

BC Cancer Summit 2026: One vision, one system, one future | Schedule at Glance

Thursday, November 19, 2026

Meal Breaks and Exhibitors: Pavilion Ballroom

7:00 – 8:15am: *Light Breakfast Buffet and Registration*

9:45 – 11:00am: *AM Break: Exhibitors, Posters, and Networking Opportunity*

12:00 – 1:30pm: *PM Break: Exhibitors, Posters, and Networking Opportunity*

3:00 – 4:00pm: *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													
8:30-12:00 Plenary - Next Generation leaders: next generation solutions Dr. Lauren Capozzi Dr. Jessica Chan Katey Enfield Laura Evgin Nicolette Fonseca Dr. Lucia Nappi Dr. Zahi Mitri Jennifer Ritonja	8:30-12:30 Skin Tumour Group Retreat Hybrid Dr. Vanessa Bernstein	8:00-12:00 The impact of expanded radiation therapy at our new Centres Hybrid Dr. Devin Schellenberg Rajesh Sthankiya	8:00-11:00 Supportive Care: Battle of the Branches (Psychosocial vs. Rehabilitation vs. Pain & Symptom / Palliative Care) Dr. Lauren Capozzi Dr. Julia Ridley Dr. Alan Bates	8:00-11:00 One vision, one system, one future: BC in Global Cancer Care Dr. Saroj Niraula	8:00-11:00 Provincial Systemic Therapy Retreat Anika Patel Shelby Ritchey	8:00-10:00 From Strategy to Practice: Advancing Team-Based Care Across BC Cancer Haaris Tiwana Dr. Stacy Miller Susan Schroeder			8:00-9:00 Pheochromocytoma and Paraganglioma in BC: Moving Toward a Provincial Care Model Dr. Brandon Bernard										
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9:30-12:30 Enhancing the First Steps in Care: Co-Creating a “What to Expect” Video for Cancer Patients Saori Yamamoto		10:00-12:30 Partnering to improve cancer care for people living in the Downtown Eastside Emily Lonsdale		10:30-12:30 Hereditary Cancer Program Planning Workshop Adam Kahnemelli Dr. Intan Schrader Jennifer Nuk		10:30-11:30 Elevating Indigenous Voices in Radiotherapy Care Nikki Hunter Michelle Padley		11:00-12:00 Ethics in Action: Meaningful Patient Engagement in Cancer Research Amrit Bhullar		11:30-12:30 Small Tests, Big Impact: Learning Our Way to Better Cancer Care Through Quality Improvement Bradley Hubbard									
Block D		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		1:30-4:30 More Than Numbers: Transforming Cancer Care Through Data and Analytics Andrew Brown Vince Chow Ryan Woods		1:30-4:00 Head & Neck Tumour Group Dr. Nicole Chau Dr. Sarah Hamilton		1:00-3:30 Radiation Oncologist Hybrid Dr. Devin Schellenberg		1:00-3:30 Medical Physicist Entrustable Professional Activities Workshop Steven Thomas Allison Jamieson Samantha Lloyd		1:00-3:00 Explainable AI for Cancer Care Navigation: Understanding and Shaping How an AI Assistant Explains Itself Dr. John-Jose Nunez Prof. Cristina Conati		1:00-3:00 Turning Staff Feedback into Action: Advancing Wellbeing Across BC Cancer Heather Morrison Dr. Sharlene Gill		1:30-3:30 Skin Cancer Research Presentation Hybrid Dr. Tim Lee		1:30-3:30 Connection as Medicine – BC Cancer Psychotherapy Groups Dr. Jennifer Laidlaw Dr. Alan Bates		1:30-2:30 Equity in Action: Standardizing Financial Assessment within a Unified Cancer System Kayla Bajic Jacqueline Walter	
Block G																			
3:30-5:30 Co-Designing Together: Creating Supportive Care Navigation Resources for Clinicians and Patients Dr. John-Jose Nunez, Ben Lee				4:00-5:30 POG Patient Working Group: Putting Year 2 Priorities into Action - Co-Designing Patient-Centered Precision Oncology Resources Lindsay Zibrik Dr. Nathalie LeVasseur				4:00-5:30 Ramping up ART: A Roadmap to Increasing Adaptive Radiation Therapy Capacity in British Columbia Robert Kosztyla				4:00-5:30 Statistical methods to address real-world issues in clinical research Thi Phuong Le Nghiem Richard Musoke				4:00-5:00 Hereditary Cancer Program Research & Innovation Dr. Intan Schrader			

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Friday, November 20, 2026

Meal Breaks and Exhibitors: Pavilion Ballroom

7:00 – 8:00am: *Light Breakfast Buffet and Registration*

10:45 – 11:05am: *Stretch Break: Exhibitors, Posters, and Networking Opportunity*

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

3:15 – 4:30pm: *Break: Exhibitors, Posters, and Networking Opportunity*

Junior AB: Registration office; speaker ready

Pavilion: Exhibits and meals

Residents' Reception by invitation 5:00 – 6:45pm

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

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Keynotes and Bright Spots Plenary

8:00 – 8:10	Welcome
8:10 – 8:30	Indigenous Welcome
8:30 - 8:45	Housekeeping, Introductions to Keynotes and Bright Spots Plenary
Keynotes	
8:45 – 9:45	<i>To be determined</i>
9:45 – 10:45	<i>To be determined</i>
10:45 -- 11:05	Stretch Break
Bright Spots	
11:05 – 12:25	Celebrating 30 Years of Hereditary Cancer Care Adam Kahnamelli, Clinical Operations Director, Hereditary Cancer Program, BC Cancer Dr. Intan Schrader, Co-Medical Director, Hereditary Cancer Program, BC Cancer Describe key milestones in the development of the Hereditary Cancer Program over its 30-year history. Recognize major accomplishments and contributors that have shaped the program's success and impact. Identify future priorities and planned milestones that will advance hereditary cancer care in British Columbia Should This Positive Trial Change Practice? From Bright Spots to Blind Spots in Oncology Evidence Dr. Saroj Niraula, Medical Oncologist, BC Cancer - Kelowna Discussion of a few recurring global concerns in clinical trial interpretations, including control-arm selection, censoring, surrogate endpoints, and whether trial outcomes reflect what matters most to patients.
12:30 – 2:00	Break: Light lunch, Exhibitors, Posters, and Networking Opportunity Block H 12:30-1:45 Clinical Leadership Meeting (<i>invited leadership meeting</i>) Chirag Kariya Mary Munroe Hybrid

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Friday, November 20, 2026 - Continued

Sessions												
Block I		Block J			Block K							
2:00-5:00 From Participation to Partnership: Building Engagement-Capable Environments in Cancer Care Tammy Hoefer Isha Joshi	2:00-5:00 Breast Tumour Group Dr. Nathalie LeVasseur	2:00-4:00 GI Tumour Group Dr. Dan Renouf	2:00-4:00 Innovative Radiation Therapist Facilitated Models of Care Sarah Cowan	2:00-4:00 An AYA Cancer Care & Support Program for BC/Yukon - Exploring the Plan Dr. Andrew Arifin Cheryl Heykoop Jennifer Wolfe	2:00-3:30 Building Lifestyle Medicine in Oncology Dr. Julianna Caon Thomas Hedley	2:00-3:30 From Implementation to Innovation: The Future of Molecular Imaging and Therapy at BC Cancer Carlos Uribe Rajesh Sthankiya	2:00-3:30 Highlights in Cancer Biology Poul Sorensen	2:00-3:30 Cancer Survivorship Research: Priorities, Partnerships, and Patient-Centered Innovation Dr. Helen McTaggart-Cowan Dr. Lauren Capozzi	2:00-3:30 Lung Tumour Group Dr. Srinivas Raman	2:00-3:30 GU Tumour Group Dr. Krista Noonan,	2:00-3:30 Navigating the Meaning of Body Image Among Adults with Breast Cancer – A Photovoice Experience Shauna Remin	2:00-3:00 Building operational readiness roadmaps for new cancer centres: from vision to activation Susan Seto
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		4:00-5:30 Launching Cancer Rehabilitation–Physiatry at BC Cancer: Early Impact, Lessons Learned, and the Path Forward Dr. Lauren Capozzi	4:00-5:30 Medical Physics Professional Town Hall Miller MacPherson Carlos Uribe	4:00-5:00 GLP-1 Therapy for Weight Management in Oncology: Risks, Benefits, and Coordination of Care Lyndsay Van der Meer Sarah Edwards	4:00-5:00 From Conversations to Documentation: Strengthening Advance Care Planning Through Quality Improvement Haneen Albayati Dr. Michael McKenzie	4:00-5:00 Opening the Conversation: Advancing Sexual Health as Core Oncology Care Through a Provincial Video Partnership Kayla Bajic Theressa Zapach	4:00-5:00 Sarcoma Tumour Group Dr. Paul Clarkson	4:00-5:00 Community Oncology Network Hybrid Jessica Noble	4:30-5:30 Café Scientifique - a discussion on career development for cancer researchers across the pillars in the first ten years of their independent careers Dr. Fei Fei Liu	4:30-5:30 Navigating the Grey Zones of Research Ethics Review: Real Cases, Real Decisions, Real Impact on Cancer Research Monica Shin		
6:45pm – 9:30pm		BC Cancer Summit - Awards Dinner										

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Saturday, November 21, 2026

Meal Breaks and Exhibitors: Pavilion Ballroom

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

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

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Pavilion: Exhibits and Breaks

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

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8:30-12:30 PLENARY: Biology and Prevention Chris Maxwell Dr. Inna Sekirov, Citlali Marquez Laurie Smith Inna Sekirov Citlali Marquez Isabella Tai Greg Morin Rachel Murphy (Precision Nutrition) Dr. Gillian Hanley (Gynecology) Dr. Renelle Myers (Population Health)	8:30-2:45 What's New in Oncology Care: Practical Tumour Site Updates for GPOs Hybrid Dr. Sian Shuel Clarice Liao	9:00-2:00 Oncology Pharmacy Lynne Nakashima Naushin Hooda	9:00-12:00 Community Conversations: Co-Creating Indigenous Cultural Safety Frameworks for Cancer Clinical Trials Laura Rockafellow	9:00-11:00 How Cancer Shapes Us As: Students, Researchers, and Survivors Jasmine Rehal	9:00-10:00 Nutritional Management of Pancreatic Cancer Jacob Lemire Dr. John Paul McGhie	9:00-10:00 Bridging End of Life Care: Collaborative Models for Better Patient and Caregiver Support Dr. Michael McKenzie Pamela Hinada	9:00-10:00 American Sign Language in Radiation Oncology – Preliminary findings from a Feasibility Study Leyton Vergeire
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					10:30-12:30 Serious Illness Conversation Workshop Brittney Schichter	10:30-12:30 Dementia-Friendly Cancer Care: Creating KT Outputs to Positively Impact Practice Shelley Canning Jagbir Kaur	10:30-12:00 BC Cancer Rehabilitation Service Expansion & Panel of Community Cancer Exercise Partners Sarah Buddingh Smith Dr. Lauren Capozzi