

# **18th AACR Conference on The Science of Cancer Health Disparities**

*In association with the AACR Minorities in Cancer Research Council*

September 18-21, 2025 | Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor | Baltimore, Maryland

## **PROGRAM**

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Karen Winkfield, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, North Carolina  
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Cristina Zavaleta, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California

## Wednesday, September 17, 2025

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### ***Pre-Conference Activity***

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

9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. | Key Ballroom 3,4,6

Chair: Brian M. Rivers, Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia

### ***Pre-Conference Activity***

#### **AACR-Minorities in Cancer Research Distinguished Lectureship: The Science of Health Disparities - Integrating Genomics, Ethics, and Behavioral Research**

3-6 p.m. | Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD

Chairs:

Valerie Otero-Marah, Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland

Clayton C. Yates, Johns Hopkins Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland

## Thursday, September 18

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### ***Pre-conference Activity***

#### **AACR Undergraduate Student Caucus and Poster Competition**

9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. | Key Ballroom 3,4,6

Chair: Brian M. Rivers, Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia

### **Conference Registration**

1:30-7:00 p.m. | Key Ballroom East Foyer

### **Welcome and Opening Session**

4-6 p.m. | Key Ballroom 7-12

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| 4 - 4:05 p.m.    | Welcome and Keynote Introduction<br>Lauren E. McCullough, Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health, Atlanta, Georgia |
| 4:05 - 4:35 p.m. | The assignment<br>Robert A. Winn, VCU Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center, Richmond, Virginia                                  |
| 4:35 - 4:40 p.m. | Q&A/Discussion  |
| 4:40 - 4:45 p.m. | Advocate Keynote Introduction<br>Lauren E. McCullough, Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health, Atlanta, Georgia    |
| 4:45 - 5:15 p.m. | The power of one - Our voice is our power!<br>Ysabel Duron, The Latino Cancer Institute, San Jose, California                 |
| 5:15 - 5:20 p.m. | Q&A/Discussion  |

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- 5:20 - 5:25 p.m. Distinguished Lecturer Introduction  
Diana Redwood, ANTHC, Alaska Native Epidemiology Center, Anchorage, Alaska
- 5:25 - 5:55 p.m. AACR Distinguished Lectureship on the Science of Cancer Health Disparities  
Resurgence of noninvasive colorectal cancer screening for mitigating disparities  
John M. Carethers, UC San Diego Health, La Jolla, California
- 5:55 - 6 p.m. Q&A/Discussion

### **Minorities in Cancer Research (MICR) Meet and Greet**

6-7 p.m. | Holiday 1-3

### **Poster Session A and Opening Reception**

7-8:30 p.m. | Key Ballroom 1-6

## **Friday, September 19**

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### **Breakfast and Networking Roundtables**

8 - 9 a.m. | Key Ballroom 3, 4, 6

### **Plenary Session 1: Sustaining Cancer Research Advances: Navigating the Evolving Landscape**

9 - 10:30 a.m. | Key Ballroom 7-12

Session Chair: Robert A. Winn, VCU Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center, Richmond, Virginia

- 9 - 9:05 a.m. Session Chair Introduction  
Robert A. Winn
- 9:05 - 9:20 a.m. Bending without breaking: Resilience for an uncertain academic future  
Elena Martinez, UCSD Moores Cancer Center, San Diego, California
- 9:20 - 9:35 a.m. TBD  
Chanita Hughes-Halbert, USC - University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California
- 9:35 - 9:50 a.m. TBD  
Clayton C. Yates, Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center, Baltimore, Maryland
- 9:50 - 10:30 a.m. Panel Discussion and Q&A

### **Break**

10:30 - 11 a.m. | Key Ballroom Foyer

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## **Plenary Session 2: Obesity and Cancer**

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Key Ballroom 7-12

Session Chairs:

Elizabeth M. Cespedes Feliciano, Kaiser Permanente - Northern California, Oakland, California

Lauren E. McCullough, Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health, Atlanta, Georgia

11 - 11:05 a.m.      Session Chair Introduction  
Elizabeth M. Cespedes Feliciano  
Lauren E. McCullough

11:05 - 11:20 a.m. Decreasing colorectal cancer burden in Hispanic/Latino communities through screening  
Elena Martinez, UCSD Moores Cancer Center, San Diego, California

11:20 - 11:35 a.m. How it starts is how it goes: Diagnostic pitfalls in gynecologic cancers  
Kemi M. Doll, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington

11:35 - 11:50 a.m. The role of body composition in disparities in breast cancer incidence and survival  
Erica T. Warner, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts

11:50 - 12:05 p.m. Obesity and cancer disparities where we need to go next  
Tanya D. Agurs-Collins, National Cancer Institute, Rockville, Maryland

12:05 - 12:30 p.m. Panel Discussion and Q&A

## **Lunch on Own**

12:30-2:30 p.m.

## **Professional Advancement for Cancer Disparities Researchers - Becoming an Independent and Competitive Cancer Disparities Researcher: Navigating Today's Environment**

*Organized by the AACR Minorities in Cancer Research Council*

12:30-2:30 p.m. | Holiday Ballroom 1-3

Session Chairs:

Ruben A. Mesa, Wake Forest Baptist Comprehensive Cancer Center., Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Karen Winkfield, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee

The purpose of the Professional Advancement Session is to provide strategies, practical advice for National Cancer Institute (NCI) funding opportunities, and beyond, for investigators seeking research independence in an increasingly complex environment for these important efforts. This forum will foster interactive discussions and offer strategies for trainees and early-stage investigators (ESIs) to navigate a career in cancer disparities research. Topics will span multidisciplinary research areas and focus on promoting workforce diversity. Specific areas of

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focus will include highlighting relevant funding opportunities and how to navigate traditional and new funding mechanisms, showcasing resources for developing competitive applications, providing grantsmanship tips, and reinforcing the importance of networking. Presenters will review the fundamentals of success, as well as provide innovative approaches and tailored information for every career level and discipline.

### **Concurrent Sessions 1 and 2**

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

#### **Concurrent Session 1: Biobanking Resources to Improve Cancer Research Outcomes for All**

2:30 - 3:30 p.m. | Key Ballroom 7-12

Session Chair: Jennifer B. Permuth, Moffitt Cancer Center, Tampa, Florida

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| 2:30 - 2:35 p.m. | Session Chair Introduction<br>Jennifer B. Permuth   |
| 2:35 - 2:50 p.m. | The Puerto Rico Biobanking Program<br>W. Douglas Cress, Moffitt Cancer Center, Tampa, Florida   |
| 2:50 - 3:05 p.m. | The NCTN Biospecimen Banks Resource<br>Heather A. Lankes, NRG Oncology, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  |
| 3:05 - 3:20 p.m. | Big data, big impact: Driving health innovation with All of Us<br>Joshua C. Denny, All of Us Research Program, Bethesda, Maryland<br>Alia Graham, Patient Advocate, Chicago, Illinois |
| 3:20 - 3:30 p.m. | Panel Discussion and Q&A  |

#### **Concurrent Session 2: Patient Engagement from Design to Dissemination**

2:30 - 3:30 p.m. | Holiday Ballroom 1-3

Session Chair: Lisa Goldman Rosas, Stanford University School of Medicine, Palo Alto, California

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| 2:30 - 2:35 p.m. | Session Chair Introduction<br>Lisa Goldman-Rosas  |
| 2:35 - 2:45 p.m. | From vision to voice: Team SAMBAI's patient engagement model<br>Tiffany L. Carson, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center, Tampa, Florida             |
| 2:45 - 2:55 p.m. | From vision to voice: Team SAMBAI's patient engagement model<br>Ricki Fairley, TOUCH, The Black Breast Cancer Alliance, Annapolis, Maryland |
| 2:55 - 3:05 p.m. | Oh, the places you'll go<br>David O. Garcia, University of Arizona - Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, Tucson, Arizona       |

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3:05 - 3:15 p.m. Oh, the places you'll go  
Sylvia S. Molina, Patient Advocate, Tucson, Arizona

3:15 - 3:30 p.m. Panel Discussion and Q&A

### **Break**

3:30 - 3:45 p.m.

### **Concurrent Sessions 3 and 4**

3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

#### **Concurrent Session 3: Breaking the Hispanic Monolith: Research Differences in Cancer Health Disparities by Community**

3:45 - 4:45 p.m. | Key Ballroom 7-12

Session Chair: Alejandro Recio-Boiles, University of Arizona Cancer Center, Tucson, Arizona

3:45 - 3:50 p.m. Session Chair Introduction  
Alejandro Recio-Boiles

3:50 - 4:05 p.m. Leveraging regional variations in cancer management to improve cancer research and outcomes  
Samuel L. Washington, UCSF - University of California San Francisco, San Francisco, California

4:05 - 4:20 p.m. Beyond the monolith: Artificial intelligence and spatial-multi-omics advance precision medicine in colorectal cancer among Hispanic/Latino communities  
Enrique I. Velazquez-Villarreal, City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center, Duarte, California

4:20 - 4:35 p.m. Rooted in culture, driven by data: Advancing efforts to decrease cancer health disparities through Hispanic patient representation  
Marielle McLeod, Cancer Hope Network, Chester, New Jersey

4:35 - 4:45 p.m. Panel Discussion and Q&A

#### **Concurrent Session 4: Hematologic Malignancies**

3:45 - 4:45 p.m. | Holiday Ballroom 1-3

Session Chair:

Michelle A. T. Hildebrandt, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas

Theresa H. M. Keegan, UC Davis, Sacramento, California

3:45 - 3:50 p.m. Session Chair Introduction

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Michelle A. T. Hildebrandt  
Theresa H. M. Keegan

- 3:50 - 4:05 p.m. Biology underlying disparities in large B-cell lymphoma  
Jean L. Koff, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia
- 4:05 - 4:20 p.m. Sociopolitical determinants of Hodgkin lymphoma outcomes  
Justine Kahn, Columbia University Irving Medical Center, New York, New York
- 4:20 - 4:35 p.m. Access to specialty cancer centers for adolescents and young adults with acute lymphoblastic leukemia  
Lori Muffly, Stanford University, Stanford, California
- 4:35 - 4:45 p.m. Panel Discussion and Q&A

### **Break**

4:45 - 5 p.m.

### **Lightning Lectures 1**

5 - 5:30 p.m. | Key Ballroom 7-12

Session Chair: Justin Xavier Moore, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky

- 5 - 5:03 p.m. Session Chair Introduction  
Justin Xavier Moore
- 5:03 - 5:06 p.m. Tobacco retailer density and cancer incidence in California (2016-2020)\*  
Alice Guan, University of California, San Francisco, San Francisco, California
- 5:06 - 5:09 p.m. A multi-method, collaborative approach in evaluating the experiences and identifying barriers for Black individuals in follow up care for radical prostatectomy and secondary treatment\*  
Dante Morehead, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington
- 5:09 - 5:12 p.m. Promoting access to in-home cancer genetic testing through a primary care collaborative telegenetics model\*  
Daniel Chavez-Yenter, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 5:12 - 5:15 p.m. Early impact of a community-oriented clinical trialist training program: The Robert A. Winn Excellence in Clinical Trials Career Development Award\*  
Megan Becker, Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center, Richmond, Virginia
- 5:15 - 5:18 p.m. SOGI data in oncology: Themes from a large qualitative study\*  
Beck Gold, George Washington University Cancer Center, Washington, District of Columbia

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- 5:18 - 5:21 p.m. Adiposity-related metabolomic signatures and mortality in a population-based cohort of Black breast cancer survivors\*  
Bo Qin, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, New Brunswick, New Jersey
- 5:21 - 5:24 p.m. The association of estimated visceral adipose tissue amount with risk of postmenopausal breast cancer in the Multiethnic Cohort Study\*  
Janine V. Abe, University of Hawai'i Cancer Center, Honolulu, Hawaii
- 5:24 - 5:27 p.m. Disparities in cancer survival among US-born and foreign-born populations by race and ethnicity\*  
Aminu K. Abubakar, Graduate School of Public Health, St. Luke's International University, Chuo, Japan
- 5:27 - 5:30 p.m. Association between mortgage lending bias and smoking cessation: The Multiethnic Cohort and Southern Community Cohort Study\*  
Mimi Ton, University of California, San Francisco, San Francisco, California

### **Poster Session B and Reception**

5:30 - 7 p.m. | Key Ballroom 1-6

## **Saturday, September 20**

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### **Breakfast and Networking Roundtables**

8 - 9 a.m. | Key Ballroom 3, 4, 6

### **Plenary Session 3: Bridging the Gap between Genomics and Social Determinants**

9 - 10:30 a.m.

Session Chair: Christopher R. Flowers, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas

- 9 - 9:05 a.m. Session Chair Introduction  
Christopher R. Flowers
- 9:05 - 9:25 a.m. TBD  
Melissa B. Davis, Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia
- 9:25 - 9:45 a.m. Biomarkers of health disparities: LRIG1 as a therapeutic target in breast cancer  
Brittany D. Jenkins-Lord, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg Sch. of Public Health, Baltimore, Maryland
- 9:45 - 10:05 a.m. Health disparities in diffuse large B-cell lymphoma  
Michelle J. Lee, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia
- 10:05 - 10:30 a.m. Panel Discussion and Q&A

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**Break**

10:30 - 11 a.m. | Key Ballroom Foyer

**Concurrent Sessions 5 and 6**

11 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Concurrent Session 5: The Science of Community Engagement: Fostering Resilience and Sustaining Impact (Companion Session to Plenary 1)**

11 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Key Ballroom 7-12

Session Chairs:

Laura Crandon, TOUCH4LIFE, INC., Clarksville, Maryland

Mya Roberson, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Nashville, Tennessee

11 - 11:05 a.m.      Session Chair Introduction  
Laura Crandon

11:05 - 11:15 a.m. TBD  
Kemith Calvin, Ebenezer AME Church, Fort Washington, Maryland

11:15 - 11:25 a.m. Educating community leaders in cancer education and awareness:  
Direct engagement between Black cancer survivors and cancer center  
leaders  
Kimberly Richardson, Black Cancer Collaborative, Chicago, Illinois

11:25 - 11:35 a.m. TBD  
Celina Valencia, University of Arizona Cancer Center, Tucson, Arizona

11:35 - 11:45 a.m. Latina cancer survivors developing resilience then impacting their  
communities  
Ivis C. Febus-Sampayo, Disrupt Project, Winter Garden, Florida

11:45 - 12 p.m.      Panel Discussion and Q&A

**Concurrent Session 6: Innovative Approaches for Continued Progress in Low-Resource Settings**

11 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Holiday Ballroom 1-3

Session Chair: Olufunmilayo I. Olopade, UChicago Medicine Comprehensive Cancer Ctr.,  
Chicago, Illinois

11 - 11:05 a.m.      Session Chair Introduction  
Olufunmilayo I. Olopade

11:05 - 11:15 a.m. Harnessing our common African genomes to improve health globally

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Ambroise Wonkam, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine,  
Baltimore, Maryland

11:15 - 11:25 a.m. Team science unlocks underused molecular big data for scalable  
innovation in cancer research  
Long Nguyen, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

11:25 - 11:35 a.m. How can public health systems facilitate access to timely, high-quality  
cancer care for rural Americans?  
Jason Semprini, Des Moines University, West Des Moines, Iowa

11:35 - 11:45 a.m. Point-of-care ultrasound guidance for cervical cancer brachytherapy: A  
scalable innovation in low-resource settings  
Onyinye D. Balogun, Weill Cornell Medicine, Brooklyn, New York

11:45 - 12 p.m. Panel Discussion and Q&A

### **Lunch on Own**

12-2 p.m.

### **Robert A. Winn Excellence in Clinical Trials: Career Development Award**

12-12:30 p.m. | Holiday Ballroom 1-3

12 - 12:10 p.m. Joy L. Jones, Executive Director, Robert A. Winn Excellence in Clinical Trials  
Award Program, VCU Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center, Richmond,  
Virginia

12:10 - 12:20 p.m. Megan Becker, Executive Director, Winn Career Development Awards Program,  
VCU Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center, Richmond, Virginia

12:20 - 12:30 p.m. Panel Discussion and Q&A

### **Concurrent Sessions 7 and 8**

2 – 3 p.m.

#### **Concurrent Session 7: Charting the Path Forward: Supporting Early-Stage Investigators (Companion Session to Plenary 1)**

2 – 3 p.m. | Key Ballroom 7-12

Session Chair: Shine Chang, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas

2 - 2:03 p.m. Session Chair Introduction  
Shine Chang

2:03 - 2:13 p.m. Supporting targeted trainees and junior faculty in a time of extreme  
threat  
Ash Alpert, Yale Cancer Center, New Haven, Connecticut

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- 2:13 - 2:23 p.m.     Charting the path for funding success as an early career cancer researcher  
Nastaran Zahir, National Cancer Institute - Shady Grove Campus, Rockville, Maryland
- 2:23 - 2:33 p.m.     Navigating icebergs: Building resilience in the face of challenges  
Bernard Fuemmeler, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia
- 2:33 - 2:40 p.m.     Panel Group Discussion
- 2:40-3:00 p.m.        Q&A

**Concurrent Session 8: Advancing Cancer Control in Persistent Poverty Areas: Scalable Strategies for Lasting Impact**

2 – 3 p.m. | Holiday Ballroom 1-3

Session Chair:

Shobha Srinivasan, NCI-Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences, Rockville, Maryland

Rulla M. Tamimi, Weill Cornell Medicine, New York, New York

- 2 - 2:05 p.m.         Session Chair Introduction  
Shobha Srinivasan  
Rulla M. Tamimi
- 2:05 - 2:20 p.m.     Cancer risk education in schools for youth and families  
Erica Phillips, Weill Cornell Medicine, New York, New York  
Jared Fox, Fox EduConsulting, Washington, DC
- 2:20 - 2:35 p.m.     Community-led scale out of Turtle Island Tales: A health promotion program for Native American families with young children  
Emily J. Tomayko, Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana  
Olivia Davis, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon
- 2:35 - 2:50 p.m.     How the "poverty-industrial complex" contributes to persistent poverty  
Anne S. Kim, Washington Monthly, Washington, DC
- 2:50 - 3 p.m.         Panel Discussion and Q&A

**Break**

3 - 3:15 p.m.

**Concurrent Sessions 9 and 10**

3:15 - 4:15 p.m.

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**Concurrent Session 9: Funding Cancer Health Disparities Research: Insights from Foundations and Industry (Companion Session to Plenary 1)**

3:15 - 4:15 p.m. | Key Ballroom 7-12

Session Chairs:

Joanne W. Elena, American Cancer Society, Kennesaw, Georgia

Yixian (John) Zhang, American Association for Cancer Research, Philadelphia

- 3:15 - 3:18 p.m.    Session Chair Introduction  
Yixian (John) Zhang
- 3:18 - 3:26 p.m.    Opportunities for research funding at the American Cancer Society  
Joanne W. Elena, American Cancer Society, Atlanta, Georgia
- 3:26 - 3:34 p.m.    Stand Up To Cancer's model for supporting impactful cancer research  
Catherine L. Higgins, Stand Up To Cancer, Los Angeles, California
- 3:34 - 3:42 p.m.    Advancing cancer disparities research through AACR funding and collaboration  
Christina (Leah) Kline, American Association for Cancer Research, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 3:42 - 3:50 p.m.    Creating possible through research and collaboration: An industry perspective  
Sabrina Lynn Meyers, Gilead Sciences, Inc., Chicago, Illinois
- 3:50 - 4:15 p.m.    Panel Discussion and Q&A

**Concurrent Session 10: Inflammation and Comorbidities**

3:15 - 4:15 p.m. | Holiday Ballroom 1-3

Session Chair: Electra D. Paskett, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

- 3:15 - 3:20 p.m.    Session Chair Introduction  
Electra D. Paskett
- 3:20 - 3:30 p.m.    Inflammation, comorbidities, and stress signaling as contributors to the US prostate cancer outcome disparity  
Stefan Ambs, National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, Maryland
- 3:30 - 3:40 p.m.    Comorbidities, inflammation, tumor environment, and disparities among breast and ovarian cancer patients  
Lindsay J. Collin, Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health, Atlanta, Georgia
- 3:40 - 3:50 p.m.    From the environment to the tumor: How place-based stressors drive cancer disparities  
Adana A. M. Llanos, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, New York, New York

3:50 - 4 p.m.      The power of laughter to reduce stress, inflammation, and comorbidities  
Saranne Rothberg, The Comedy Cures Foundation, Tenafly, New Jersey

4:00 - 4:15 p.m.      Panel Discussion and Q&A

### **Break**

4:15 – 4:30 p.m.

### **Special Session: Advances in Clinical Trial Access and Community Engagement**

*Session organized by Stand Up To Cancer (SU2C)*

4:30-5:45 p.m. | Key Ballroom 7-12

Session Chair: William G. Nelson, Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland

4:30 - 4:35 p.m.      Session Chair Introduction  
William G. Nelson

4:35 - 4:45 p.m.      DISRUPTing how we recruit to cancer clinical trials  
Nina Bickell, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, New York

4:45 - 4:55 p.m.      Building the foundation to address disparities in clinical research: Lessons learned from the ADACT Project  
Linda Fleisher, Fox Chase Cancer Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

4:55 - 5:05 p.m.      Planes, trains, and clinical trials: Moving patients to move science  
Sukh Makhnoon, UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, Texas

5:05 - 5:15 p.m.      Eliminating enrollment barriers to early phase trials across communities in Los Angeles  
Jennifer Tsui, USC - University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California

5:15 - 5:20 p.m.      TBD  
Vernal H. Branch, Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation, Mooresville, North Carolina

5:20 – 5:45 p.m.      Panel Discussion and Q&A

### **Lightning Lectures 2**

5:45 – 6:15 p.m. | Key Ballroom 7-12

Session Chair: Yamile Molina, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

5:45 - 5:48 p.m.      Session Chair Introduction  
Yamile Molina

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- 5:48 - 5:51 p.m.    The SGM Cancer CARE Workshop: A conversation on the importance of providing training, mentoring and networking to address cancer disparities for underserved populations in the face of changing federal priorities\*  
Shine Chang, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas
- 5:51 - 5:54 p.m.    Genetic ancestry in Colombian men with suspected prostate cancer and its association with novel early detection biomarkers\*  
Dayanne M. Rodríguez Hernández, Instituto Nacional de Cancerología, Bogotá, Colombia
- 5:54 - 5:57 p.m.    Feasibility of an interventional clinical trial addressing prostate cancer disparities in Black men by decentralization (DCT): A potential solution to disparities in clinical trial participation\*  
Kim M. Barbel Johnson, Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, Florida
- 5:57 - 6 p.m.    Germline pathogenic variant profiling of DNA double-strand break repair pathways in populations with African and European genetic ancestry\*  
Musinu Zakari, Fox Chase Cancer Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 6 - 6:03 p.m.    Breast tumor methylation landscape by estrogen receptor status and race using an NGS Methylation Detection System\*  
Jasmine M. Miller-Kleinhenz, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, Mississippi
- 6:03 - 6:06 p.m.    Health disparities by sex and cancer type among suicide decedents\*  
Brandy M. Byrwa-Hill, University of Utah Huntsman Cancer Institute, Salt Lake City, Utah
- 6:06 - 6:09 p.m.    Expanding clinical trial offerings to veterans: A modified ethnographic approach to document and analyze forming a research partnership between an academic cancer center and a veterans affairs medical center\*  
Heather McKee Hurwitz, Cleveland Clinic Cancer Institute, Cleveland, Ohio
- 6:09 - 6:12 p.m.    Cancer outreach and community engagement through a collaboration with a federally qualified health center: Promoting cancer screening recommendations for Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders in Hawai'i\*  
Mark L. Willingham Jr., University of Hawai'i Cancer Center, Honolulu, Hawaii

### **Poster Session C and Reception**

6:15-7:45 p.m. | Key Ballroom 1-6

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## **Sunday, September 21**

### **Breakfast and Networking Roundtables**

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8 - 9 a.m. | Key Ballroom 3,4, 6

**Concurrent Sessions 11 and 12**

9 - 10 a.m.

**Concurrent Session 11: Palliative Care and Pain Management**

9 - 10 a.m. | Key Ballroom 7-12

Session Chairs:

Oreofe O. Odejide, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, Massachusetts

Cardinale B. Smith, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, New York

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| 9 - 9:05 a.m.    | Session Chair Introduction<br>Oreofe O. Odejide<br>Cardinale B. Smith   |
| 9:05 - 9:20 a.m. | Disparities in opioid access among patients with cancer<br>Andrea Enzinger, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, Massachusetts |
| 9:20 - 9:35 a.m. | TBD<br>Andrea Cheville, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota   |
| 9:35 - 10 a.m.   | Panel Discussion and Q&A  |

**Concurrent Session 12: The Essential Role of Data Collection Across the Cancer Continuum from All Populations**

9 - 10 a.m. | Holiday Ballroom 1-3

Session Chair: Mandi Pratt-Chapman, George Washington Cancer Center, Washington, DC

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| 9 - 9:08 a.m.     | Session Chair Introduction<br>Mandi Pratt-Chapman  |
| 9:08-9:20 a.m.    | Dialogue with Paula Chambers Raney, Fight Colorectal Cancer,<br>Springfield, Missouri  |
| 9:20 - 9:32 a.m.  | We were almost there! Cancer surveillance and missing SOGI data<br>Lauren C. Houghton, Columbia University, New York, New York                     |
| 9:32 - 9:44 a.m.  | Why the SGM experience matters in serious illness and end-of-life care<br>William Rosa, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, New York |
| 9:44 – 10:00 a.m. | Panel Discussion   |

**Break**

10 - 10:15 a.m.

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#### **Plenary Session 4: The Power, Promise, and Potential Perils of AI to Address Cancer Health Disparities**

10:15 - 11:45 a.m. | Key Ballroom 7-12

Session Chair: Yulin Hswen, UCSF School of Medicine, San Francisco, California

10:15 - 10:20 a.m. Session Chair Introduction  
Yulin Hswen

10:20 - 10:40 a.m. Statistically principled DNNs for cancer research: A gray-box strategy  
Shuangge Ma, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut

10:40 - 11 a.m. AI generated visual images of cancer: Implications for health communication  
Wen-Ying Sylvia Chou, National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, Maryland

11 - 11:20 a.m. Chatbots vs. oncologists: Who really carries the duty of care?  
Andrea Downing, Light Collective, Eugene, Oregon

11:20 – 11:45 a.m. Panel Discussion and Q&A

#### **Break**

11:45 a.m. - 12 p.m.

#### **Plenary Session 5: Environmental Health Disparities: Bridging Research and Implementation**

12 - 1:30 p.m. | Key Ballroom 7-12

Session Chair: Mary Beth Terry, Silent Spring Institute, Newton, Massachusetts

12 - 12:05 p.m. Session Chair Introduction  
Mary Beth Terry

12:05 - 12:20 p.m. Building better policies for environmental health  
Lisa Patel, Stanford University, Pleasanton, California

12:20 - 12:35 p.m. PFAS metabolites and breast cancer phenotypes  
Adetunji T. Toriola, Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Saint Louis, Missouri

12:35 - 12:50 p.m. Addressing exposures from hazardous chemicals in beauty products as a health disparities concern  
Elissia T. Franklin, Silent Spring Institute, Newton, Massachusetts

12:50 - 1:05 p.m. The invisible exposures: Unmasking health disparities in our own backyards  
Desiree A.H. Walker, Young Survival Coalition, New York, New York

1:05 - 1:30 p.m. Panel Discussion and Q&A

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**Closing Remarks**

1:30-1:45 p.m. | Key Ballroom 7-12

Ysabel Duron, The Latino Cancer Institute, San Jose, California

Scarlett L. Gomez, University of California San Francisco, San Francisco, California

Carmen E. Guerra, Perelman School of Medicine University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania