

BC Cancer Summit 2025: Moving Together from Vision to Action --- Schedule at Glance

Thursday, November 20, 2025

Meal Breaks and Exhibitors: Pavilion Ballroom

7:15 – 8:30am: *Light Breakfast Buffet and Registration*

10:00 – 10:45am: *AM Break: Exhibitors, Posters, and Networking Opportunity*

12:00 – 1:15pm: *PM Break: Exhibitors, Posters, and Networking Opportunity*

3:00 – 3:45pm: *PM Break: Exhibitors, Posters, and Networking Opportunity*

Junior AB: registration office; speaker ready

Pavilion: Exhibits and meals

7:00am – 6:00pm | **Medical Staff Lounge** -- For BC Cancer Medical and Dental Staff Association Members

Sessions

Block A		Block B		Block C			
8:00 – 12:00 Skin Tumour Group Retreat Dr. Vanessa Bernstein Hybrid	9:00 – 12:00 Multi-disciplinary Challenges within Radiation Delivery - from Staffing to Teamwork to Capital Planning Dr. Devin Schellenberg Hybrid	8:30 - 11:30 Better Together: Co-Designing Supportive Care Services with Patients and Families Tammy Hoefer	8:30 - 11:30 Provincial Systemic Therapy Retreat Anika Patel	8:30 – 9:20 BC CANCER AND HEALTH AUTHORITY JOINT PROJECTS Track 1 ♦ Session 1 The SharedCare Cancer Action Plan Initiative: Improving the Quality of Collaboration Between BC Cancer and Regional Health Authorities in Caring for Cancer Patients and their Families Dr. Michael McKenzie, Bethina Abrahams Dr. Don Wilson	8:30 - 9:20 BC CANCER AND HEALTH AUTHORITY JOINT PROJECTS Track 2 ♦ Session 1 Pluvicto Implementation: A collaborative approach to Patient Care Dr. Maryam Soleimani, Rajesh Sthankiya	8:30 - 10:30 Sharing Lessons from the Equity-Oriented Model of Care QI Project Emily Lonsdale	8:30 - 10:00 Lymphoma Tumour Group Dr. Laurie Sehn
				9:20 – 10:00 Transitioning to HPV Primary Screening: Implementing Practice Change in BC Dr. Lily Proctor, Laura Gentile	9:20 -- 10:00 Implementation of Bispecific within Island Health Dr. Ashley Freeman Katie Zimmerman, James Loudon		
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				11:20 – 12:00 Transitioning to HPV Primary Screening: Implementing Practice Change in BC Dr. Lily Proctor, Laura Gentile	11:20 – 12:00 Implementation of Bispecific within Island Health Dr. Ashley Freeman Katie Zimmerman, James Loudon	10:30 – 12:00 BUILDING TRUST IN CLINICAL TRIALS: ADDRESSING BARRIERS FOR INDIGENOUS PATIENTS Laura Rockafellow	11:00 – 12:00 STRUCTURE OF CLINICAL TRIALS INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS ON BC CANCER WEBSITE Chirag Kariya Vishaldeep Sidhu
Block E		Block F					
1:00 - 8:30 BCCRI Rising Stars: the future of cancer research in BC Dr. Wan Lam, Dr. Kevin Bennewith, Marlene Manson Not accredited In person only	1:15-3:15 Skin Cancer Research in BC - Updates on What's New Dr. Harvey Lui, Dr. Sunil Kalia, Dr. Tim Lee Hybrid	1:00 - 3:30 Bottleneck to Breakthrough: Strategies for Clinical Capacity Optimization Gerald Gelowitz	1:00 - 3:00 Co-Designing AI for Cancer Care: Interactive Demo and Feedback on a Personal Navigation Assistant Prototype Dr. John-Jose Nunez	1:00 - 3:30 Head & Neck Tumour Group Dr. Nicole Chau Dr. Sarah Hamilton	1:00 - 3:00 Ideas to Impact: A Strategic Approach to Staff Wellbeing at BC Cancer Dr. Sharlene Gill, Dr. Janine Davies	1:30 - 3:00 Expanding Access to Lymphedema Care Sarah Buddingh Smith	1:00 - 2:30 The BC Cancer von Hippel Lindau Biobank: Empowering Research and Enhancing Care Dr. Maryam Soleimani, Dr. Nicolette Fonseca, Adelia Adelia, Nicky Harder
	Block G						
	2:00-4:30 Radiation Oncology Session Dr. Devin Schellenberg Hybrid	3:30 -5:00 Radiation Therapist Session Sara Cowan	3:30 – 4:30 Shaping Precision Medicine Initiatives in BC and Beyond Through Patient Empowerment Dr. Nathalie LeVasseur Dr. Alannah Smrke, Damini Chand				

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Friday, November 21, 2025

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6:45 – 7:55am: *Light Breakfast Buffet and Registration*

10:35 – 11:00am: *Stretch Break: Exhibitors, Posters, and Networking Opportunity*

12:30 – 2:00pm: *Break: Exhibitors, Posters, and Networking Opportunity*

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Summit 2025 – Moving Together from Vision to Action

Keynotes and Brights Spots Plenary

8:00 – 8:05	Welcome Dr. Paris-Ann Ingledew, Interim Executive Vice President & Chief Medical Office Tracy Irwin, Chief Operating Officer
8:05 – 8:30	Indigenous Welcome Shane Pointe, Siem Te ta-in, Coast Salish Knowledge Keeper from the Musqueam Nation.
8:30 – 8:35	Housekeeping, Introductions to Keynotes and Bright Spots Plenary Ruby Gidda, Executive Director, Clinical Capacity Optimization, Co-Chair, BC Cancer Summit Dr. Dan Le, Medical Oncologist, BC Cancer – Surrey, Co-Chair, BC Cancer Summit
Keynotes	
8:35 – 9:35	Keynote – AI in Oncology: From Possibility to Practice - What Can AI do for Cancer Care? - How We'll Make it Happen - Future Care Empowered: A lung Cancer Patient's Journey at an AI-Enabled BC Cancer Dr. John-Jose Nunez, Psychiatrist and Clinical Research Fellow, BC Cancer – Vancouver Dr. Srinivas Raman, Radiation Oncologist, BC Cancer – Vancouver Rasika Rajapakshe, Medical Physicist, BC Cancer – Kelowna
9:35 – 10:35	Patient Partners Keynote – From Vision to Action – Transforming AYA Cancer Care and Support, Together This session will model the Summit theme “Partnering for Action” by role-modelling authentic collaboration, while being anchored and led by an AYA patient partners. The session will open with patient partners sharing their lived experience navigating cancer care as an adolescent/young adult (AYA) and framing the call for action. Their perspective will guide the session, inviting collaborators to share how their involvement has reshaped care, research, and support in BC. Celina Naguib, Patient Partner Nivan Sharma, Patient Partner Cheryl Heykoop, Team Lead, Anew Research Collaborative Dr. Alannah Smrke, Medical Oncologist, BC Cancer – Vancouver Dr. Nathalie LeVasseur, Medical Oncologist, BC Cancer Dr. Kristin Marr, Pediatric Oncologist, BC Children's Hospital
10:35 -- 11:00	<i>Stretch Break</i>
Bright Spots	
11:00 – 12:20	Rapid Diagnostic Units in BC – Breaking down barriers to improve timeliness and experience for patients Dr. Christine Simmons, Medical Oncology, BC Cancer Dr. Rebecca Warburton, Medical Director, Providence Breast Centre, Providence Health Care Dr. Jaco Fourie, NH Medical Director NW-East Cluster, Rural and Remote Communities; Medical Lead NH Cancer Care, Northern Health Katie Zimmerman, Senior Project Manager – Nanaimo Cancer Centre/Cancer Strategy Reimagining cancer imaging: Bringing long-axial PET from Vision to Canadian Reality Carlos Uribe, Leader Clinical Nuclear Medicine Physics, BC Cancer
12:30 – 2:00	<i>Break: Light lunch, Exhibitors, Posters, and Networking Opportunity</i>
Block H 12:30 - 1:45 Clinical Leadership Meeting (<i>invited leadership meeting</i>) Chirag Kariya Hybrid	

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2:00 - 5:00 Breast Tumour Group Dr. Stephen Chia	2:00 - 5:30 Co-Designing an AYA Cancer Care & Support Program for BC: Leveraging momentum and knowledge, together Dr. Alannah Smrke, Dr. Cheryl Heykoop	2:00 - 4:00 "Stories That Move: Digital Storytelling as a Pathway to Partnership and Change in Cancer Care" Tammy Hoefer	2:00 - 4:00 GI Tumour Group Dr. Dan Renouf	2:00 - 3:30 Digestion, Gut Health & the Microbiome – optimizing nutrient absorption in cancer care Lindsay Van der Meer	2:00 - 3:30 Molecular Imaging and Therapy, the Future is here! Carlos Uribe	2:00 - 3:30 Meeting the Supportive Care Needs of BMT Patients: A Collaborative Workshop from BC Cancer, Vancouver Coastal Health, and the Canadian Cancer Society Carolyn Knox, Dr. John-Jose Nunez	2:00 - 3:30 Lung Tumour Group Dr. Srinivas Raman	2:00 - 3:30 CNS Tumour Group Dr. Manik Chahal	2:00 - 3:30 GU Tumour Group Dr. Krista Noonan, Dr. Jack Zheng	2:00 - 3:30 From Dreaming to Doing: Advancing Allied Health Together Fiona Mitchell	2:00 - 3:30 Integrated BC Cancer Supportive Care Strategic Plan Dr. Alan Bates, Ben Lee, Jonathan Avery, Dr. John-Jose Nunez
		Block K									
		4:00 - 5:00 Designing cancer centres with care: Partnering with patients to transform spaces Dr. Ursula Lee, Robin Latondresse, Cherie Taylor	4:00 - 5:00 The Intersection of Medical Assistance in Dying and Advance Care Planning Brittney Schichter	4:00 - 5:00 Planetary Health Updates: A Road Map to BC Cancer's transition to sustainable healthcare Lindi Close	4:00 - 5:30 Sarcoma TG Dr. Paul Clarkson	4:00 - 5:00 Medical Physics Professional Session Dr. Nathan Becker	4:00 - 5:00 Power of CONnection – Partnering to Support & Advance Outpatient Systemic Therapy Treatment Closer to Home Jessica Noble, Amol Gill Hybrid	4:00 - 5:00 Supportive Care- What is it good for? Absolutely everything! Julia Ridley, Dr. Nadeesha Fernando and Dr. Lauren Capozzi			

6:45pm – 9:30pm

BC Cancer Summit - Awards Dinner

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Saturday, November 22, 2025

Meal Breaks and Exhibitors: Pavilion Ballroom

7:45 – 9:00am: *Light Breakfast Buffet and Registration*

10:15 – 11:00am: *Light Break: Exhibitors, Posters, and Networking*

*Lunch will be provided for groups with full day sessions, only
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BLOCK L		BLOCK M	BLOCK N		
8:30 - 5:00 GPO Case Study Day Dr. Sian Shuel, Clarice Liao <i>Hybrid</i>	9:00 - 2:00 Oncology Pharmacy Lynne Nakashima Naushin Hooda	9:00 - 12:00 Serious Illness Conversation: Train the Trainer Session Brittney Schichter	9:00 - 10:00 Virtually Unstoppable: building a team culture for BC Cancer Provincial Nurse Line Ben Lee	9:00 - 10:00 Clinical aspects of CAR T Cell Therapy Dr. Hannah Cherniawsky, Shaifa Nanji	9:00 - 11:00 BC Cancer 10 Year Action Plan Dr. Paris-Ann Ingledew, Tracy Irwin Session presented in the morning and then repeated in the afternoon.
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			11:00-12:00 Cloud-based care and symptom support: powering virtual and provincial nurse line through technologies Ben Lee	11:00-12:00 Ocular & Orbital Tumour Group Dr. Katherine Paton	
			Block P		
		12:30 – 2:30 Hereditary Cancer Program Development & Innovation Adam Kahnamelli	12:30 - 3:00 From prehab to rehab: Why body composition matters and how to preserve lean body mass among people with cancer Eleah Stringer	12:30 - 2:30 (Repeated Session) BC Cancer 10 Year Action Plan Dr. Paris Ann Ingledew, Tracy Irwin	