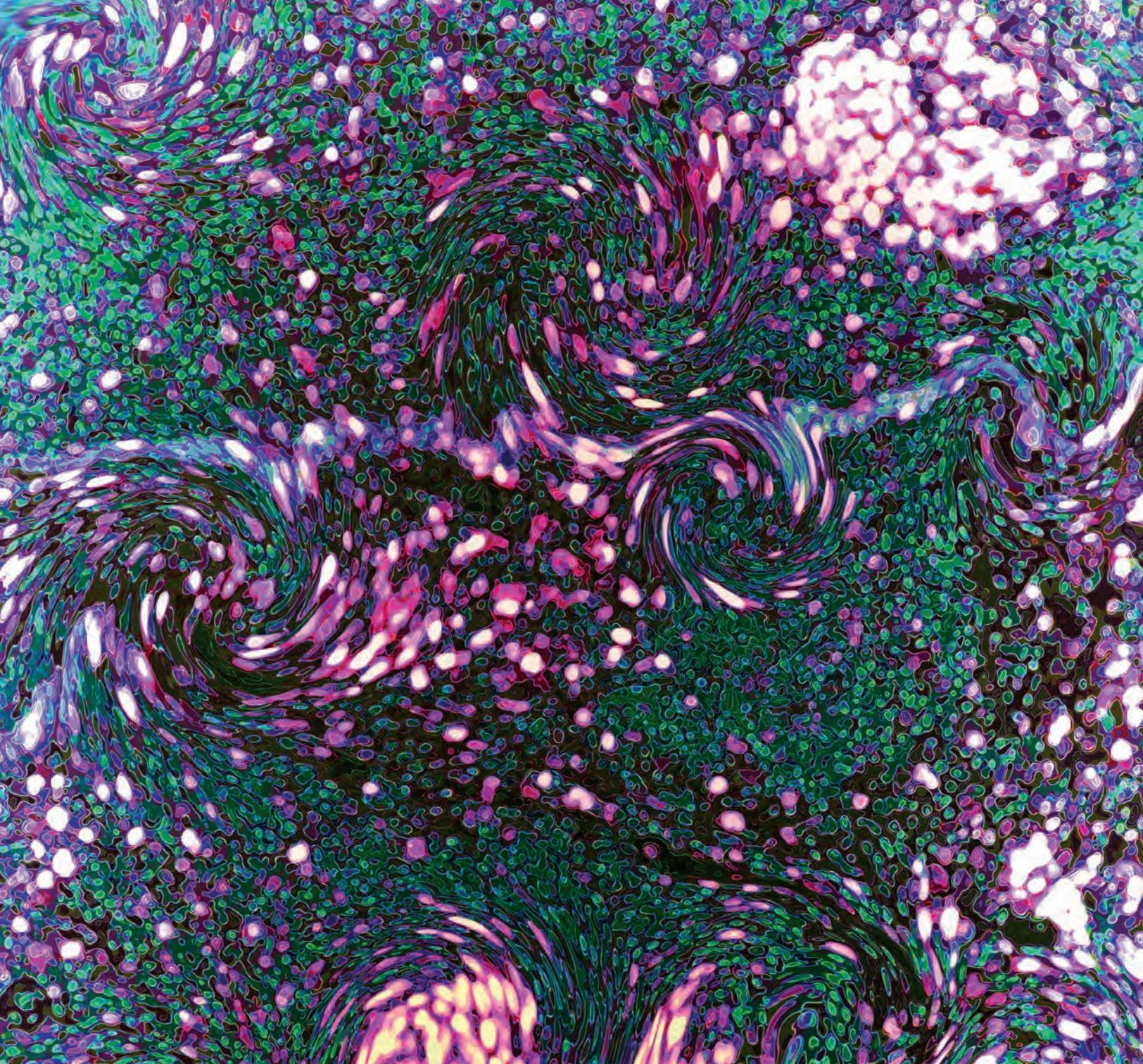
**Wednesday, April 29, 2020**

### LEVERAGING THE IMMUNE SYSTEM IN THE WAR ON CANCER

**Chair: Miriam Merad**, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY  
Zhijian James Chen, UT Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, TX  
Anjana Rao, La Jolla Institute for Immunology, La Jolla, CA  
Sergio A. Quezada, University College London Cancer Institute, London, United Kingdom  
Michel Sadelain, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY

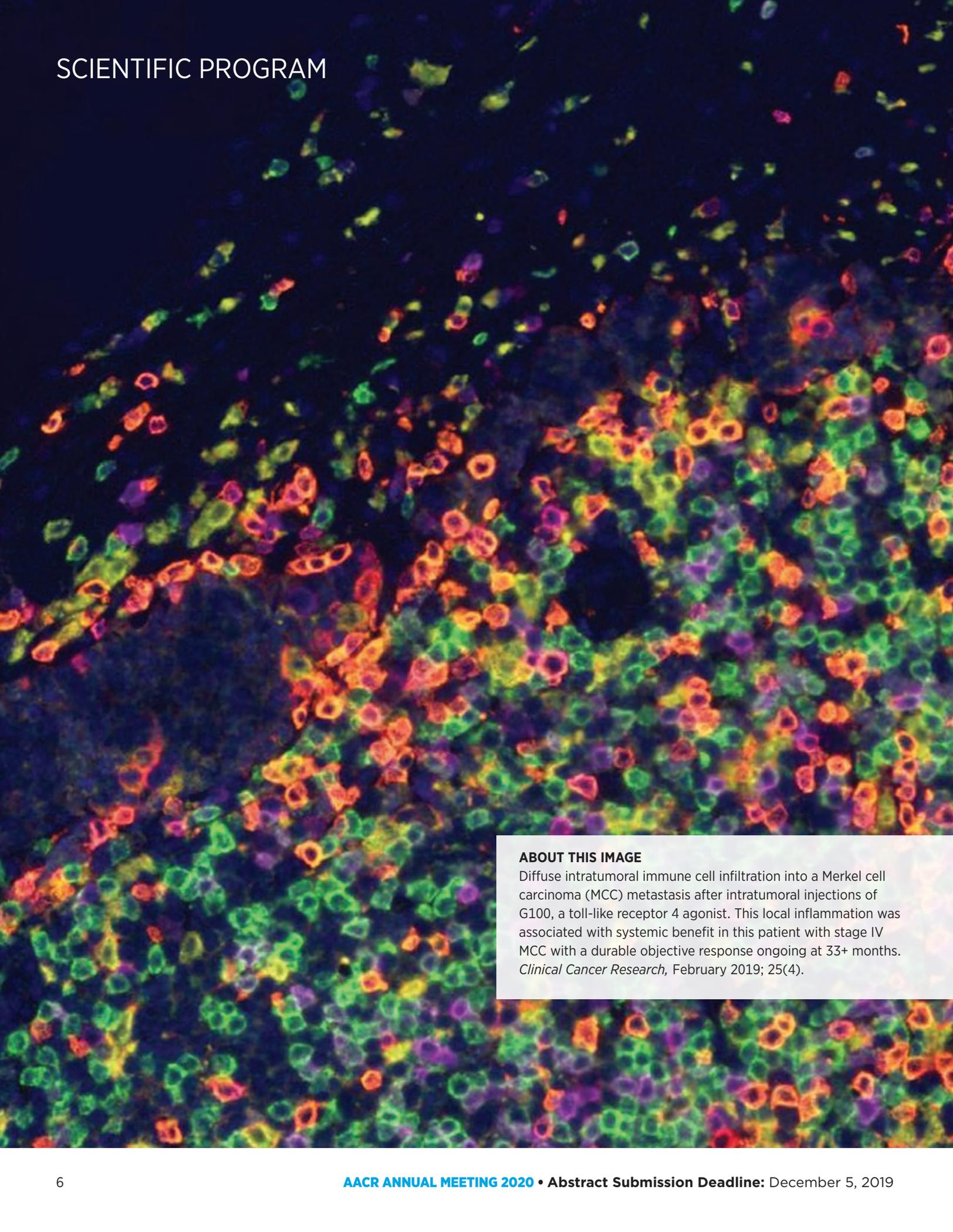
## MAJOR SYMPOSIA

Advances in Cancer Nanotechnology  
Alternatives to Classical DNA Repair: How, When, and Where Are They Implemented?  
Cancer and the Microbiome: Implications for Treatment Efficacy  
Cancer Immunometabolism  
The Clinical Proteomic Tumor Analysis Consortium: Building a Proteogenomic Atlas of Cancer  
Colorectal Cancer Chemoprevention  
CRISPR Dependency Mapping  
Cytokine Receptor Signaling  
Deubiquitylating Enzymes (DUBs) as Targets for Cancer Therapy  
Developing Rational Combinations of Targeted Drugs  
Diet, Clock, and Cancer  
Drugging KRAS  
Engineering and Modulating Natural Killer (NK) Cells for Cancer Immunotherapy  
Epigenetic Origin of Cancers: Oncohistones and Chromatin Modifiers or Chromatin Deregulation in Cancer  
Familial Predisposition: Precision Medicine and Targeted Therapy  
From 'Omics Data to Prognostic and Predictive Biomarkers  
Functional Precision Medicine: Choosing the Right Drugs for the Right Patient  
Germline Influence on Immunotherapy Outcomes  
Hypoxia and Genetic Instability



**ABOUT THIS IMAGE**

Development of B-cell lymphoma is associated with chronic inflammation, and autoimmune disease can be a driver of such inflammation. The inhibitory IL1R family member, IL1R8, modulates inflammatory responses. *Cancer Immunology Research*, June 2019; 7(6).



## **ABOUT THIS IMAGE**

Diffuse intratumoral immune cell infiltration into a Merkel cell carcinoma (MCC) metastasis after intratumoral injections of G100, a toll-like receptor 4 agonist. This local inflammation was associated with systemic benefit in this patient with stage IV MCC with a durable objective response ongoing at 33+ months. *Clinical Cancer Research*, February 2019; 25(4).

Imaging

Implications of CHIP (Clonal Hematopoiesis) on Human Health

Improving Therapy through Normalization of the Tumor Microenvironment

Matrix, Exosomes, and TME Cells in the Metastatic Niche

Mechanisms and Biomarkers for Response and Resistance to Immune Therapy

Modeling Metastatic Progression in the Mouse

Neoadjuvant Therapy for Melanoma and Other Cancers

New Approaches to Chimeric Antigen Receptors

New Combinations of Targeted Therapies and Immunotherapies

Next Frontiers in Adjuvant Therapy

Next-Generation Epigenetic Drugs

Oligometastatic Disease: New Treatment Options and Opportunities

Paracrine Signaling in Cancer

Phase Separation, Transcription, and Cancer

Presidential Select Symposium: Precision Sequencing Trials

Progress from Personalized Cancer Vaccine Trials

Radiomics in Oncology

The Role of Intratumoral Microbes in Modulating Therapy Response

Single-Cell Analysis: Changing the Landscape of Cancer Research

Stem Cells

T Cells in Cancer

TCR Targeting of Mutational Neoantigens

Tracking Tumor Ecological and Evolutionary Dynamics: From Initiation through Metastasis

Tumor Cell Plasticity and Resistance to Cancer Therapies

When Is Transforming Growth Factor Beta Targetable?

## ADVANCES IN DIAGNOSTICS AND THERAPEUTICS

Advances in Diagnostic Tests

Advances in Drug Delivery

Canine Models for Tumor Immunotherapy and Immunogenomics

Computational Methods for Immunogenomics and Immunotherapy

DNA Damage Response

Hybrid Technologies for Cancer Imaging and Image-Guided Interventions

Management of Toxicity of Immune Cell Therapy

Overcoming Resistance to Third-Generation EGFR and ALK Inhibitors

Proton Therapy and FLASH Irradiation

Targeting Transcriptional CDKs in Cancer

Towards Real-Time Treatment Decision Making: Noninvasive Monitoring of Minimal Residual Disease via Liquid Biopsy

## ADVANCES IN PREVENTION, EARLY DETECTION, AND INTERCEPTION

Exploiting the Microenvironment to Prevent Cachexia

Interception of Preneoplasia

Molecular Targets of Precision Prevention and Interception

Opportunities for Cancer Control in Rural and Frontier Populations

Radiation-Induced Cancers and Cancer Survivorship

## ADVANCES IN THE SCIENCE OF CANCER HEALTH DISPARITIES

Evaluation of Racial and Ethnic Specific Xenografts as Models for Molecular Targeted Therapies

Global Factors Involved in Reducing Cancer Incidence

Pan-cancer Distinctions in Tumor Biology across Ethnicity and Genetic Ancestry

Precision Medicine in Underserved Populations

## ADVANCES IN ORGAN SITE RESEARCH

Advances in Cholangiocarcinoma

Advances in Endometrial Cancer

Advances in Sarcoma Therapy

Developing More Effective Therapies for Triple-Negative Breast Cancer

Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma

Emerging Concepts in Liver Cancer Research

Next-Generation Treatments for Melanoma: Building on Success

Pathways to Early Detection of Pancreatic Cancer

Solid Tumor Brain Metastasis

Targeting Signaling Pathways in Colon Cancer

Therapeutic Vulnerabilities and Resistance Mechanisms in Estrogen Receptor-Positive Breast Cancer

Treating Renal Cell Cancer with Targeted Drugs

# SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

## FORUMS

- Are There Cancer Stem Cells?
- Biostatistics Pandemonium: Should Science Be Guided by p-Values?
- CAR T-cell Therapy or T-cell Engager?
- Data Science and Machine Learning: Will They Revolutionize Cancer Care and Research?
- Disparities in Cancer Outcomes: Biology, Access, and Equity
- Entrepreneurship in Developing New Cancer Therapies
- Is the Abscopal Effect Real?
- Microbiome Pandemonium: Checkpoints and the Microbiome
- Patient-Derived Models for Cancer
- To Wake or Not to Wake the Sleeping Giant: How Best to Address Tumor Cell Dormancy and Treatment
- What Is the Role for Oncolytic Viruses in Cancer Treatment?

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM: EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS AND METHODS WORKSHOPS

Educational programming will begin on Friday, April 24, at 3:00 p.m. and continue through Saturday, April 25. The Educational Program is an integral part of the meeting and provides attendees with an opportunity to expand their knowledge base. For a flat fee of \$50 for AACR members and \$75 for nonmembers, meeting registrants can purchase an Educational Program Pass granting access to the complete educational program of more than 60 unique sessions covering all areas of cancer research, including the following popular multisession programs:

- **Tumor Immunology and Immunotherapy for Nonimmunologists.** Annually, this two-part series combines a comprehensive review of a hot topic in the field with a roundtable session that enables attendees to participate in group discussions with leading experts in the field.
- **Chemistry to the Clinic.** This three-part series provides attendees with foundational knowledge of critical elements of the drug development process, such as lead optimization, identification of targets, and drug modalities.
- **Clinical Trial Design.** Over the course of three consecutive sessions, this Methods Workshop will provide attendees with a historical and methodologic understanding of clinical trials and demonstrate how to design an appropriate trial to answer the scientific questions presented by emerging treatments.

Additional details will be posted at [AACR.org/AACR2020](http://AACR.org/AACR2020).

## POLICY SESSIONS

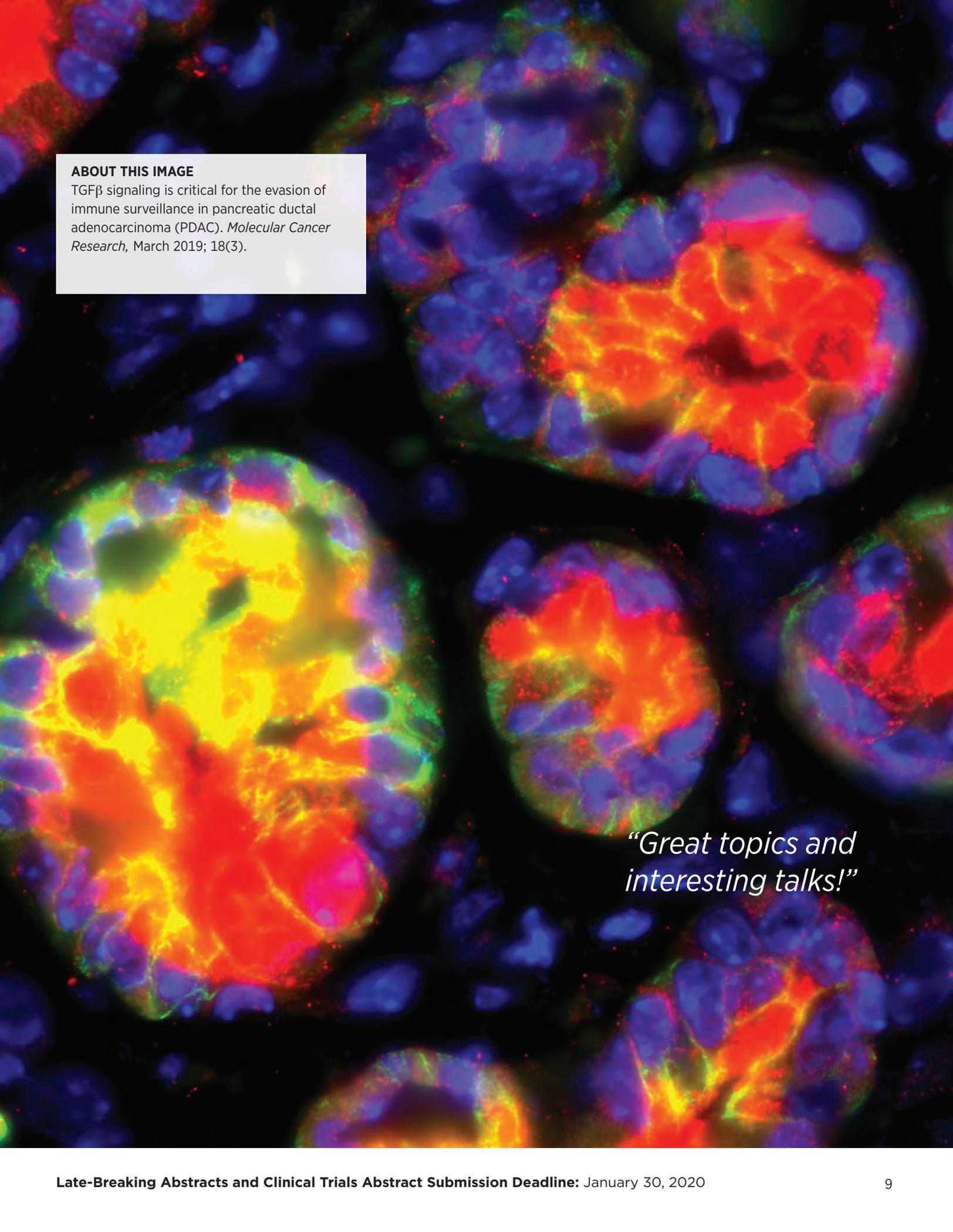
Decisions made by policymakers in Washington, DC, have a direct impact on cancer research and the progress being made against cancer in the United States and throughout the world. The AACR sponsors sessions with government leaders, academic researchers, patient advocates, cancer survivors, and industry representatives to foster dialogue about the emerging topics of science, health, and regulatory science and policy.

The **Science and Health Policy Track** includes sessions that will provide attendees with an opportunity to learn about how policy impacts science, and vice versa. Science policy sessions will examine the current political environment affecting federal funding for the U.S. NIH and NCI, including ways for scientists to get involved in advocating for robust, sustained, and predictable budget increases. Health policy sessions will explore how scientific evidence can inform policy on cancer prevention and control and what impact policies are having on patients and communities. Past health policy sessions have covered topics such as tobacco control, health insurance coverage, and the prevention and control of pathogen-related cancers.

The **Regulatory Science and Policy Track** includes informative sessions designed to highlight recent regulatory developments and provide an open forum for the consideration of issues that the FDA faces as the agency seeks to accelerate the pace of approval of safe and effective treatments for cancer patients. These sessions offer an opportunity for attendees to discuss cutting-edge issues in cancer drug, biologic, and diagnostic regulation with stakeholders from academia, industry, advocacy, and government. Past regulatory science and policy topics have included case studies of recently approved breakthrough therapies, regulatory considerations for developing liquid biopsy tests, implications of site-agnostic therapy approval for drug development, and applications for artificial intelligence/machine learning in regulatory decision-making.

The **Science of Survivorship Track** includes sessions highlighting new and high-value areas of research to address the array of challenges facing long-term cancer survivors. Sessions invite trans-sector discussion among the survivor and advocacy communities, basic and clinical researchers, the tech industry, health care providers, and government. Past science of survivorship topics have included aging and cancer, long-term survivorship and vulnerable populations, development of new survivorship models, patient-reported outcomes, data sharing, and patient engagement.

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**ABOUT THIS IMAGE**

TGF $\beta$  signaling is critical for the evasion of immune surveillance in pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (PDAC). *Molecular Cancer Research*, March 2019; 18(3).

*“Great topics and interesting talks!”*

## SUBMIT YOUR CLINICAL TRIALS ABSTRACTS TO THE AACR ANNUAL MEETING 2020

Become a part of our growing science-based clinical research program at the Annual Meeting and help us showcase how research continues to transform the lives of cancer patients.

### WHY YOU SHOULD SUBMIT

- Numerous and unique oral presentation opportunities
  - Four Clinical Trials Plenary Sessions offering companion presentations discussing the science behind the trials presented
  - Three Clinical Trials Minisymposia
- Poster presentations
- Opportunities for extensive national media coverage through the AACR press program
- Opportunities to simultaneously present your work and publish a manuscript in a high-impact AACR journal
  - Indicate your intention to submit a manuscript during the abstract submission process.
  - Contact [pubs@aacr.org](mailto:pubs@aacr.org) with any questions.
- No restrictions on presenters if the presentation is CME-compliant

### WHAT TO SUBMIT

- Any phase (I, II, III, or any combination) abstract from national or international clinical trials
- Promising ongoing trials, or unique trial designs that have not yet yielded results, to the Clinical Trials in Progress category (CT07)
- Encore clinical trials presentations that have been presented solely in abstract form, including publication in conference proceedings. Submissions must include significant additional data from the previous presentation (as determined by the review committee).
- See pages 27-29 for clinical trials (CT) abstract categories and visit [AACR.org/AACR2020](http://AACR.org/AACR2020) for submission guidelines.

### WHEN TO SUBMIT

- Submit your completed or placeholder abstract(s) by the **January 30, 2020** deadline for clinical trials and late-breaking abstracts. The clinical trials (CT) abstract categories will not be available for submissions for the **December 5, 2019** deadline.
- Final results and conclusions for placeholder abstracts are due by **February 20, 2020**.

**In 2019:**

**16**

**TRIALS IN 4 CLINICAL TRIALS PLENARY SESSIONS**

**22**

**TRIALS IN 3 CLINICAL TRIALS MINISYMPOSIA**

**175**

**TRIALS IN 8 CLINICAL TRIALS AND TRIALS IN  
PROGRESS POSTER SESSIONS**



## PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

In support of its mission to promote the education and training of cancer scientists and clinicians and to cultivate a highly skilled and diverse cancer research workforce, the AACR provides Annual Meeting attendees at all career stages—from high school and undergraduate students to senior investigators—with opportunities to enhance and advance their careers. For more information about any of the professional development opportunities that follow, visit [AACR.org/AACR2020](http://AACR.org/AACR2020) and click on the “Professional Development Opportunities” tab.

### NEXTGEN STARS

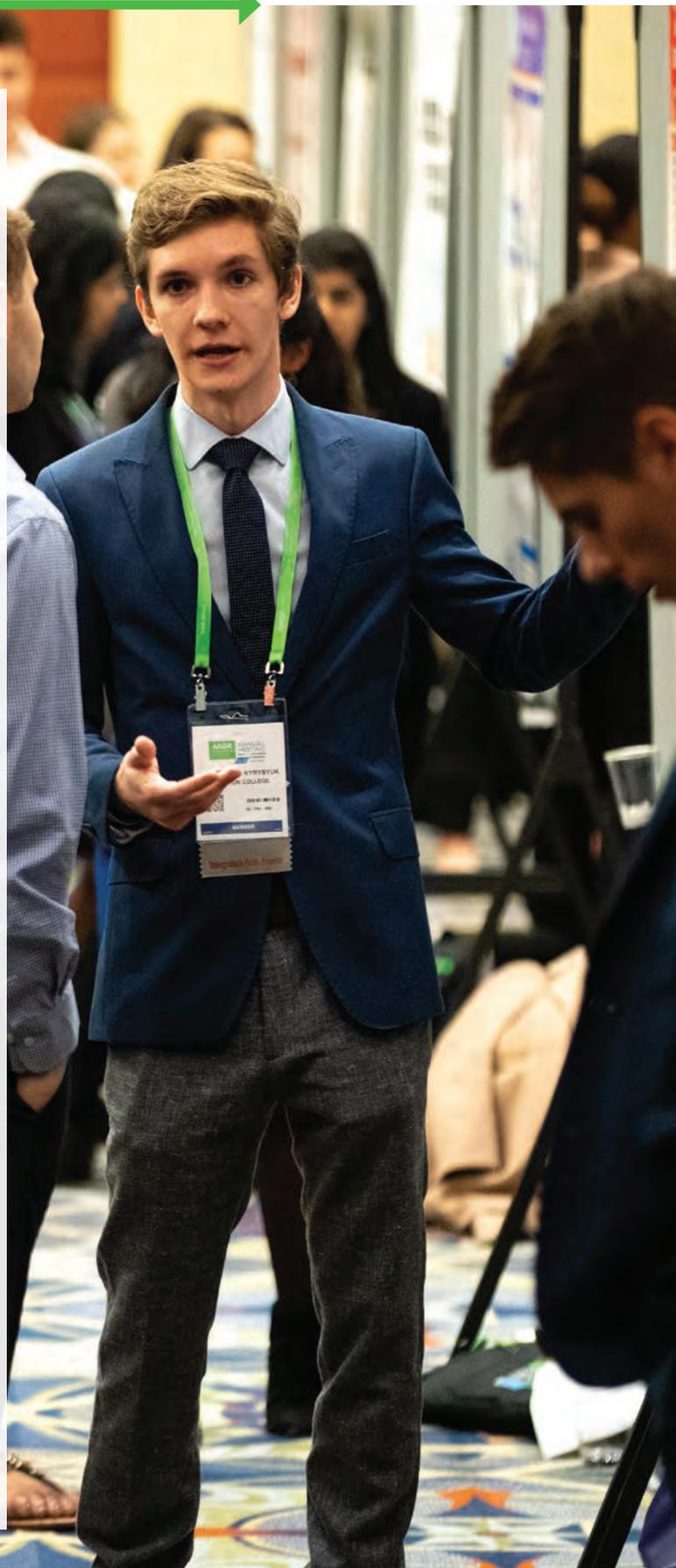
Early-career scientists can apply to give a presentation in a Major Symposium or Advances Session at the AACR Annual Meeting 2020. Speaking slots are limited and are only available to AACR Associate Members and AACR Active Members who are at the level of assistant professor or equivalent. The NextGen Stars program provides an exciting opportunity to increase the visibility of early-career scientists at the AACR Annual Meeting and to support the professional development and advancement of those selected to speak.

The deadline to submit applications is **11:59 p.m. U.S. ET, October 10, 2019**. Applications consist of an extended abstract (limit 8,000 characters); a CV; and a letter of recommendation from a P.I., department head, or another mentor who is familiar with the applicant’s work. Applicants selected as NextGen Stars for 2020 will receive travel support and complimentary registration for the meeting. Details can be found at [AACR.org/AACR2020](http://AACR.org/AACR2020) under the “NextGen Stars” tab.

### PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT SESSIONS Exclusive Member Benefit

The Professional Advancement Sessions have long been an integral part of the AACR Annual Meeting experience, representing our dedication to the education, training, and career advancement of cancer research investigators. Several interactive and engaging professional development and advancement opportunities have been organized to provide important skills to investigators at all levels, from students to senior faculty.

All Professional Advancement Sessions are free and exclusive to AACR members. Advance registration is only available for the Personalized Career Conversations session and Undergraduate Student Caucus and Poster Competition. Participation in all other sessions is on a first-come, first-served basis, and space is limited, so please be sure you are a current member to attend. There is no cost to join as a Student (high school students and undergraduates) or Associate Member (graduate students, medical students and residents, and clinical and postdoctoral fellows who are enrolled in education or training programs that could lead to a career in cancer research). If you are not an AACR member, we strongly



encourage you to join and take advantage of the many benefits of membership, including advance housing reservations, the privilege of sponsoring abstracts, and reduced member rates for Annual Meeting 2020. Visit [AACR.org/Membership](http://AACR.org/Membership) to apply today!

As an additional member benefit, webcasts of selected Professional Advancement Session presentations are now available free to AACR members in good standing. Members can create a login and view presentations from the Annual Meeting at <http://webcast.aacr.org/access/newmember>. (Note: Participation in the Annual Meeting Webcast is left to the discretion of each speaker. As a result, some presentations may not be available for webcasting, and some webcast presentations may not include all slides.)

Professional Advancement Sessions at the Annual Meeting 2020 will include the following events. More sessions will be added to the program soon; visit [AACR.org/AACR2020](http://AACR.org/AACR2020) for session updates, including opportunities for physician-scientists and early-career and early-stage investigators.

## 15th Annual Undergraduate Student Caucus and Poster Competition

**Saturday, April 25 • 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

With over 200 undergraduate student participants every year, the Undergraduate Student Caucus Poster Competition continues to be the premier event for undergraduate students attending the AACR Annual Meeting. Now in its 15th year, this session gives undergraduates the opportunity to learn more about current research in the cancer field, hear from investigators about educational pathways and career development, explore career options in the cancer field, and compete for monetary prizes while presenting research. Undergraduates at all levels are welcome to participate without cost. AACR members are encouraged to volunteer as judges; visit [AACR.org/ScienceEducation](http://AACR.org/ScienceEducation) for more information.

## Careers in Cancer Research Roundtable

**Saturday, April 25 • 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**

This annual session (formerly titled “Careers in Clinical and Translational Cancer Research Roundtable”) includes informal roundtable discussions with recognized leaders in basic, clinical, translational, and population science. Participating senior investigators of world renown will mentor aspiring investigators from all career stages by sharing their own personal perspectives on the experiences and successes that have helped them establish their successful career paths. More details will be available online soon.

## Navigating the Road to a Successful Career in Cancer Research

**Monday, April 27 • 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.**

This exciting collaborative roundtable session and networking reception organized by the Associate Member Council (AMC), Minorities in Cancer Research (MICR) Council, Science Education

and Career Advancement Committee (SECAC), and Women in Cancer Research (WICR) Council provides a forum in which students, early-career researchers, and early-stage investigators can discuss critical career development topics and survival skills with established researchers from a variety of sectors, including academia, government, and industry. This session is a must for all individuals pursuing careers in cancer research or other biomedical sciences. Look for additional information on this must-attend event online and in future Annual Meeting announcements.

## Special Program for High School Students: The Conquest of Cancer and the Next Generation of Cancer Researchers

**Tuesday, April 28 • 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

This engaging and interactive program is designed to inspire students to pursue careers in cancer research and biomedical sciences by providing an opportunity for them to learn about cancer from cancer research experts while interacting with their peers. The program includes lectures, tours of the exhibits and poster areas, student presentations, and a networking lunch. AACR members are encouraged to volunteer as mentors. More details will be available online shortly.

Please visit [AACR.org/AACR2020](http://AACR.org/AACR2020) for more details, including scheduling information for the following Professional Advancement Sessions.

## The Critical Role of Physician-Scientists in Advancing Cancer Science—Recommendations for Continued Success

This panel and networking session will explore the critical and unique role of physician-scientists and strategies for their continued success in the face of increasing competitiveness in all domains of their professional service—scientific, clinical, educational, and administrative. The program includes key insights and pointers from successful physician-scientists on funding mechanisms, perspectives from a cancer center director, and much more. Look for additional information on this session online and in future Annual Meeting announcements.

## Personalized Career Conversations

Organized by the Associate Member Council (AMC), Minorities in Cancer Research (MICR) Council, Science Education and Career Advancement Committee (SECAC), and Women in Cancer Research (WICR) Council, this session provides a unique opportunity for early-career AACR Associate members to be paired with two distinguished cancer researchers, each for a 15-minute one-on-one conversation. Participants will also have the opportunity to informally network with peers and members from the organizing groups to gain additional perspectives

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about various career topics. There is no cost to participate, but preregistration is required. Preregistration information and a list of this year's participating senior scientists from across various sectors—including academia, government and industry—will be available online shortly.

## **NEW Session: Communication Skills for Cancer Researchers**

The AACR Science Education and Career Advancement Committee is proud to offer a new session for investigators at all career stages to discuss ways to efficiently and effectively communicate science to different audiences—both peers and the public. As specific communication skills are rarely directly addressed during the trainee setting, this Professional Advancement Session will introduce participants to the basic components of effective and concise communication while also defining the difference between “scientific” and “science” communications. More details will be available online soon.

## **NEW Session: Important Strategies for Early-Stage Investigators**

The AACR Science Education and Career Advancement Committee is excited to offer this unique opportunity for new investigators at the junior faculty/equivalent level to learn skills and strategies for addressing questions that can affect their success in the first independent leadership position. Designed specifically for those who have already made the transition from trainee to the next career stage inside and outside academia, this is a must-attend session for all early-stage investigators. More details will be available online soon.

## **RELATED CAREER ADVANCEMENT SESSIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

Please visit [AACR.org/AACR2020](http://AACR.org/AACR2020) for more details, including scheduling information for the following career advancement sessions and opportunities.

### **Meet the Research Icon: A Dialogue with Associate Members**

These informal fireside chats will allow Associate Members to have up-close-and-personal time with renowned senior researchers in a small-group setting to meet, interact, and gain career advice. These sessions are free and do not require preregistration; however, participation is limited to Associate Members.

### **Career Discussions**

These informal networking and discussion sessions are designed for early-career researchers to interact with recently transitioned physician-scientist and junior faculty/equivalent peers around various career topics such as “Searching for the Right Postdoctoral Position.” Additional career topics for 2020 will be announced online shortly. All sessions take place in AACR Central with seating on a first-come, first-served basis.

### **Meet the Editor-in-Chief**

The Editors-in-Chief will hold informational sessions to share their editorial vision and to answer author-related inquiries. These sessions will be held in the Publications Booth (#2005) in the Exhibit Hall. Please check the itinerary planner for dates and times for the sessions for each of the AACR journals.

### **Meet the Mentor: Undergraduate Student Focus**

This session features esteemed senior scientists who will engage undergraduate students in informal discussions about cancer research. The session is intended to help guide students in their educational pursuit of establishing a career in cancer research. All undergraduate student attendees at the Annual Meeting are encouraged to participate.

## **NETWORKING HUBS**

**Sunday, April 26 • 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

AACR Networking Hubs will be offered as a “can’t miss” opportunity for young investigators attending the Annual Meeting. The Hubs will target several rapidly advancing areas of research. There will be no formal program, but your participation in one of the Hubs will be a fun opportunity to socialize and network with colleagues and potential collaborators working in your area, as well as with some of the most respected investigators in the cancer research community. Look for more information about this opportunity in the coming months at [AACR.org/AACR2020](http://AACR.org/AACR2020) under the “Professional Development Opportunities” tab.

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## CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME)



The AACR's Continuing Medical Education (CME) Program brings the latest cancer research from "bench to bedside and back." We have been awarded Accreditation with Commendation status by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical

Education (ACCME). Our CME Program consists of educational interventions designed to encourage the analysis and discussion of the latest findings in all areas of basic, translational, and clinical cancer research not only among researchers, but also by engaging clinicians in this scientific discourse. The AACR is committed to advancing the ability of clinicians to apply critical aspects of cancer research to the clinical practice of oncology to aid in the detection, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of cancer. The AACR Annual Meeting 2020 will be a Continuing Medical Education Activity and *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* will be available. This is a great opportunity to complete your required credit hours.

## Meet Your MOC Point Requirements



If you are a physician, you can meet your Maintenance of Certification (MOC) point requirements at the AACR Annual Meeting

2020. The meeting is CME/MOC accredited. Successful completion of the CME activity enables you to earn MOC points of the American Board of Internal Medicine's (ABIM) Maintenance of Certification program and the American Board of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery.

## AACR'S COMMITMENT TO SURVIVOR AND PATIENT ADVOCACY

The cancer patient's voice has never been more important than in today's environment, especially as patients are increasingly giving selflessly of their tissues and personal data to advance progress. Additionally, cancer patient advocates are playing a crucial role in educating patients about their options, serving on committees, and thereby contributing to cancer research and regulatory policy, increasing awareness among legislators and the general public, and raising precious funds for cancer research.

Therefore, the AACR strongly welcomes cancer patient advocates to both attend and participate in each AACR Annual Meeting. Discounted registration rates are available for patient advocates.

## AACR SCIENTIST↔SURVIVOR PROGRAM

A special advocacy program that the AACR hosts each year is the AACR Scientist↔Survivor Program (SSP), which is now in its 22nd year. Led admirably since its inception by Anna D. Barker, PhD, of Arizona State University, SSP is designed to build enduring partnerships among the leaders of the scientific, cancer survivor, and patient advocacy communities worldwide. The program has a competitive application process and occurs twice each year, with the larger program being held at the AACR Annual Meeting.

This unique program provides an opportunity for patient advocates to learn about cancer research and to interact with scientists, physicians, health care professionals, and other advocates. Specifically, representatives from patient advocacy come together to discuss the latest findings in cancer research, foster collaborative interdisciplinary partnerships, and promote progress in new research areas in the cancer field. Advocates benefit from special scientific lectures in lay terms, stimulating small group discussions, and other opportunities to exchange information on key aspects of cancer research, survivorship, advocacy, and public policy.

If you are interested in applying for this year's SSP, which is taking place in San Diego from April 25-29, 2020, please visit [AACR.org/SSP2020](http://AACR.org/SSP2020) or contact us at [advocacy@aacr.org](mailto:advocacy@aacr.org).

Patient advocates can also engage with the AACR in many ways throughout the year, including through AACR's magazine *Cancer Today*, the AACR Foundation, the annual *AACR Cancer Progress Report*, and by participating in advocacy days on Capitol Hill.

## AACR CANCERCAREERS.ORG CENTER

The CancerCareers.org Center at the AACR Annual Meeting 2020 is a resource for scientists at all levels to explore career options in academia, industry, and government. The CancerCareers.org Center is available to employers and job seekers throughout the Annual Meeting 2020. Visit [CancerCareers.org](http://CancerCareers.org) to upload your CV.

## AACR 2020 CANCER AND BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH CAREER FAIR

**Saturday, April 25 • 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

The AACR is pleased to announce its 2020 Cancer and Biomedical Research Career Fair. Whether you are a research scientist or an employer, this is the Career Fair for you, and we invite you to join us for this premier recruiting event. If you are a scientist seeking opportunities within academia, government, or industry, you will meet with representatives who are seeking to fill many positions. As an employer, you will have the opportunity to meet with hundreds of prospective candidates. Please visit [CancerCareers.org](http://CancerCareers.org) to learn more about the 2020 Career Fair, search for scientific positions, and upload your CV/resume. Employers may also post their open positions.

At the crossroads of the Exhibit Hall, AACR Central is your one-stop source for information on and assistance with all AACR programs and services. Whether you need to ask a question, check your membership status, learn more about the Associate Member Council, pick up a copy of one of our nine journals, attend a Professional Advancement session, or meet up with a colleague, make AACR Central the starting point when you tour the Exhibit Hall.

### AACR MEMBERSHIP CENTER

The AACR Membership Center provides a place where members can obtain information regarding their membership, join Association groups within the AACR, update contact information, pay annual dues, transfer to other categories of membership, and become familiar with new membership services. Nonmembers are encouraged to visit the Membership Center to submit an application for membership. The AACR has eliminated dues for Associate Members, and AACR Central is the best place to take advantage of this offer. The AACR is also eager to support the exchange of knowledge and research with investigators who are located in countries with emerging economies. (Significantly reduced membership dues are available for these investigators.) Visit the Membership Center to learn more about these and other opportunities available through the AACR.

### MINORITIES IN CANCER RESEARCH NETWORKING AND RESOURCE CENTER

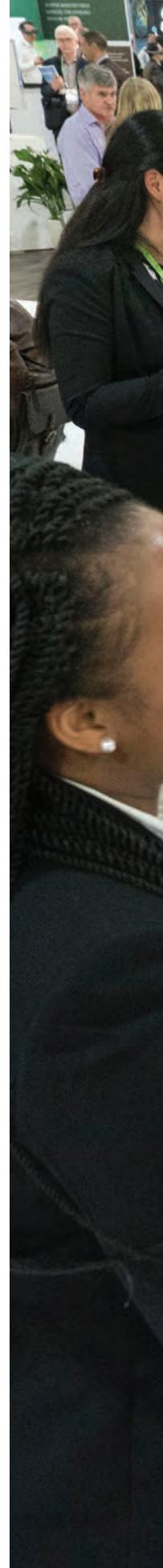
The Minorities in Cancer Research (MICR) Networking and Resource Center hosts exciting meet-and-greet opportunities with prominent investigators and provides meeting attendees with a comfortable and social environment for networking one-on-one and in small groups. All MICR members and Annual Meeting registrants are encouraged to visit the MICR Networking and Resource Center to learn about AACR and MICR programs, awards, funding, and more.

### WOMEN IN CANCER RESEARCH NETWORKING AND RESOURCE CENTER

The Women in Cancer Research (WICR) Networking and Resource Center is the location for networking with members of the WICR Council, WICR Scholars, and members of WICR. All Annual Meeting attendees and WICR members are invited to use the Center during exhibit hours for networking and to learn more about professional advancement opportunities and other programs of interest.

### AACR AMPHITHEATER

The AACR Amphitheater hosts a variety of sessions, including “Career Discussions” and “Meet the AACR President.” All sessions provide a special opportunity for interactive discussion in a small-group setting and are free, but seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis.



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## MAKING NATIONAL HEADLINES

The AACR is the authoritative resource and voice for cancer research, and the AACR Annual Meeting garners the best in national and international news coverage. The AACR Annual Meeting 2019, with 190 registered reporters, showcased an incredible mix of innovative clinical, translational, and basic research and generated top-tier news coverage in media outlets, including The Associated Press, Reuters, CBS Evening News, NBC News, CNN, *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *Forbes*, *STAT*, *Time*, *Science*, and *Nature*, among many others.

All abstracts accepted for presentation at the meeting will be considered for inclusion in the official AACR Annual Meeting 2020 press program. For more information on the AACR Annual Meeting press program, please contact Julia Gunther at [julia.gunther@aacr.org](mailto:julia.gunther@aacr.org) or Rachel Salis-Silverman at [rachel.silverman@aacr.org](mailto:rachel.silverman@aacr.org).

## TRENDING ON SOCIAL MEDIA

The AACR Annual Meeting 2019 also generated significant social media activity in the cancer research community. Social media highlights included:

- **6,759**  
people joining the conversation on Twitter
- **25,197**  
total tweets using the #AACR19 hashtag
- **129,545,000**  
total impressions





## MEDIA COVERAGE HIGHLIGHTS



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## ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM/ NAVIGATION

Annual Meeting attendees can use the following electronic and print resources to plan their itineraries and navigate the meeting:

- **Online Itinerary Planner (available January 6, 2020).** Search all Annual Meeting presentations (including all proffered abstracts beginning March 24, 2020) by author/speaker, title word, and keyword and create a personal itinerary for the meeting. Personal itineraries created in the Itinerary Planner can be exported as an iCalendar file into attendees' personal Outlook, Google Calendar, or Apple iCal applications. Itineraries can also be imported into the Annual Meeting App (see below).
- **Annual Meeting App (available early April 2020).** Attendees can carry the Annual Meeting wherever they go—with or without a network connection. The Annual Meeting App is available in native versions to serve users of iPhone, iPad, and Android devices and also in a browser-based version for use on most web-enabled smartphones and tablets.  
  
Once downloaded, all App content and functionality is stored natively on the user's Apple or Android device and can be accessed without an Internet connection—including the full text of more than 6,000 abstracts. Users can search, browse, and select sessions to create a personal itinerary for the meeting. They can also import their itineraries from the Online Itinerary Planner (see above).
- **Print Program Guide.** All attendees receive a portable *Program Guide* containing the dates, times, locations, and titles of all Annual Meeting sessions. *The Program Guide* also contains the names of the chairs and invited speakers in each session as well as the titles of all invited presentations. More detailed program information (including the Minisymposium and Poster Session presentations) is available in the electronic versions of the program (see above).
- **Print Guide to Poster Sessions and Exhibits.** Detailed information on the Poster Sessions (including the complete titles and authors of the posters presented) and the Exhibit Show is available in this print guide. A limited number of copies of the guide are made available in the Registration Area and in the Exhibit Hall for attendees to pick up. Complete Poster Session information is also available in the electronic versions of the program (see above).
- **AACR Engage: Second-Screen Presentation Access.** The AACR will offer access to presentations on personal devices for the full Educational Program, Forums, and a limited number of additional sessions at the Annual Meeting. Attendees

participating in these sessions will be able to view the session slides on their smartphones, tablets, or laptops and make notes on the slides. At the presenter's discretion, attendees will also be able to respond to poll questions or submit questions to the presenter.

## ANNUAL MEETING ABSTRACTS

The following electronic and print resources are available to attendees who wish to access the proffered abstracts accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting:

- **Online Proceedings/Itinerary Planner (abstracts available March 24, 2020).** The Online *Proceedings/Itinerary Planner* provides fully searchable access to the full text of all proffered abstracts (see above).
  - **Annual Meeting App (available early April 2020).** The full text of all proffered abstracts is stored natively in the Annual Meeting App (see above).
  - **Mobile Proceedings (available mid-April 2020).** The mobile edition of the *Proceedings* of the AACR contains full texts of all regular proffered abstracts as well as the extended abstracts submitted by invited speakers (clinical trial and late-breaking abstracts are not included). The mobile edition is available in mobi and e-pub file formats for download to devices such as the Amazon Kindle, iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch, Sony Reader, and the Barnes & Noble Nook.
  - **Abstracts on Flash Drive (available for purchase).** The Annual Meeting Flash Drive contains all proffered regular abstracts as well as the extended abstracts submitted by invited speakers (clinical trial and late-breaking abstracts are not included). Users can search and browse all Annual Meeting abstract presentations by author/speaker, title word, keyword, and session type. To obtain a copy of the Flash Drive at the meeting, attendees must order by **February 21, 2020**, and check the appropriate box when registering. The cost of the Flash Drive is \$20.
  - **Online Supplement to Cancer Research (available June 2020).** Approximately eight weeks after the Annual Meeting, all presented abstracts are published as an online-only supplement to the AACR journal *Cancer Research*.
- Please Note:** Due to declining demand, the print *Proceedings* will no longer be offered for purchase to Annual Meeting attendees. Annual Meeting abstracts will continue to be available in HTML, PDF, and flash drive formats as outlined above.



## ANNUAL MEETING PRESENTATIONS

**Free to Paid Registrants: Annual Meeting 2020 Webcast.** All paid registrants receive exclusive online streaming access to the audio and slides of all scientific sessions presented at the AACR Annual Meeting 2020.\* Webcast presentations will be made available on the following schedule:

- **April 26-29, 2020: 24-Hour Turnaround.** Presentations from selected sessions (including Plenary Sessions) will be made available within 24 hours of the end of the session (pending speaker permission; see below). These presentations will be available free to everyone.
- **May 6, 2020: Limited Early Release.** Presentations from selected sessions will be made available to meeting registrants one week after the end of the Annual Meeting.
- **May 20, 2020: All Remaining Webcasts.** All available webcasts will be available to meeting registrants on this date.

Access is granted via individual username and password. Paid meeting registrants will receive their login information via email after the meeting. Beginning May 20, 2020, nonregistrants may purchase access to the webcast. The cost is \$299 for AACR members and \$399 for nonmembers. Webcast access includes:

- Presentation slides synchronized with recorded audio presentations
- Compatibility with mobile devices and smartphones such as iPad, iPod Touch, iPhone, and Android devices
- Exclusive access to online content for 15 months after the Annual Meeting

\*Participation in the AACR Annual Meeting Webcast is left to the discretion of each speaker. As a result, some presentations may not be available for webcast, and some webcast presentations may not include all slides.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ATTENDANCE

Through the generosity of its loyal supporters and grants from the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the AACR is pleased to provide financial support to meritorious undergraduate students and early-career scientists residing anywhere in the world, and also to members of minority groups residing in the United States and Canada that have been traditionally underrepresented in cancer research and biomedical science, to assist them in attending the AACR Annual Meeting. Detailed information about these award programs, including eligibility and selection criteria, can be found by visiting [AACR.org/AACR2020](http://AACR.org/AACR2020) and clicking on the “Financial Support for Attendance” link.

### AACR SCHOLAR-IN-TRAINING AWARDS (MEMBER-EXCLUSIVE BENEFIT)

Scholar-in-Training Awards of \$500 to \$2,000 are available for Associate Members in good standing who are the presenters of meritorious abstracts at the AACR Annual Meeting. These awards are made possible by the generosity of supporting foundations and corporations. Nonmember graduate students, medical students and residents, clinical fellows or equivalent, and postdoctoral fellows who wish to apply for a Scholar-in-Training Award should submit their AACR membership applications by **November 25, 2019**. The AACR Membership Application Form is available on the AACR website at [AACR.org/Membership](http://AACR.org/Membership). To apply for a Scholar-in-Training Award, an applicant must first submit an abstract, and then complete a separate award application. For details of the application process and the selection criteria, please visit [AACR.org/SITA](http://AACR.org/SITA). **Application deadline: December 9, 2019.**

### AACR GLOBAL SCHOLAR-IN-TRAINING AWARDS

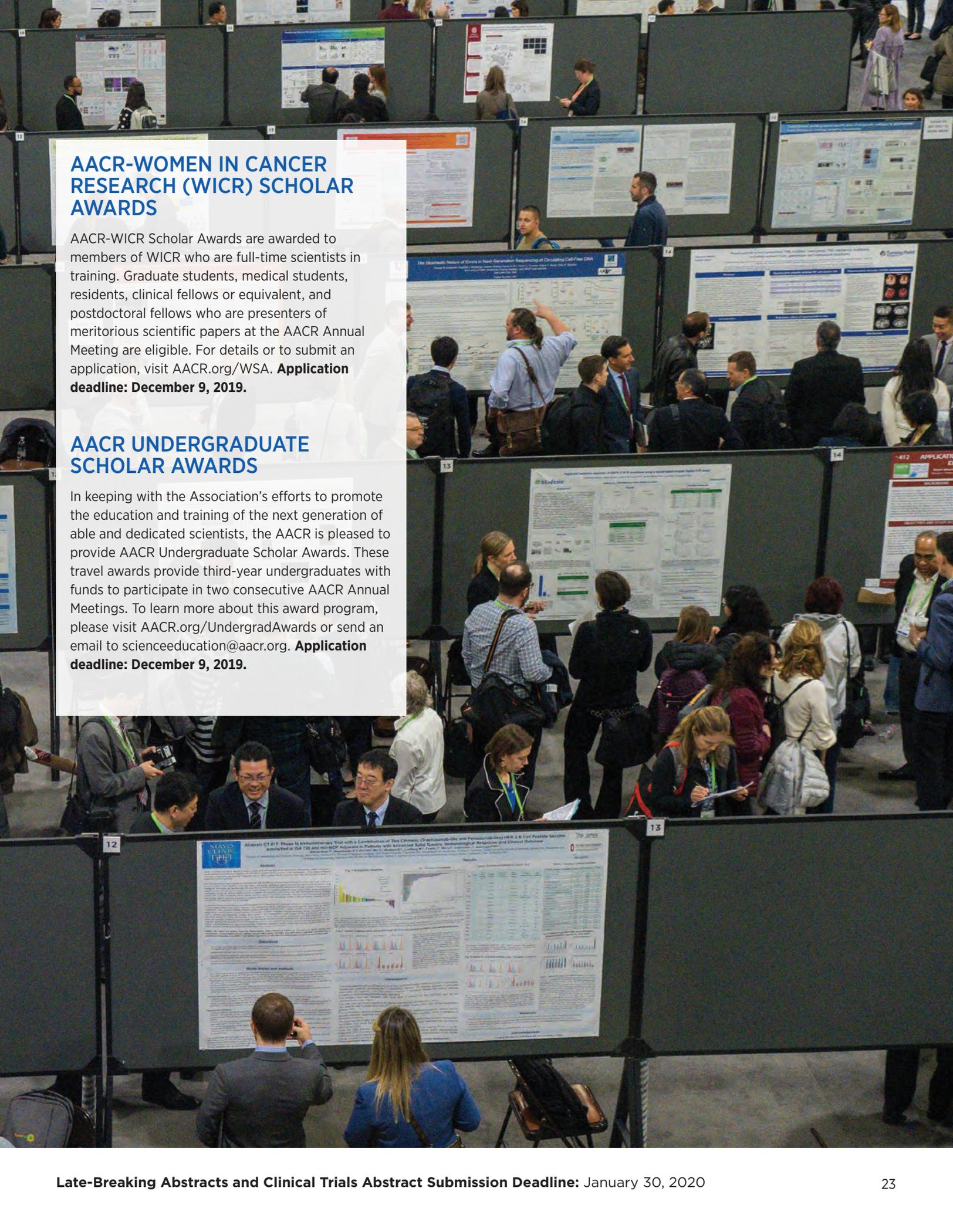
Global Scholar-in-Training Awards (GSITA) of \$2,000 are available for eligible early-career investigators in designated developing countries. Applicants must submit an abstract to the AACR Annual Meeting 2020 and then complete a separate GSITA award application. AACR membership is not required. For additional details and a list of eligible developing countries, visit [AACR.org/GSITA](http://AACR.org/GSITA). **Application deadline: December 9, 2019.**

### AACR-MINORITIES IN CANCER RESEARCH (MICR)-SPONSORED AWARDS

Minorities in Cancer Research (MICR)—a membership group within the AACR—is working to increase the number, participation, visibility, and recognition of minority scientists in cancer research. The AACR Minority and Minority-Serving Institution Faculty Scholar Awards and Minority Scholar Awards are two of several programs sponsored by MICR in support of its mission. These awards are generously supported by the NCI Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities. To learn more, please visit [AACR.org/MICR](http://AACR.org/MICR) or send an email to [micr@aacr.org](mailto:micr@aacr.org).

**AACR Minority and Minority-Serving Institution (MMSI) Faculty Scholar in Cancer Research Awards:** Full-time minority faculty and faculty of Minority-Serving Institutions (Historically Black Colleges and Universities [HBCUs], Hispanic-Serving Institutions [HSIs], American Indian Tribally-Controlled Colleges and Universities [AITCCUs], and other postsecondary institutions as defined by the U.S. Department of Education) who present a proffered paper at this conference are encouraged to apply for this meritorious scholar award for travel. Supported by a generous grant from the Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities of the NCI, the purposes of these awards are to increase the scientific knowledge base of minority faculty and faculty at MSIs, to encourage them in their research, and to assist in inspiring their students to pursue careers in cancer research. Only citizens of the United States or Canada or scientists who are permanent residents of these countries may receive one of these awards. For details or to submit an application, visit [AACR.org/MSI](http://AACR.org/MSI). **Application deadline: December 9, 2019.**

**AACR Minority Scholar in Cancer Research Awards:** Presenters of a proffered paper who are full-time predoctoral (graduate or medical) students, residents, and clinical or postdoctoral fellows who are engaged in cancer research or have the training and potential to make contributions to this field are encouraged to apply for this meritorious scholar award for travel. Supported by a generous grant from the Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities of the NCI, this program applies only to racial/ethnic minority groups that have been identified by the NCI as being traditionally underrepresented in cancer and biomedical research, i.e., African American/Black, Alaskan Native, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, and Native Pacific Islander. Only citizens of the United States or Canada or scientists who are permanent residents of these countries may receive one of these awards. For details or to submit an application, visit [AACR.org/MSA](http://AACR.org/MSA). **Application deadline: December 9, 2019.**

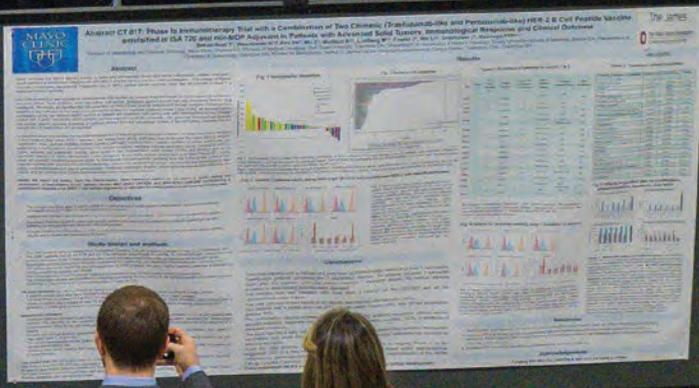


## AACR-WOMEN IN CANCER RESEARCH (WICR) SCHOLAR AWARDS

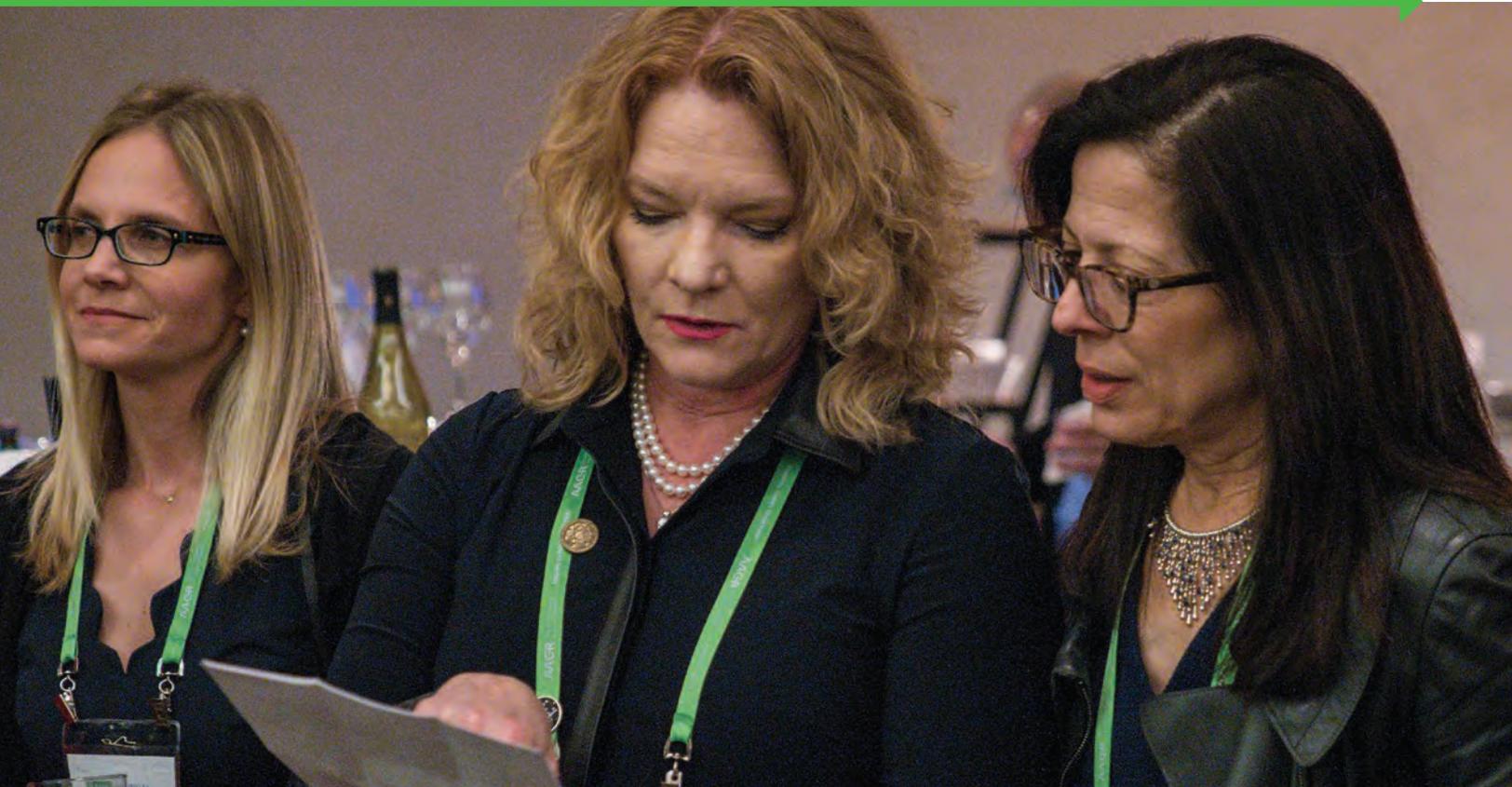
AACR-WICR Scholar Awards are awarded to members of WICR who are full-time scientists in training. Graduate students, medical students, residents, clinical fellows or equivalent, and postdoctoral fellows who are presenters of meritorious scientific papers at the AACR Annual Meeting are eligible. For details or to submit an application, visit [AACR.org/WSA](http://AACR.org/WSA). **Application deadline: December 9, 2019.**

## AACR UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLAR AWARDS

In keeping with the Association's efforts to promote the education and training of the next generation of able and dedicated scientists, the AACR is pleased to provide AACR Undergraduate Scholar Awards. These travel awards provide third-year undergraduates with funds to participate in two consecutive AACR Annual Meetings. To learn more about this award program, please visit [AACR.org/UndergradAwards](http://AACR.org/UndergradAwards) or send an email to [scienceeducation@aacr.org](mailto:scienceeducation@aacr.org). **Application deadline: December 9, 2019.**



# GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS



**AACR Abstract Submission System.** Authors must submit abstracts for presentation at the Annual Meeting 2020 using the AACR Abstract Submission System, which will be available at [AACR.org/AACR2020](http://AACR.org/AACR2020) beginning September 24, 2019. You can create, modify, and submit abstracts until the December 5, 2019, abstract deadline. Complete instructions on the use of the AACR Abstract Submission System will be provided on the website.

**NEW in 2020:** Submit your abstract detailing how you use AACR Project GENIE data by the December 5, 2019, deadline for an opportunity to be featured in a special session during the Annual Meeting 2020. Simply include GENIE as a keyword during the submission process.

The Abstract Submission System has been optimized for the current versions of most browsers:

- **Google Chrome:** Version 33.0 or higher
- **Internet Explorer:** Version 8.0 or higher
- **Mozilla Firefox:** Version 16.0 or higher
- **Safari:** Version 5.0 or higher

Browsers should be set to enable JavaScript and to accept cookies. Users who need assistance in properly updating and configuring their browsers should contact Abstract Submission Customer Service at 217-398-1792 or [support@abstractsonline.com](mailto:support@abstractsonline.com).

**Responsibilities of Authors.** By submitting an abstract for presentation at the AACR Annual Meeting, abstract authors agree and/or attest to the following:

- **Support for Abstract/Verification of Authorship.** All authors accept individual responsibility for the accuracy and integrity of statements in their abstract, and the submitting author is required to ensure that all authors have confirmed that all statements are an accurate reflection of the presented data and have agreed to the submission of the abstract and to their being listed as contributors prior to submission. Authors will be notified of their inclusion on an abstract via email.
- **Sponsorship of Abstracts.** The submitting author must provide the name of an AACR member who has agreed to sponsor the abstract, and the submitting author must attest that the permission of the member sponsor has been secured prior to initiating an abstract submission. See page 26 for Abstract Sponsorship Regulations.
- **Transfer of Copyright.** On behalf of all authors, the submitting author must assign and transfer copyright for the abstract to the AACR, Inc.
- **Presentation of Abstracts.** The submitting author for each abstract must designate a presenter who agrees to register for the meeting and attend the corresponding session to discuss in detail the research presented in the published abstract. If the assigned presenter cannot attend the meeting, the authors are expected to designate a replacement or withdraw the abstract (see page 25).

• **Confirmation of No Prior Publication/Presentation.** Authors who submit an abstract confirm that they have not previously published these data, that they have not previously presented them at a large national annual scientific meeting, and that they are not planning to present or publish them prior to the dates of the AACR Annual Meeting 2020.

Exception: Encore presentations are permitted for clinical trial abstracts that are submitted for the January 30, 2020, clinical trial deadline. During the submission process, authors of encore clinical trial abstracts must provide the date and name of the meeting at which the original trial abstract was presented.

**Content of Abstracts.** Each abstract should contain (a) an introductory sentence indicating the purposes of the study; (b) a brief description of pertinent experimental procedures; (c) a summary of the new, unpublished data; and (d) a statement of the conclusions.

Abstracts should be carefully proofread to avoid errors in the published literature. American spelling should be used throughout; for more information regarding American spelling, please refer to *Scientific Style and Format: The CSE Manual for Authors, Editors, and Publishers, Eighth Edition* (Council of Science Editors, 2014).

**Abstract Control Number.** An Abstract Control Number (e.g., 19-A-1234-AACR) will be assigned to each abstract submitted online and will be listed on all email correspondence regarding the abstract. Please refer to the Abstract Control Number in any abstract communications.

**Financial Relationships of Coauthors.** Per ACCME regulations, the AACR must collect information on the financial relationships of all meeting presenters and abstract authors. You will be asked to disclose your financial relationships and the financial relationships of each of your coauthors. For more information on financial relationships, visit [AACR.org/cme](http://AACR.org/cme).

**Sponsor Permission and Information.** Each abstract must be sponsored by an AACR member. You must secure the permission of the sponsor before submitting the abstract. For details, see the “Abstract Sponsorship Regulations” on page 26.

**Length of Abstracts.** The combined length of the abstract body, title, and tables may not exceed 2,600 characters, not including spaces and the author string. Tables count for 800 characters against the limit. Submission cannot be completed for abstracts that exceed this limit.

**Abstract Category and Subclassification.** You must select a category and subclassification for your abstract. See pages 27-29 for details.

**Disclosure of Chemical Structures.** At the time of abstract submission, the submitting author is required to state whether chemical compounds were used in the scientific work to generate the data in the proffered paper. Chemical compounds are defined as low-molecular-weight (generally <1000 g/mol) organic or inorganic molecules, peptides, or proteins/nucleic acids co-crystallized with low-molecular-weight molecules.

If chemical compounds were used, the corresponding author is further required to indicate whether the complete chemical structures of the compounds used will be disclosed at the time

of presentation at the meeting. The chemical structures are not required to be included at the time of abstract submission; rather, an indication of the intent to disclose any such structures at the time of presentation is required.

The Program Committee will then evaluate the information provided by the corresponding author and determine the acceptability of the proffered paper for presentation. Those who do not intend to disclose chemical structures may have their abstracts rejected for participation; however, a limited number of these abstracts without chemical structures may be accepted for presentation if deemed to be of sufficient scientific merit.

**Submission Fee.** Each abstract submitted must be accompanied by a \$65 abstract submission fee. The submission fee can be paid by credit card or check. The fee is nonrefundable regardless of the final disposition of the abstract.

**Abstract Deadline.** The deadline for abstract submissions is **11:59 p.m. U.S. ET, Thursday, December 5, 2019**. Abstracts submitted after the deadline will not be considered by the Program Committee. No changes may be made to abstracts after the December 5, 2019, deadline.

**Note:** Submitting an abstract for presentation at the AACR Annual Meeting 2020 does not constitute registration for the meeting. Abstract presenters must register to attend the meeting by using the form enclosed in this publication or by registering online at [AACR.org/AACR2020](http://AACR.org/AACR2020).

**Late-Breaking Abstract Deadline.** The deadline for late-breaking abstracts is **11:59 p.m. U.S. ET, Thursday, January 30, 2020**. Abstracts detailing highly significant and timely findings in any area of cancer research that were not available at the time of the regular abstract deadline will be considered for presentation at the Annual Meeting. Only those abstracts that are deemed to be of high scientific priority will be accepted.

Abstract submission fees and sponsorship regulations also apply to late-breaking abstracts.

**Clinical Trials Abstract Deadline.** All abstracts describing clinical trials (including placeholder abstracts) should be submitted as late-breaking abstracts. The deadline for clinical trials abstracts is **11:59 p.m. U.S. ET, Thursday, January 30, 2020**. Final data for placeholder abstracts are due **Thursday, February 20, 2020** (see page 10).

Abstract submission fees and sponsorship regulations also apply to clinical trials abstracts.

**Publication Opportunity.** For consideration of simultaneous publication in an AACR journal, please contact [pubs@aacr.org](mailto:pubs@aacr.org).

**Presentation of Proffered Papers at the AACR Annual Meeting.** Every proffered abstract that has been accepted for publication in the online *Proceedings* must have a corresponding presentation at the meeting. Specifically, the author listed as the presenter for an accepted proffered paper must attend the corresponding session to discuss in detail the research outlined in the published abstract, according to the specific guidelines of the session. If, due to unforeseen circumstances, the designated presenter is unavailable to

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attend the session to present the paper, he or she must contact the AACR Program Development Department to designate a coauthor to serve as the presenter. If no abstract authors are available to present the data, the presenter must withdraw the abstract immediately by contacting the AACR Program Development Department at 215-440-9300 or [abstractchanges@aacr.org](mailto:abstractchanges@aacr.org). Failure to comply with these regulations pertaining to abstract presentation may result in actions including, but not limited to:

- The withdrawal of the abstract from the session
- The removal of the abstract from the online *Proceedings*
- The loss of future sponsorship privileges for the sponsor of the abstract
- The loss of future abstract submission/authorship privileges for the presenter of the abstract

**Deadline for Withdrawal of Abstracts.** Requests to withdraw regular abstracts will be accepted through **Monday, March 9, 2020**. Requests to withdraw late-breaking or clinical trials abstracts will be accepted through **Tuesday, March 24, 2020**. Withdrawal requests must be sent by email to [abstractchanges@aacr.org](mailto:abstractchanges@aacr.org). Withdrawal requests must include the Abstract Control Number and title as well as an explanation of the reason for withdrawal.

## ABSTRACT SPONSORSHIP REGULATIONS

### **NEW In 2020: Expanded Abstract Sponsorship Privileges for AACR Members**

The AACR Board of Directors has approved an expansion of the abstract sponsorship privileges for selected AACR member types for the AACR Annual Meeting 2020, as outlined below:

- **Active, Honorary, and Emeritus Members** may now sponsor an **unlimited number of abstracts** for presentation at the meeting. (As always, members must verify the content, authenticity, and quality of the abstracts they agree to sponsor.)
- **Affiliate Members** are still permitted to sponsor one abstract for each deadline provided that they are the presenter of the abstract. However, Affiliate Members are **no longer required to provide an endorser** for their abstract.

Members must be in good standing in order to sponsor and endorse abstracts for presentation (see below for details). To be in good standing for the December 5 regular abstract deadline, member dues must be paid in full through 2019. To be in good standing for the January 30 late-breaking and clinical trial abstract deadline, member dues must be paid in full through 2020. Associate, Honorary, and Emeritus Members are exempt from the payment of dues; therefore, this regulation does not apply to them.

1. Each abstract submitted for presentation at the AACR Annual Meeting must be sponsored by an Active, Emeritus, Honorary, Affiliate, or Associate AACR Member in good standing. (Student members are not eligible to sponsor an abstract.)
2. An Active, Emeritus, or Honorary Member may sponsor an unlimited number of abstracts and may use his or her sponsorship privileges in one of two ways: (a) to sponsor abstracts on which he or she is listed as an author, or (b) to sponsor abstracts submitted by colleagues on which he or she is not listed as an author.
3. An Associate Member in good standing may sponsor one abstract for each submission deadline provided that (a) he or she is the presenter of the abstract, and (b) an Active, Emeritus, or Honorary Member in good standing endorses the work. Active, Emeritus, and Honorary Members may endorse an unlimited number of abstracts while still retaining their right to sponsor an unlimited number of abstracts.
4. An Affiliate Member in good standing may sponsor one abstract for each submission deadline provided that he or she is the presenter of the abstract. (Affiliate Members are no longer required to provide an endorser.)
5. Permission to list an AACR member as a sponsor or endorser must be obtained prior to selecting the sponsor/endorser in the Online Abstract Submission System. Individuals listed as sponsors or endorsers of abstracts will receive a notification of sponsorship or endorsement via email.
6. The sponsor must verify the content, authenticity, and quality of the abstract. Sponsorship of an abstract implies support for the data and the interpretations contained therein.

### **COMPLIANCE WITH THESE REGULATIONS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE AUTHORS.**

Adherence to these rules will be strictly enforced. Violations will result in the rejection of the abstract by the Program Committee.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR ABSTRACT SPONSORSHIP

Nonmember individuals interested in joining the AACR and sponsoring an abstract for Annual Meeting 2020 must submit an application for membership no later than **November 25, 2019**. Individuals interested in joining the AACR and sponsoring a clinical trial or late-breaking abstract must submit an application for membership no later than **January 23, 2020**. Membership questions may be directed to [membership@aacr.org](mailto:membership@aacr.org).

# ABSTRACT CATEGORIES

The 2020 abstract categories, along with their related subcategories and subclassifications, are given below. When you use the Abstract Submission System, these options will be available for your selection. Please choose the appropriate category, subcategory, and subclassification that best describe the scientific content of the abstract and the particular scientific audience you wish to reach. This information will be utilized by the members of the Program Committee in their review of abstracts and planning of sessions at the Annual Meeting 2020. Please note that these abstract categories may or may not be used as Annual Meeting session titles. Before making your selection, please scan the entire list for the most appropriate abstract category, subcategory, and subclassification.

## **MCB Molecular and Cellular Biology, Genetics**

### **MCB01 Cell Growth Signaling Pathways**

Cell signaling  
Cell-cell interactions  
Growth factors  
GTPases, their regulators, and effectors  
Kinases and phosphatases  
Receptors  
Tumor-stromal cell interactions  
Ubiquitin and ubiquitin-like proteins  
Other

### **MCB02 Cell Death**

Apoptosis  
Autophagy  
Bcl-2 family proteins  
Caspases  
Effectors of apoptosis  
Inhibitor of apoptosis (IAP) family proteins  
Necrosis and necroptosis  
Transcriptional control of apoptosis  
Other

### **MCB03 Oncogenes and Tumor Suppressor Genes**

Cytoplasmic signal transducers  
Genotype/phenotype correlations  
Nuclear oncoproteins and tumor suppressor genes  
Oncogene growth factors and their receptors  
Tumor suppressor genes  
Other

### **MCB04 Gene Regulation and Transcription Factors**

Chromatin structure and function  
Gene expression  
Mechanisms of transcription  
Oncogenic transcription factors  
Posttranscriptional and translational control  
Promoters and enhancers of transcription  
Protein-protein interactions in transcription factor function  
Regulation of transcription factor function  
Transcriptional control of cell differentiation  
Other

### **MCB05 Epigenetics**

Chromatin structure and function  
DNA methylation  
Epigenetic changes as molecular markers of cancer  
Epigenomics  
Gene silencing  
Histone modification  
Other

### **MCB06 Cell Cycle**

CDKs and CDK inhibitors  
Cell cycle checkpoints  
Control of cell cycle progression  
Mitosis  
Telomeres and telomerase  
Other

### **MCB07 DNA Damage and Repair**

Chromosomal structural alterations/translocations  
Genomic instability  
Homologous recombination  
Mechanisms of genomic alterations  
Radiation-induced DNA damage  
Other

### **MCB08 Metabolism and Cancer**

Metabolic pathways  
Metabolomics  
Mitochondrial function  
Signaling pathways that regulate metabolism  
Warburg effect  
Other

### **MCB09 Genomics**

(See also BSB01: Bioinformatics and Computational Biology)  
Functional genomics  
Genomic profiling of tumors  
High-throughput sequencing  
Large-scale approaches to cancer gene discovery  
Microarrays  
Other

### **MCB10 microRNAs and Other Noncoding RNAs**

Epigenetic control of miRNA expression  
miRNA regulation of cancer biology  
miRNA profiling in cancer  
miRNA-based diagnostics  
miRNA-based therapeutics  
miRNAs as tumor suppressors/oncogenes  
Noncoding RNAs  
Other

### **MCB11 Cellular Stress Responses**

Anoikis  
Hypoxia  
Oxidative stress  
Senescence  
Unfolded protein response  
Other

## **TB Tumor Biology**

### **TB01 Nonclinical Models of Cancer**

3-D and tissue recombinant models  
Developmental phenotypes of cancer genes  
Human-in-mouse models of human cancer  
Model organisms in drug discovery  
Mouse models of human cancer  
Noninvasive imaging in animal models  
Organoids  
Patient-derived xenograft models  
Zebrafish models of cancer  
Other animal and cell models of cancer  
Other

### **TB02 Stem Cell Biology**

Adult stem cells  
Cancer stem cells  
Developmental pathways in cancer  
Embryonic stem cells  
Stem cells and regenerative medicine in oncology  
Stem cell markers  
Other

### **TB03 Tumor Adhesion**

Cell adhesion and extracellular matrix  
Cell-cell adhesion  
Drug resistance  
Other

### **TB04 Invasion and Metastasis**

Actin cytoskeleton  
Biomarkers of metastasis  
Epithelial/mesenchymal transition (EMT and MET)  
Expression profiling of tumor progression and metastasis  
Genes that regulate migration and invasion  
Imaging of tumor progression and metastasis  
Invasion and migration  
Metastasis-promoting genes  
Metastasis suppressor genes  
Premetastatic niche  
Therapeutic metastasis prevention  
Other

### **TB05 Angiogenesis**

Angiogenesis and angiogenesis inhibitors  
Host-tumor interactions  
Molecular mechanisms of angiogenesis  
Novel pro- and antiangiogenic factors  
Tumor microcirculation and the microenvironment  
VEGF/VEGF receptors  
Other

### **TB06 Tumor Microenvironment**

Chemokines in the microenvironment  
Drug targets in the microenvironment  
Extracellular matrix and integrins  
Gene expression in the microenvironment  
Immune cells in the tumor microenvironment  
Immunity and the microenvironment  
Inflammatory cells as regulators of tumor growth  
Microbiome  
Organ-specific microenvironments  
Proteases and inhibitors in the microenvironment  
Tumor dormancy  
Tumor/stromal interactions  
Tumor-immune system interactions  
Other

### **TB07 In Vivo Imaging**

(See also CL01: Translational Research – Molecular Biology in the Clinic)  
Advanced nanotechnology and imaging  
Application of imaging technology to the clinic  
Imaging in animal models  
Imaging of molecular and cellular events in the tumor microenvironment  
Imaging of molecular and cellular events in tumors and tumor cells  
Imaging the immune response  
Imaging tumor metabolism  
New targets for imaging  
Other

### **TB08 Pediatric Cancer – Basic Science**

(See also CL02: Pediatric Cancer – Clinical Investigations; CT04: Phase I, II, or III Clinical Trials in Pediatric Cancer)  
Developmental origins and drivers of pediatric cancer  
Pediatric cancer epigenomics and genomics  
Pediatric cancer models  
Pediatric cancer tumor microenvironment and tumor heterogeneity  
Other

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## **TB09 Radiation Science**

(See also CL07: Radiation Oncology; ET09: Preclinical Radiotherapeutics)

Modulators of radiation response  
Photobiology/photodynamic therapy  
Radiation dose fractionation  
Radiation-activated signaling pathways  
Radiation-induced resistance  
Radiation-induced gene expression  
Radiobiology research  
Radioprotectors and radiosensitizers  
Other

## **TB10 Tumor Evolution and Heterogeneity**

Causes and consequences of tumor heterogeneity  
Complex adaptive systems  
Methods to measure tumor evolution and heterogeneity  
Other

## **TB11 Carcinogenesis**

Carcinogenesis: Chemical, environmental, and molecular  
Mutagenesis  
Tumor initiation and promotion  
Viral-induced carcinogenesis  
Other

## **IM Immunology**

### **IM01 Tumor Immunobiology**

Adaptive immunity in tumors  
Epigenetic regulation of tumor immunity  
Inflammation and cancer: Metastasis  
Inflammation and cancer: Tumor initiation and progression  
Innate immunity to tumors  
Microbiome, inflammation, and cancer  
Novel animal models  
Oncogenic pathway-mediated regulation of inflammation and tumor immunity  
Tumor antigenicity/processing and presentation  
Tumor-induced immune suppression: Extrinsic factors  
Tumor-induced immune suppression: Intrinsic factors  
Other

### **IM02 Immunotherapy, Preclinical and Clinical**

(See also CL06: Immunology; ET07: Biological Therapeutic Agents)

Adoptive cell therapy  
Combination immunotherapies  
Immune checkpoints  
Immune mechanisms invoked by other therapies including chemotherapy  
Immune mechanisms invoked by radiation therapy  
Immune monitoring/clinical correlates  
Immune response to therapies  
Immunomodulatory agents and interventions  
Inflammation, immunity, and cancer: Epidemiology  
Inflammation, immunity, and cancer: Other

Modifiers of the tumor microenvironment  
Therapeutic antibodies, including engineered antibodies  
Vaccines (oncolytic and prophylactic)  
Other

## **ET Experimental and Molecular Therapeutics**

### **ET01 Drug Discovery**

Antibody technologies  
Biochemical modulators of the therapeutic index  
Combination chemotherapies  
Differentiation therapy  
New targets  
Novel assay technology  
Novel drug delivery systems  
Targeting the tumor microenvironment in drug development  
Other

### **ET02 Mechanisms of Drug Action**

Cell cycle mechanisms of anticancer drug action  
Cellular responses to anticancer drugs  
Interactions of new agents with radiation  
Role of the microenvironment in therapeutic response  
Other

### **ET03 Drug Resistance**

Drug resistance in molecular targeted therapies  
Drug transport and metabolism  
Novel mechanisms  
Regulation of gene expression in drug resistance  
Reversal of drug resistance  
Other

### **ET04 Molecular Targets**

Cell death pathways and treatment  
Identification of molecular targets  
Modulation of DNA repair  
Molecular classification of tumors for diagnostics, prognostics, and therapeutic outcomes  
New nonclinical models for targets  
Other

### **ET05 Pharmacology, Pharmacogenetics, and Pharmacogenomics**

(See also CT01: Phase I Adult Clinical Trials)

Cellular pharmacology  
Molecular pharmacology  
Pharmacogenetics and therapeutic response  
Pharmacogenomics  
Pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics  
Preclinical toxicology  
Other

### **ET06 Small Molecule Therapeutic Agents**

DNA-reactive agents  
Epigenetic targets  
HDAC and methyltransferase inhibitors  
Novel antitumor agents  
Novel targets and pathways

PI3K/AKT inhibitors  
Proteasome inhibitors  
Topoisomerases  
Tubulin agents  
Tyrosine kinase and phosphatase inhibitors  
Other

### **ET07 Biological Therapeutic Agents**

(See also CL06: Immunology; IM02: Immunotherapy, Preclinical and Clinical)

Antireceptors  
Apoptosis: Therapeutic manipulation  
Growth factor receptors and other surface antigens as targets for therapy  
Oncogenes, tumor suppressor genes, and gene products as targets for therapy  
Protein kinases and phosphatases as targets for therapy  
Role of microenvironment in therapeutic response  
Other

### **ET08 Gene and Vector-Based Therapy**

Antisense molecules  
Gene therapy and radiation studies  
Immune modulators  
Vector systems and targeting strategies  
Other

### **ET09 Preclinical Radiotherapeutics**

(See also TB09: Radiation Science; CL07: Radiation Oncology)

Modification of radiosensitivity  
Molecular targets of radiation response  
Normal tissue/cellular stress responses to radiation  
Radioprotectors and radiosensitizers  
Radiotherapeutic combinations  
Other

## **CH Cancer Chemistry**

### **CH01 Drug Discovery, Design, and Delivery**

Basic and applied nanotechnology and therapeutics  
Chemoinformatics, in silico screening, and computational methods  
Drug delivery  
Drug design  
High-throughput screening (assays and libraries)  
Lead identification  
Lead optimization  
Nanotechnology drug delivery  
Natural products  
Synthesis, metabolism, and disposition  
Other

### **CH02 Structural and Chemical Biology**

Chemical genetics, genomics, and glycomics  
Nanotechnology in chemical biology  
Small molecule, protein, and nucleic acid interactions  
Target identification, small molecule probes, and libraries

X-ray and NMR structures  
Other

## **CH03 Proteomics and Mass Spectrometry**

Biological mass spectrometry and systems biology  
Proteomics and biomarker discovery  
Proteomics and signaling networks  
Other

## **EN Endocrinology**

### **EN01 Molecular and Preclinical Endocrinology**

(See also EN02: Clinical Endocrinology; CL08: Clinical Endocrinology)

Growth factors, receptors, and signal transduction  
Hormone signaling and inhibitors  
Nuclear receptors: Structure and function  
Preclinical studies of endocrine-related cancers  
Steroid hormone receptors  
Other

### **EN02 Clinical Endocrinology**

(See also EN01: Molecular and Preclinical Endocrinology; CL08: Clinical Endocrinology)

Endocrine-related cancers  
Hormone receptors and diagnosis/prognosis  
Hormone synthesis, metabolism, and inhibitors  
Neuroendocrine and other endocrine factors  
Other

## **EP Epidemiology (including Genetic, Molecular, and Integrative Epidemiology)**

### **EP01 Epidemiology**

Biomarkers of endogenous or exogenous exposures, early detection, and biologic effects  
Biomarkers of prognosis  
Cancer health disparities research  
Descriptive epidemiology, covering cancer incidence, mortality, clusters, and trends  
Diet, alcohol, tobacco use, and other lifestyle risk factors  
Environmental and occupational risk factors  
Familial and hereditary cancers  
Functional studies of genetic variants  
Gene-gene and gene-environment interactions  
Genome-wide association studies (GWAS)/post-GWAS  
Health services and comparative effectiveness research  
Infection and immune factors  
Next-generation sequencing in epidemiology studies (whole genome, exome, targeted, or fine-mapping)  
Pathway and candidate gene studies of risk or prognosis

Pharmacoepidemiology  
 Preneoplastic and tumor markers  
 Primary and secondary intervention studies  
 Risk prediction models for incidence, prognosis, and/or mortality  
 Screening and early detection  
 Statistical and epidemiological methodology  
 Survivorship research  
 Other

## PR Prevention, Early Detection, and Interception

### PR01 Preclinical Prevention, Early Detection, and Interception

Animal models in prevention  
 Biological and biochemical mechanisms in prevention  
 Biomarkers and intervention studies  
 Cellular models  
 Chemoprevention studies  
 Diet, nutrition, and cancer  
 Microbiome and prevention  
 Molecular markers in prevention research  
 Molecular targets for prevention  
 New agent development  
 Screening and early detection  
 Other

### PR02 Clinical Prevention, Early Detection, and Interception

Application of molecular pathology in clinical prevention  
 Biomarkers and intervention studies  
 Cancer health disparities research  
 Cancer surveillance and screening studies  
 Chemoprevention clinical trials  
 Genetic markers as surrogate endpoints in prevention trials  
 Genomics and proteomics in cancer risk and response assessment  
 Infections and viral-related cancers  
 Microbiome and prevention  
 Prevention and treatment of premalignant lesions (intraepithelial neoplasia)  
 Prevention of second cancers  
 Recruitment of special populations in clinical prevention trials  
 Screening and early detection  
 Other

### PR03 Implementation Science

Behavioral science and prevention  
 Cancer communication and decision making  
 Cancer health disparities research  
 Genetic testing and counseling  
 Health policy and outcomes  
 Obesity, diet, physical activity, and energy balance  
 Quality of life/late effects/survivorship  
 Tobacco: Use, effects, prevention, and cessation  
 Other

## BSB Bioinformatics, Convergence Science, and Systems Biology

### BSB01 Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (See also MCB09: Genomics)

Analytic pipeline optimization  
 Application of bioinformatics to cancer biology  
 Database resources  
 Molecular modeling  
 New algorithms  
 New software for data analysis  
 Sequence analysis  
 Statistical methods  
 Other

### BSB02 Convergence Science and Systems Biology

Artificial intelligence and machine learning  
 Integrative cancer biology  
 Mathematical modeling  
 Network biology  
 Physical sciences and engineering  
 Systems engineering  
 Other

## CT Clinical Trials (including Combination and Immunotherapy Trials)

All clinical trials should be submitted by the January 30, 2020 clinical trials and late-breaking abstract deadline.

### CT01 Phase I Adult Clinical Trial (See also ET05: Pharmacology, Pharmacogenetics, and Pharmacogenomics)

### CT02 Phase II Adult Clinical Trials

### CT03 Phase III Adult Clinical Trials

### CT04 Phase I, II, or III Clinical Trials in Pediatric Cancer (See also CL02: Pediatric Cancer – Clinical Investigations; TB08: Pediatric Cancer – Basic Science)

### CT05 Phase I, II, or III Clinical Trials in the Elderly

### CT06 Phase I, II, or III Clinical Trials in Minorities and Medically Underserved Populations

### CT07 Clinical Trials in Progress

Phase I clinical trials  
 Phase II clinical trials  
 Phase III clinical trials

## CL Clinical Research [not including clinical trials; see also the Clinical Trials (CT) categories]

### CL01 Translational Research – Molecular Biology in the Clinic (See also: TB07: In Vivo Imaging)

Clinical imaging  
 Cytogenetics and clinical molecular genetics  
 Epigenetic therapy  
 Functional and molecular imaging  
 Laboratory correlates for targeted agents  
 Molecular classification of tumors  
 Radiomics  
 Tumor staging: Correlation of clinical and molecular markers  
 Other

### CL02 Pediatric Cancer – Clinical Investigations (See also CT04: Phase I, II, or III Clinical Trials in Pediatric Cancer; TB08: Pediatric Cancer – Basic Science)

Adolescent and young adult oncology  
 Childhood cancer drug development  
 Immunotherapeutic approaches to pediatric cancer  
 Pediatric cancer predisposition and surveillance  
 Survivorship, late effects, and secondary cancers  
 Therapeutic dosing, resistance, and combination therapy approaches in pediatric oncology  
 Translational pediatric cancer research  
 Other

### CL03 Clinical Research in the Elderly Aging, immunity, and cancer Other

### CL04 Clinical Research in Minorities and Medically Underserved Populations

Biobanking/biospecimen collection  
 Clinical trial design  
 Community engaged research/ community-based participatory research  
 Patient navigation  
 Recruitment and retention  
 Other

### CL05 Biostatistics in Clinical Trials Design and analysis of clinical trials New study designs: Theory, methodology, and modeling Statistical modeling for cancer studies Other

### CL06 Immuno-oncology (See also ET07: Biological Therapeutic Agents; IM02: Immunotherapy, Preclinical and Clinical)

### CL07 Radiation Oncology (See also TB09: Radiation Science; ET09: Preclinical Radiotherapeutics)

Clinical radiotherapeutic studies  
 Interventional radiology  
 Modification of radiosensitivity  
 Radiation-induced resistance

Radiation-immunotherapy and other radiotherapeutic combination  
 Radiation-induced late effects/secondary cancers  
 Other

### CL08 Surgical Oncology

Prophylactic surgery  
 Surgical oncology

### CL09 Clinical Endocrinology (See also EN01: Molecular and Preclinical Endocrinology; EN02: Clinical Endocrinology)

### CL10 Survivorship Research and Supportive Care

Biology of cell and tissue damage  
 Comparative effectiveness research and cost-effective studies  
 Late effects and second cancers  
 Psycho-oncology  
 Supportive care, palliation, and pain management  
 Translational survivorship research  
 Other

### CL11 Biomarkers

Biomarkers predictive of therapeutic benefit  
 Diagnostic biomarkers  
 Early detection biomarkers  
 Liquid biopsies: Circulating DNA  
 Liquid biopsies: Circulating tumor cells  
 Metastasis biomarkers  
 Prognostic biomarkers  
 Other

### CL12 Outcomes Research

Special populations  
 Statistical methods  
 Other

## RSP Regulatory Science and Policy

### RSP01 Regulatory Science and Policy

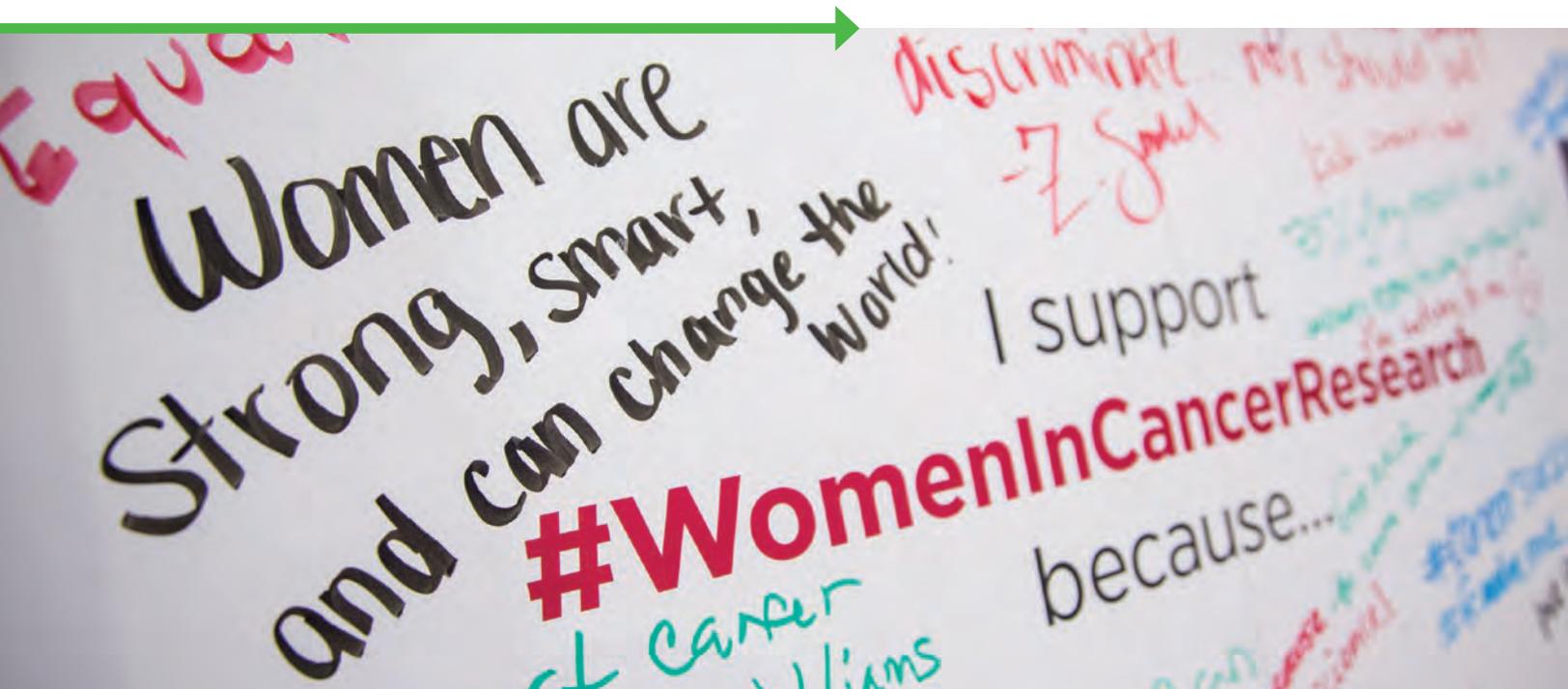
Biosimilars and generics  
 Clinical trial design and accrual  
 Combination therapies and codevelopment of investigational agents and diagnostics  
 Data science and informatics  
 Novel endpoints and biomarkers  
 Real world evidence and retrospective analyses  
 Tobacco and e-cigarette regulation  
 Other

## SHP Science and Health Policy

### SHP01 Science and Health Policy

Cancer health disparities  
 Cancer prevention  
 Cancer survivorship  
 Comparative effectiveness research  
 Implementation science  
 Patient advocacy and engagement  
 Value and cost issues in cancer care  
 Other

## AACR MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



### AACR MEMBERSHIP: THE ESSENTIAL ASSOCIATION FOR YOU

With over 42,000 members in 120 countries and territories around the world, the AACR is a dynamic and vibrant organization that offers its members opportunities to participate more fully in the global initiative to eliminate cancer. AACR membership is available to those who conduct cancer research and related biomedical science, both senior and early-career investigators, as well as to those health care professionals, research administrators, cancer survivors and advocates, students, and others who share the AACR's vision and support our mission to accelerate the prevention and cure of all cancers.

AACR membership categories promote the professional growth of those in training, facilitate collaborations for established scientists, and provide support for all working in cancer research. Special rates are available to members located in countries with emerging economies as designated by the World Bank. For a complete list of countries with emerging economies, please visit [AACR.org/International](http://AACR.org/International).

### MEMBERSHIP HUB

Annual Meeting attendees are invited to visit the AACR Membership HUB at the Annual Meeting to learn more about membership and the exclusive benefits available to AACR members, get informed about Professional Advancement Sessions and other events taking place during the meeting, join one or more Association groups within the AACR, update contact information, pay membership dues, network and gather with other meeting attendees, and more.

### MEMBERSHIP LOUNGE

**NEW for Annual Meeting 2020!** Members attending the Annual Meeting are welcome to refresh and reenergize at the exclusive AACR Membership Lounge. Connect and meet with colleagues, participate in special member activities and events, and recharge your batteries at this new members-only location. Need a break during the meeting? Visit the Membership Lounge, the base for AACR members.

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR ABSTRACT SPONSORSHIP

Nonmember individuals interested in joining the AACR and sponsoring an abstract must submit an application for membership no later than **November 25, 2019**. Individuals interested in joining the AACR and sponsoring a late-breaking abstract must submit an application for membership no later than **January 23, 2020**.

### ELIGIBILITY FOR REGISTRATION AT AACR MEMBER RATES

Nonmember individuals interested in registering at the early registration member rate must submit membership applications no later than **December 13, 2019**. Individuals who are interested in joining the AACR and registering at the advance registration member rate must submit membership applications no later than **February 19, 2020**. Only individuals who are listed on the membership rolls as of **April 17, 2020**, will be accorded the privilege of registering for the AACR Annual Meeting 2020 at the

member rates noted on the registration form in this publication. In order to receive the AACR member rate, individuals must be current in their dues at the time of registration. If upon review of membership application a candidate is deemed ineligible for the membership category to which he or she has applied, then the candidate will need to register in advance at the nonmember rate.

## REGISTRATION AT MEMBER RATES

Registration Deadlines	Membership Application Submission Deadlines
December 20, 2019 (Early)	December 13, 2019
February 21, 2020 (Advance)	February 19, 2020
After February 21, 2020	April 17, 2020

## ABSTRACT SPONSORSHIP

Abstract Deadlines	Membership Application Submission Deadlines
December 5, 2019	November 25, 2019
January 30, 2020 (Late-Breaking and Clinical Trials)	January 23, 2020

Contact the AACR Membership Department with any questions at 215-440-9300 or [membership@aacr.org](mailto:membership@aacr.org).

## AACR MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

**Active Membership** is open to investigators worldwide who have established a record of scholarly activity resulting in original peer-reviewed articles in publications relevant to cancer research and biomedical science.

**Affiliate Membership** is open to qualified individuals who are health professionals working in support of cancer research and biomedical science; survivors and advocates who are members of organizations whose mission includes the advancement of cancer research; educators; or other professionals who are interested in and/or make substantial contributions to the cancer field.

**Associate Membership** is open to graduate students, medical students and residents, and clinical and postdoctoral fellows who are enrolled in education or training programs that could lead to careers in cancer research and the related sciences. Annual dues are not required.

**Student Membership** is open to persons who have manifested an interest in cancer and the related biomedical sciences and who are enrolled in a program leading to a high school diploma or a bachelor's degree. Annual dues are not required.

**Sustaining Membership** is open to organizations in recognition of annual payment of dues and other substantial contributions in support of the mission, purposes, and activities of the Association. Annual dues are determined by the Sustaining Member level.

**Emeritus Membership** is open to existing Active Members who have reached the age of 70 years, who are disabled, or who are retired.

**Honorary Membership** is open to distinguished individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the advancement of cancer research either through outstanding personal scientific activity or through exceptional leadership in cancer research. (Candidates for Honorary Membership are invited through a special selection process.)

## AACR MEMBER EXCLUSIVE BENEFIT

### Early Access to Annual Meeting Housing Reservations

Tuesday, September 24, 2019 (opens at 9:00 a.m. U.S. ET) through Monday, September 30, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. (U.S. ET)

As a member exclusive benefit, AACR members in good standing (dues paid through December 31, 2019) are eligible to take advantage of this opportunity to reserve hotel accommodations, beginning **September 24, 2019**, for the AACR Annual Meeting 2020 before reservations open to all attendees. Members may log on to myAACR to check dues status and make a payment using the secure AACR site.

### Hotel Reservations

One hotel reservation is allowed per member effective **September 24, 2019**. Housing reservations open to the general public on **October 1, 2019** (see page 32).

Members will need to provide the following information in order to secure a reservation:

- AACR member ID number
- Last name (as it appears in the AACR Membership records)

Members are encouraged to enjoy one-week early access to housing reservations before reservations are made available to all attendees. Please contact the Membership Department at [membership@aacr.org](mailto:membership@aacr.org) or 215-440-9300 and a membership representative will gladly assist with any questions. Not yet a member? Apply for membership at myAACR and join us in the global conquest of cancer.

Housing opens: 9:00 a.m. U.S. ET, Tuesday, September 24, 2019, for all members in good standing. Nonmember attendee housing opens Tuesday, October 1, 2019.

## HOTEL RESERVATIONS

**CMR (Convention Management Resources) is the official hotel management company for the AACR Annual Meeting.**

Hotel reservations for the AACR Annual Meeting 2020 will open at 9:00 a.m. U.S. ET on Tuesday, September 24, 2019, for all AACR members in good standing. Housing for nonmember attendees will open at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 1, 2019. Please see page 42 of this publication for a listing of the official conference hotels. The deadline for making hotel reservations is **Friday, March 13, 2020**. After the deadline, registrants may be required to make their own housing arrangements.

You may reserve your hotel room in one of the following ways:

**Online:** Visit the AACR Annual Meeting website at [AACR.org/AACR2020](http://AACR.org/AACR2020) to reserve your hotel room online. Please note that you must supply a credit card in order to reserve a room online. You will find descriptions, amenity information, and photographs for each AACR official hotel. Additionally, a map showing the location of all hotels and the San Diego Convention Center is available on the AACR Housing website. Visit the AACR Housing website to get up-to-the-minute availability and receive immediate confirmation of your hotel reservation.

**Phone:** AACR Housing agents will be available to accept reservations as well as provide information on the AACR official hotels Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. U.S. ET. You will be required to supply a credit card if reserving your hotel room by phone. Once your reservation is complete, you will receive immediate confirmation by email. AACR Housing can be reached toll-free in the U.S. and Canada at 888-381-7166 or for international callers at 415-979-2262. When calling AACR Housing be certain to have the following information:

- Arrival and departure dates
- Hotel preferences
- Credit card number
- Your address, phone number, fax number, and email address
- Any special requests

## GUARANTEE

Reservations must be guaranteed with either a major credit card (AMEX, Visa, or MasterCard) or a check in the amount of \$300 per guestroom and \$700 per suite. Make checks payable to Convention Management Resources, Inc. If using a credit card, the card will not be charged until the check-out date. You must present a credit card upon check-in.

## CHANGES AND CANCELLATIONS

Changes and cancellations can be made:

- Online at the AACR Housing website at [AACR.org/AACR2020](http://AACR.org/AACR2020)
- By emailing your change or cancellation to [AACRSupport@cmrus.com](mailto:AACRSupport@cmrus.com)
- By calling AACR Housing at 888-381-7166 or 415-979-2262
- By faxing your change or cancellation to 415-293-4397

Your credit card will be charged one night's room plus tax or your check deposit will be forfeited if you cancel your reservation less than 72 hours before your confirmed arrival date. If you fail to arrive on the date confirmed by AACR Housing, your credit card will be charged one night's room plus tax or your check will be forfeited. All subsequent nights of the reservation will be cancelled.

## HOSPITALITY SUITES

Suites are for sleeping accommodation only and may not be used for meetings or events without prior written permission from AACR. For these types of events, please complete the AACR Affiliate Event Space Request Form. If you would like a copy of this form, please contact AACR Housing at 888-381-7166, 415-979-2262, or via email at [AACRSupport@cmrus.com](mailto:AACRSupport@cmrus.com).

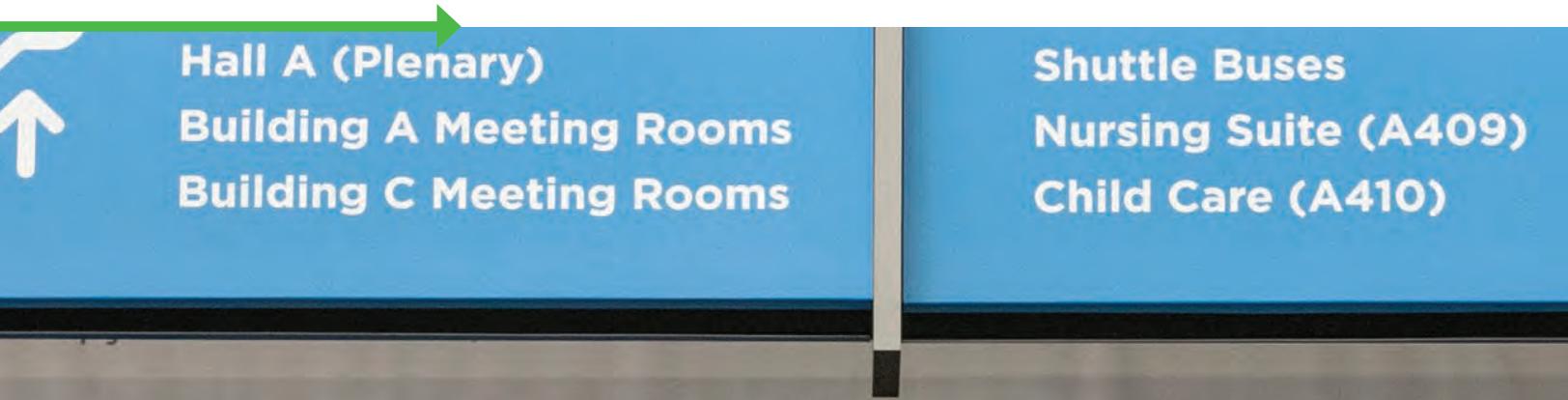
## GROUP RESERVATIONS

Organizations wishing to hold a block of rooms must use the Group Housing Form, which can be obtained by visiting [AACR.org/AACR2020](http://AACR.org/AACR2020) and clicking on the Housing link. Exhibitors may request rooms in the AACR room block and must submit an Exhibitor Room Block Request Form, which can be accessed from [AACR.org/AACR2020](http://AACR.org/AACR2020). Please adhere to all rules and regulations to facilitate processing. Confirmation will be emailed.

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## AIR TRANSPORTATION

There is one major airport in the San Diego region: San Diego International Airport (airport code: SAN). This airport offers multiple U.S. and international flights daily. San Diego is also served by Amtrak.

## TRAVEL OFFICE – CORPORATE TRAVELER

Phone: 215-825-3650

Toll-Free: +1-888-666-4209

Email: [garry.staegemann@corporatetraveler.us](mailto:garry.staegemann@corporatetraveler.us)

\$30 service fee applies

Business hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. ET

## ASSISTANCE FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS

An official letter of invitation is available through the online registration system. Contact the American Consulate in your country to review the current regulations for travel to the United States. Please begin the visa application process as early as possible. Information is available on the U.S. Department of State website at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov).

## GROUND TRANSPORTATION

### Taxi Service

San Diego International Airport is located 2.4 miles from downtown. Many companies provide taxicab service at San Diego International Airport. If you need a taxi, simply follow the signs leading to the Transportation Plazas. A customer service representative will place you with the first available taxi, unless you specify a particular taxicab company.

### Public Transportation

Amtrak Intercity and COASTER commuter trains link communities and travelers from as far away as Los Angeles and Orange Counties to downtown San Diego and coastal North County and include stops in Old Town, Sorrento Valley, Solana Beach, Encinitas, Carlsbad, and Oceanside.

Travelers headed to and from San Diego International Airport can connect with Amtrak's Pacific Surfliner and the COASTER at Amtrak's Santa Fe Depot train station downtown by using Metropolitan Transit System Route 992, which operates between 5:00 a.m. and 11:30 p.m., every 15 minutes on weekdays and every 30 minutes on weekends and holidays.

The COASTER operates 365 days a year, seven days a week, with trips throughout the day to Old Town and North San Diego County. Tickets may be purchased at ticket vending machines on the Santa Fe Depot station platform, online at [GoNCTD.com](http://GoNCTD.com), or via the COASTER Mobile App.

For additional information on connecting transit, fares, personalized travel planning, and disabled services, call 760-966-6500 or visit [www.gonctd.com/coaster](http://www.gonctd.com/coaster).

For additional information on Amtrak service in San Diego, visit the Santa Fe Depot train station, telephone 1-800-USA-RAIL, or visit Amtrak or Amtrak California.

# REGISTRATION

Early registration opens: September 24, 2019.  
Early registration deadline: December 20, 2019.  
Deadline for cancellation to receive registration refund, less \$125 processing fee: March 20, 2020.

**CompuSystems is the official registration provider for the AACR Annual Meeting.** All registration and cancellation/refund inquiries can be directed to [aacr@compusystem.com](mailto:aacr@compusystem.com).

## THREE CONVENIENT WAYS TO REGISTER

**Online:** Visit [AACR.org/AACR2020](http://AACR.org/AACR2020) and click on the Registration link.

**Fax:** Complete the AACR Official Registration Form on pages 37-38 and fax it to 708-344-4444.

**Mail:** Complete the AACR Official Registration Form on pages 37-38 and mail it to:

AACR Annual Meeting 2020  
CompuSystems  
2651 Warrenville Road  
Suite 400  
Downers Grove, IL 60515

## PAYMENTS

Registration forms submitted without full payment cannot be processed and will be returned. Government or other purchase orders cannot be accepted. All fees must be paid in U.S. currency drawn on a U.S. bank. Please note that paying the abstract submission fee does not constitute registration for the meeting.

## CANCELLATION/REFUND

Requests for refunds must be made in writing to [aacr.compusystem.com](mailto:aacr.compusystem.com). There will be a \$125 processing fee applied to refunds requested by **March 20, 2020**. No refunds can be made after March 20.

## ON-SITE REGISTRATION

Registration will open on **Friday, April 24, 2020**, at the San Diego Convention Center.

Friday, April 24	12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 25	7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 26	6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Monday, April 27	6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 28	6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 29	6:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

## GUEST/SPOUSE REGISTRATION

Guest/spouse registration is not available for the Annual Meeting.

## CREDENTIALS

All advance registrants will receive an Express Badge Pickup confirmation via email approximately one week before the start of the conference. Please bring this notice with you to the Annual Meeting 2020, and you may proceed to the Already Registered counters for fast pickup of your registration credentials. Your badge will provide you with access to the scientific sessions as well as the exhibit floor.

## GROUP REGISTRATIONS

Group registrations (15 or more people) will be available online beginning in **early December 2019**. Group registration forms and guidelines can be found at [AACR.org/AACR2020](http://AACR.org/AACR2020).

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM PASS

A full slate of more than 60 Educational Sessions and Methods Workshops will be offered beginning on Friday, April 24 and continuing through Saturday, April 25. A pass granting access to the complete educational program is available to meeting registrants for a single flat fee of \$50 for AACR members and \$75 for nonmembers. Check the appropriate box on the online registration form or on the print form (page 38).

Please note: The Educational Program Pass is only available to Annual Meeting registrants and is not sold separately.

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# OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM 2020

To register online, visit [AACR.org/AACR2020](http://AACR.org/AACR2020).

## REGISTRANT INFORMATION (\*required)

Is this a new address that should be updated in the AACR database?\*

Yes  No

Are you an AACR Member?\*

Yes  No Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Dr.  Mr.  Ms.

Highest Degree\* (check all that apply):  MD  PhD  PharmD  DSc

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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Last/Family Name\* First Name/Middle Initial\*

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Position/Title\*

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Department/Division\*

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Institution/Company\*

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Street Address\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
City\* State or Province\* Zip/Postal Code\*

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Country\* (if not U.S.)

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Work Phone\* Cell Phone

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Email Address\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant's Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact\* Telephone\*



Check this box if you require special accommodations to fully participate in the meeting. Describe briefly below:

## REGISTRANT PROFILE

(\*required)

**Major Focus\*** (please check only one):

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basic Science        | <input type="checkbox"/> Research Administration       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Science and Health Policy     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Research    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science Education             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oncology Practice    | <input type="checkbox"/> Translational Research        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patient Advocacy     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Population Science   |  |

**Research Areas of Expertise/Interest\*** (select all that apply):

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Behavioral Science   | <input type="checkbox"/> Genetics                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biochemistry and Biophysics                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Genomics and Other 'Omics      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bioinformatics and Computational Biology                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hematology                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biostatistics  | <input type="checkbox"/> Imaging                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cancer Disparities Research                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Immunology and Immuno-oncology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cell Biology   | <input type="checkbox"/> Molecular Biology              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pathology                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Trials/Clinical Research                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Pediatric Oncology             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Convergence Cancer Science                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacology                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diagnostics, Biomarkers, Early Detection, and Interception | <input type="checkbox"/> Prevention Research            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Endocrinology  | <input type="checkbox"/> Proteomics                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Epidemiology   | <input type="checkbox"/> Radiation Science and Medicine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Epigenetics/Epigenomics                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Surgical Oncology              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Experimental and Molecular Therapeutics                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Survivorship Research          |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Tumor Biology                  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Virology                       |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____   |

I want to receive information related to conferences and other services or programs affiliated with the AACR.

## NONMEMBER PREDOCTORAL STUDENT/ POSTDOCTORAL AND CLINICAL FELLOW SECTION

This section must be completed if you wish to register as a nonmember predoctoral graduate or medical student, postdoctoral fellow, or clinical fellow. Forms without certification will not be processed. Individuals may be contacted for verification.

NONMEMBER PREDOCTORAL GRADUATE OR MEDICAL STUDENT/ POSTDOCTORAL AND CLINICAL FELLOW CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above-named student is presently enrolled at this institution and working toward a doctoral degree or fellowship in a field related to cancer research.

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Student | <input type="checkbox"/> Postdoctoral Fellow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Student  | <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Fellow     |

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Registrar, Dean, or Dept. Head)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (Registrar, Dean, or Dept. Head)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title/Department

\_\_\_\_\_  
Institution

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

**Organ Site/Tumor Type Focus**

(please list the organ sites/tumor types most relevant to your work):

\_\_\_\_\_

**Work Setting\*** (please check only one):

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Academia (University Setting)       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry/Commercial Sector           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cancer Center/Cancer Institute      | <input type="checkbox"/> Oncology Practice                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising Organization/Foundation | <input type="checkbox"/> Patient Advocacy Organization        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Membership Organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital/Clinic                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____         |

Information concerning gender and ethnic background is requested only to enable the AACR to ensure that its programs are serving all members of its diverse cancer research community.

**Race or Ethnic Background** (check only one):

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> African American/Black | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alaskan Native         | <input type="checkbox"/> Native American                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian              |   |

**Gender:**  Male  Female



## GENERAL INFORMATION



### EXHIBIT SHOW

The 2020 AACR Exhibit Show will include a wide array of companies with the latest products and services for laboratory and clinical research. Additional areas of interest include the Nonprofit Section, AACR Publications (#2005) and Publisher's Row, AACR Advocacy Partners' Pavilion, Exhibitor Spotlight Theaters, and AACR Central, which is the main hub for AACR services (#3231).

The exhibits, located adjacent to the poster sessions, make a significant contribution to the educational value of the meeting. Please add time to your overall schedule to visit the Exhibit Show. Complimentary coffee, tea, and soft drinks will be served in the Exhibit/Poster Hall at specified times on each day when exhibits are open.

In addition, great opportunities to connect with exhibitors and other attendees will be available in the Exhibit Hall.

- Exhibitor-hosted refreshment breaks, featuring a wide variety of specialty snacks, will be served on Monday and Tuesday

afternoon. These provide networking opportunities with exhibitors located in these break areas.

- Be sure to participate in Explore!, available through the AACR Annual Meeting App. By visiting participating exhibitors, you will be entered to win an Amazon gift card. Additional information will be available in the *Guide to Poster Sessions and Exhibits* and on the AACR website.
- Located in the Exhibit Hall, the Exhibitor Spotlight Theaters are reserved by exhibiting companies to present their latest products and services in special 60-minute sessions during exhibit hours. For a full list of presentations, please refer to the *Guide to Poster Sessions and Exhibits* and the AACR Annual Meeting 2020 App.

If your organization would like to exhibit and would like to receive an Exhibitor Prospectus, please contact the Exhibits Team at 215-440-9300 or by email at [exhibits@aacr.org](mailto:exhibits@aacr.org).

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## AACR SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Since 1961, the AACR has presented hundreds of Scientific Achievement Awards and Lectureships to recognize the scientific accomplishments of basic and translational scientists, physician-scientists, prevention researchers, epidemiologists, and other researchers who have made significant contributions to the understanding of cancer biology, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment. If you are interested in more information about the AACR's Scientific Achievement Awards, please visit [AACR.org/ScientificAwards](http://AACR.org/ScientificAwards).

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT THE AACR FOUNDATION

The AACR Foundation welcomes support from corporations, foundations, individuals and other organizations that share its mission and are interested in helping to defray the costs of presenting this important international meeting on the latest developments in cancer research. An array of high-visibility opportunities is available, including Hotel Key Cards, Wi-Fi Zones, and the Annual Meeting Webcast, as well as support opportunities for many components of the scientific program (i.e., Plenary Sessions, Major Symposia, Forums, Advances Sessions, Methods Workshops, Educational Sessions, Meet-the-Expert Sessions, constituency programs, etc.); the *Program Guide* and other Annual Meeting publications; Scholar-in-Training Awards; the Annual Meeting 5K Run/Walk; the AACR President's Annual Reception; and more. For a complete list of support opportunities and their many benefits, please contact Peter VanPelt, Senior Director, Corporate and Foundation Relations, at 215-446-7256 or via email at [peter.vanpelt@aacr.org](mailto:peter.vanpelt@aacr.org).

## SATELLITE EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIA

Satellite Educational Symposia will be held in conjunction with the AACR Annual Meeting. These CME-accredited events are supported by parties other than AACR and are not part of the official program of the AACR Annual Meeting. Symposia are evaluated by the Satellite Educational Symposia Committee to ensure that the educational content will enhance that provided by the official AACR scientific program. Additional information will be available at [AACR.org/AACR2020](http://AACR.org/AACR2020).

## SPACE FOR SPECIAL FUNCTIONS

The AACR will consider requests for space for special functions or receptions in the hotels listed on page 42. These requests will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. Any corporation that wishes to entertain during the Annual Meeting must be an exhibitor at the meeting. Space request forms are available on the AACR website and are included in the Exhibitor Services Manual.

## ASSISTANCE FOR PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED REGISTRANTS

The AACR Annual Meeting is accessible to all attendees. Registrants with special requirements for transportation, hotel accommodations, or other facilities connected with the meeting should notify the AACR in advance by checking the appropriate box when registering and providing the necessary details or by emailing Leslie Buckingham in the Meetings and Exhibits Department at [Leslie.Buckingham@aacr.org](mailto:Leslie.Buckingham@aacr.org). In addition, a list of organizations in San Diego, CA, that offer special equipment or services for the physically challenged will be posted at [AACR.org/AACR2020](http://AACR.org/AACR2020) in January 2020.

## CHILD CARE

The AACR will provide professional child care services at reduced rates subsidized by the Association for children ages 6 months to 12 years during the Annual Meeting. Special arrangements may also be made for infants under 6 months old by contacting the Meetings and Exhibits Department at [meetings@aacr.org](mailto:meetings@aacr.org). The exact hours, location, and costs of this service will be available in January 2020 on the AACR website.

## NURSING MOTHERS SUITE

Annual Meeting attendees who are also nursing mothers will find the Nursing Mothers Suite to be a private, comfortable, and secure environment in which to nourish and nurture their babies. AACR-Women in Cancer Research is pleased to sponsor this important service. Additional information will be posted at [AACR.org/AACR2020](http://AACR.org/AACR2020).

## CODE OF CONDUCT, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES

The AACR Annual Meeting 2020 will bring together over 21,000 representatives from academia, industry, government, and advocacy organizations from across the globe. In order for all participants to have the opportunity to gain the most benefit from this conference, the AACR is committed to providing a safe and secure environment. Please review the following policies and procedures for conference participants. By registering for the AACR Annual Meeting 2020, you agree to the following terms:

- **AACR Policy Regarding Photography.** Conference attendees may take photographs during oral or poster presentations provided that the photographs are strictly for personal, noncommercial use and are not to be published in any form. Attendees are prohibited from using flash photography or otherwise distracting the presenters or members of the audience.
- **AACR Policy Regarding Social Media.** Conference attendees may share information from presentations on social media provided that they respect the wishes of presenters. Oral presenters may label any or all slides in their presentations with “DO NOT POST.” Similarly, poster presenters may label their posters with “DO NOT POST.” Attendees must respect the presenters’ requests in these instances; while attendees may take photographs of all slides and posters, they must refrain from posting on social media any images from slides or posters labeled “DO NOT POST.”
- The AACR prohibits intimidating, threatening, or harassing conduct of any kind during this program. This applies to all participants—attendees, presenters, exhibitors, staff, vendors, etc.
- The AACR is committed to a safe, hospitable, and productive environment for all participants of this program, regardless of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, religion, or sexual orientation.
- The AACR expects all participants to communicate professionally and constructively, handling dissent and disagreement with courtesy, dignity, and an open mind; being respectful when providing feedback; and being open to alternate points of view.
- Children under 12 years of age are not permitted in any scientific session, poster session, the Exhibit Hall, or any official event taking place at this program at any time. Children cannot be left unattended or unsupervised in the Convention Center.
- Cell phones and other electronic devices must be turned off or placed on “silent” mode before entering a session. Participants should step out of session rooms to make calls or send emails or texts, as the back lighting on electronic devices is distracting to other participants.
- The AACR expects participants to share information about this program responsibly and clearly distinguish individual opinion from fact.
- A professional photographer and videographer will be on-site to document conference events and activities between April 24 and April 29, 2020. Photographs and video footage are the sole property of AACR. By registering for and attending these events, attendees understand that AACR may use their likenesses for future promotional purposes. If you do not wish to be photographed, please notify the photographer and/or videographer on-site.
- Participants must obey all applicable laws and regulations of the relevant government authorities while attending this program. Participants must comply with all applicable safety guidelines related to the conference venue.
- If a session room becomes too crowded, the AACR asks you to follow instructions provided by the AACR staff, Convention Center staff, or security. Instructions may include not standing against the walls, not blocking the aisles or doors, or being denied entry if the room becomes too crowded. The AACR and all participants are obligated to abide by the guidelines established by the Fire Marshal in the Convention Center. If a room reaches full capacity and there is not full cooperation, the Fire Marshal has the authority to delay or terminate the session.
- The hours of the Exhibit Hall are published in the *Program Guide, Guide to Poster Sessions and Exhibits*, the mobile app, and on signage at the Exhibit Hall entrances. Exhibitors and attendees are expected to follow these rules and to abide by the instructions of posted security guards and AACR staff.
- The AACR encourages responsible drinking for those drinking alcohol. Beer and wine will be offered at some official social events. Alcohol will not be served to anyone under the age of 21. Alcoholic beverages are allowed in specific areas and must not be taken out of these areas.

# HOTEL LIST

\*Rates are for 2020

## Downtown - Headquarters Hotels

### Rates\*

<b>1 Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina</b> .....	\$291.00
333 West Harbor Drive	
<b>2 Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego</b> .....	\$291.00
One Market Place	
<b>3 Omni San Diego Hotel</b> .....	\$285.00
675 L Street	

## Downtown

### Rates\*

<b>4 Andaz San Diego</b> .....	\$269.00
600 F Street	
<b>5 Best Western Plus Bayside Inn</b> .....	\$189.00
555 West Ash Street	
<b>6 Bristol Hotel</b> .....	\$205.00
1055 First Avenue	
<b>7 Carte' Hotel</b> .....	\$264.00
401 West Ash Street	
<b>8 Courtyard San Diego Gaslamp/Convention Center</b> .....	\$259.00
453 6th Avenue	
<b>9 Courtyard San Diego Downtown</b> .....	\$252.00
530 Broadway	
<b>10 Doubletree by Hilton San Diego Downtown</b> .....	\$224.00
1646 Front Street	
<b>11 Embassy Suites San Diego Bay Downtown</b> .....	\$258.00
601 Pacific Highway	
<b>12 Four Points by Sheraton San Diego</b> .....	\$209.00
1617 1st Avenue	
<b>13 Guild Hotel</b> .....	\$279.00
500 West Broadway	
<b>14 Hampton Inn by Hilton-San Diego Downtown</b> .....	\$219.00
1531 Pacific Highway	
<b>15 Hard Rock Hotel San Diego</b> .....	\$275.00 studio   \$290.00 suite
207 5th Avenue	
<b>16 Hilton Garden Inn Downtown/Bayside</b> .....	\$235.00
2137 Pacific Highway	
<b>17 Hilton San Diego Bayfront</b> .....	\$290.00
1 Park Boulevard	
<b>18 Hilton San Diego Gaslamp Quarter</b> .....	\$279.00
401 K Street	
<b>19 Homewood Suites by Hilton San Diego Downtown/Bayside</b> .....	\$245.00
2137 Pacific Highway	
<b>20 Horton Grand Hotel</b> .....	\$205.00
311 Island Avenue	
<b>21 Hotel Indigo San Diego Gaslamp Quarter</b> .....	\$267.00
509 9th Avenue	
<b>22 Hotel Republic San Diego</b> .....	\$259.00
421 West B Street	
<b>23 Hotel Z</b> .....	\$229.00
521 6th Avenue	
<b>24 InterContinental San Diego</b> .....	\$291.00
901 Bayfront Court	
<b>25 Kimpton Hotel Palomar San Diego</b> .....	\$269.00
1047 5th Avenue	
<b>26 Kimpton Solamar Hotel</b> .....	\$273.00
435 6th Avenue	

<b>27 Moxy by Marriott San Diego Gaslamp</b> .....	\$249.00
831 6th Avenue	
<b>28 Pendry San Diego</b> .....	\$ 285.00
550 J Street	
<b>29 Porto Vista Hotel</b> .....	\$ 187.00
1835 Columbia Street	
<b>30 Residence Inn San Diego Downtown</b> .....	\$ 239.00
1747 Pacific Highway	
<b>31 Residence Inn San Diego Downtown/Gaslamp Quarter</b> .....	\$ 269.00
356 6th Avenue	
<b>32 Residence Inn San Diego Downtown/Bayfront</b> .....	\$259.00
900 Bayfront Court	
<b>33 San Diego Marriott Gaslamp Quarter</b> .....	\$269.00
660 K Street	
<b>34 Sofia Hotel</b> .....	\$205.00/\$225.00
150 West Broadway	
<b>35 SpringHill Suites San Diego Downtown/Bayfront</b> .....	\$259.00
900 Bayfront Court	
<b>36 US Grant - A Luxury Collection Hotel</b> .....	\$289.00
326 Broadway	
<b>37 Westgate Hotel</b> .....	\$245.00
1055 2nd Avenue	
<b>38 Westin San Diego Gaslamp Quarter</b> .....	\$269.00
910 Broadway Circle	
<b>39 Westin San Diego</b> .....	\$259.00
400 West Broadway	
<b>40 Wyndham San Diego Bayside</b> .....	\$205.00
1355 North Harbor Drive	

## Harbor Island

### Rates\*

<b>41 Hilton San Diego Airport/Harbor Island</b> .....	\$235.00
1960 Harbor Island Drive	
<b>42 Sheraton Hotel and Marina</b> .....	\$231.00
1380 Harbor Island Drive	

## Airport/Liberty Station

### Rates\*

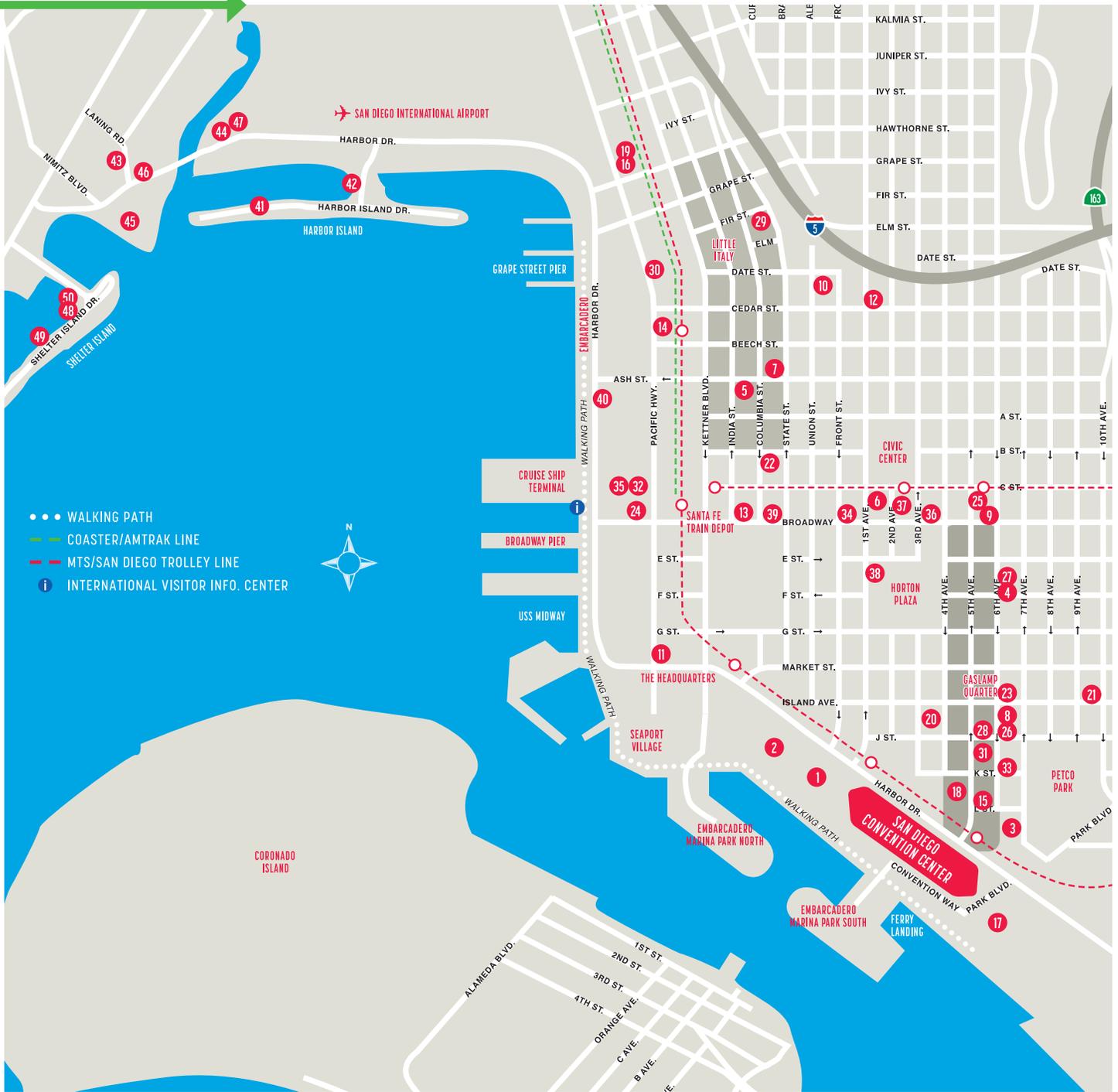
<b>43 Courtyard Marriott at Airport/Liberty Station</b> .....	\$209.00
2592 Laning Road	
<b>44 Hampton Inn &amp; Suites Airport/Liberty Station</b> .....	\$199.00
2211 Lee Court	
<b>45 Holiday Inn San Diego - Bayside</b> .....	\$189.00
4875 North Harbor Drive	
<b>46 Homewood Suites by Hilton at Airport/Liberty Station</b> .....	\$215.00
2576 Laning Road	
<b>47 TownePlace Suites Airport/Liberty Station</b> .....	\$199.00
2311 Lee Court	

## Shelter Island

### Rates\*

<b>48 Bay Club Hotel &amp; Marina</b> .....	\$165.00
2131 Shelter Island Drive	
<b>49 Best Western Plus Island Palms Hotel &amp; Marina</b> .....	\$165.00
2051 Shelter Island Drive	
<b>50 Humphrey's Half Moon Inn &amp; Suites</b> .....	\$165.00
2303 Shelter Island Drive	

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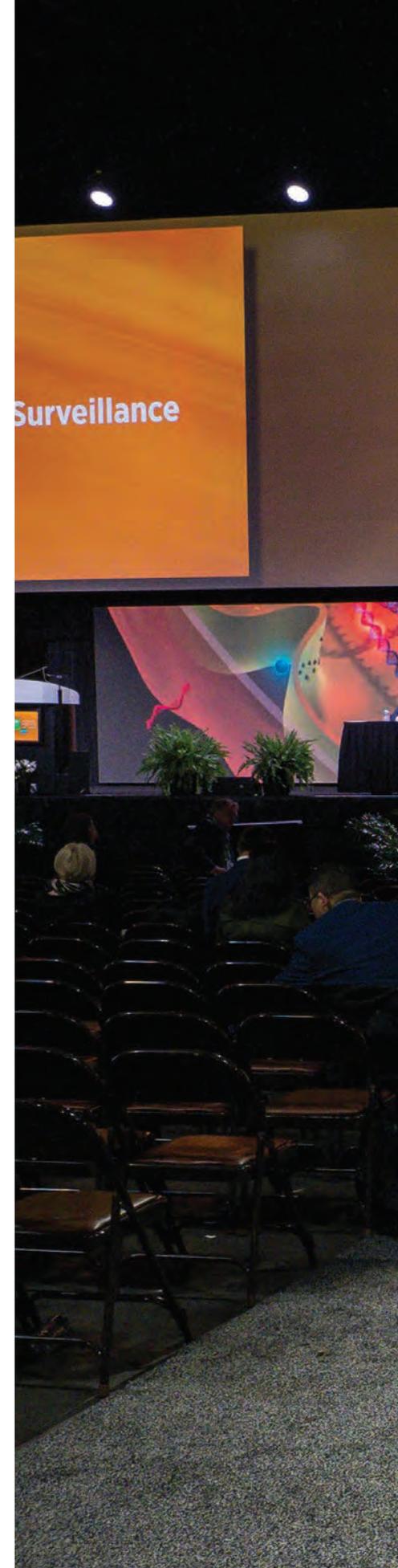
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