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 – 8:30am: *Light Breakfast Buffet and Registration*
9:45 – 10:45am: *AM Break: Exhibitors, Posters, and Networking Opportunity*
11:45am – 1:15pm: *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

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 Shankiya

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

Block B

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

Block C

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 Londsdale

10:30-12:30
Hereditary Cancer Program Planning Workshop
Adam Kahnamelli
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

1:00-8:30
BCCRI Rising Stars: the future of cancer research in BC
Not accredited
In person only
Dr. Wan Lam,
Dr. Kevin Bennewith,
Marlene Manson

Block E

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

Block F

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 – 8:15am: *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*

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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 Brights Spots Plenary

8:00 – 8:10	**Welcome**
8:10 – 8:30	**Indigenous Welcome** **Xwechtaal, Elder Dennis Joseph**, Squamish Nation
8:30 - 8:45	**Housekeeping, Introductions to Keynotes and Bright Spots Plenary**
Keynotes	
8:45 – 9:45	**Transforming gynecologic cancer care and outcomes through research: the power of multidisciplinary teams at BC Cancer** **Dr. David Huntsman**, Professor Departments of Pathology, Lab Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, UBC; Director of OVCARE; Distinguished Scientist, Department of Molecular Oncology, BC Cancer Research Institute; Canada Research Chair in Molecular and Genomic Pathology, BC Cancer - Vancouver **Dr. Jessica McAlpine**, Gynecologic Oncologist, Translational Researcher, Associate Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, UBC; Director of Ovarian Cancer Research – OVCARE, BC Cancer – Vancouver **Michelle Woo**, Project Manager **Dr. Lori Brotto**, Director, UBC Sexual Health Laboratory, Distinguished University Professor, Professor and Associate head, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, University of British Columbia **Dr. Anna Tinker**, Medical Oncologist, REB Vice-Chair, Research Administration, BC Cancer – Vancouver **Nancy McKinstry**, Strategic Advisor, Patient Partner
9:45 – 10:45	**Our Shared Future: Building Cancer Care Together** **Nick Ebbadi-Cook**, Leader Patient & Family Partnerships and Experience, BC Cancer - Prince George **Kathryn Proudfoot**, Senior Director, Patient & Family Partnerships and Experience, BC Cancer **Summer Konechny**, Patient Partner **Chris Ho**, Patient Partner
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** *(invited leadership meeting)* Chirag Kariya | Mary Munroe Hybrid

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Sessions

Block I

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

Block J

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

Block K

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
Robin Latondresse
Cherie Taylor

Block L

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
Doing More Together: Evolving Approaches to Access & Care Closer to Home via the CON
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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7:45 – 9:00am: *Light Breakfast Buffet and Registration*
10:00 – 11:00am: *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

Sessions

Block M

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

9:00-11:00
How Cancer Shapes Us As: Students, Researchers, and Survivors

Jasmine Rehal

Block N

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

Block O

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