

2025 Johns Hopkins Updates in Gastrointestinal Cancers Conference

2 days | 30+ Experts | Free Attendance

Day 1 – February 7, 2025

Start Time	End Time	Topic	Faculty Member
8:45 AM	9:45 AM	Breakfast and Registration	
9:45 AM	9:50 AM	Welcome and Overview	Michael Pishvaian, MD, PhD
9:50 AM	11:35 AM	Hepatocellular Cancer (HCC)	Moderator: March Yarchoan, MD, PhD
9:50 AM – 10:00 AM		Introduction	
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM		Case: First-line Therapy for Advanced/Metastatic HCC	Ghassan Abou-Alfa, MD, MBA
10:30 AM – 10:55 AM		Debate: TAC and Systemic Therapy	Kelvin Hong, MBBCH Ghassan Abou-Alfa, MD, MBA
10:55 AM – 11:15 AM		Using Local Therapy Options for HCC	Kelvin Hong, MBBCH Kelly Lafaro, MD, MPH
11:15 AM – 11:25 AM		Patient-Centered Topic: Managing Ascites	Alia Dadabhai, MD
11:25 AM – 11:35 AM		Session Question-and-Answer	
11:35 AM	12:35 PM	Lunch and Exhibits	
12:35 PM	2:20 PM	Biliary Tract Cancer (BTC)	Moderator: Marina Baretti, MD
12:35 PM – 12:40 PM		Introduction	
12:40 PM – 1:05 PM		Case #1: Newly Diagnosed Advanced CCA	Rachna Shroff, MD, MS, FASCO
1:05 PM – 1:20 PM		Case #2: Localized Potentially Operable CCA	Marina Baretti, MD Keith Unger, MD
1:20 PM – 1:40 PM		Case #3: Localized, Low-Volume CCA	Bud Liddell, MD Flavio Rocha, MD
1:40 PM – 2:00 PM		Case #4: Second-Line Treatment Options	Rachna Shroff, MD, MS, FASCO
2:00 PM – 2:20 PM		Patient-Centered Topic: Managing Recurrent Biliary Obstruction	Olaya Brewer Gutierrez, MBBS
2:10 PM – 2:20 PM		Session Question-and-Answer	
2:20 PM	2:50 PM	Break	
2:50 PM	4:35 PM	Neuroendocrine Tumors (NETs)	Moderator: Ana Dejesus Acosta, MD
2:50 PM – 2:55 PM		Introduction	
2:55 PM – 3:25 PM		Case #1: Treatment for Grade 1-2 NETs and Carcinoid Symptom Management	Jennifer Chan, MD
3:25 PM – 3:45 PM		Case #2: Neuroendocrine Carcinoma Management	Ana Dejesus Acosta, MD
3:45 PM – 4:05 PM		Case #3: Optimal Timing for Peptide Receptor Radionuclide Therapy	Aman Chauhan, MD
4:05 PM – 4:25 PM		Case #4: Metastasectomies for NETs	Jonathan Hernandez Kelvin Hong, MBBCH
4:25 PM – 4:35 PM		Session Question-and-Answer	
4:35 PM		Adjourn	
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Cocktail Reception	

Day 2 – February 8, 2025

Start Time	End Time	Topic	Faculty Member
7:45 AM	8:30 AM	Breakfast and Registration	
8:30 AM	8:35 AM	Welcome and Overview	Michael Pishvaian, MD, PhD
8:35 AM	10:20 AM	Upper Gastrointestinal (GI) Cancers	Moderator: Katie Bever, MD
8:35 AM – 8:40 AM		Introduction	
8:40 AM – 9:10 AM		Case #1: First-Line Management	Manish A Shah, MD
9:10 AM – 9:25 AM		Debate: FLOT vs. CROSS for Esophageal Cancer	Katie Bever, MD Adithya Halthore, MD
9:25 AM – 9:40 AM		Case #2: The Role of Gastric Resection in Peritoneal Carcinomatosis	Jeremy Davis, MD
9:40 AM – 10:00 AM		Case #3: Second-Line and Beyond Management	Manish A. Shah, MD
10:00 AM – 10:10 AM		Patient-Centered Topic: Reflux in Upper GI Cancers	Saowanee Ngamruengphong, MD
10:10 AM – 10:20 AM		Session Question-and-Answer	
10:20 AM	10:50 AM	Break	
10:50 AM	12:35 PM	Colorectal Cancer (CRC)	Moderator: Valerie Lee, MD
10:50 AM – 10:55 AM		Introduction	
10:55 AM – 11:20 AM		Case #1: Advanced/Metastatic CRC	Scott Kopetz, MD, PhD
11:20 AM – 11:40 AM		Debate: Rectal Cancer Management: Radiation Sparing vs. Nonoperative Management	Ada Graham, MD Rachit Kumar, MD Vincent J Obias, MD, MS
11:40 AM – 11:55 AM		Case #2: ctDNA-Guided Adjuvant Therapy	Valerie Lee, MD
11:55 AM – 12:15 PM		Case #3: Targeted Therapies in CRC	Scott Kopetz, MD, PhD
12:15 PM – 12:25 PM		Patient-Centered Topic: Living With an Ostomy	Cindy Papesh Shephard, MSN, RN, CWOCN
12:25 PM – 12:35 PM		Session Question-and-Answer	
12:35 PM	1:35 PM	Lunch and Exhibits	
12:45 PM	1:15 PM	Independent, commercially supported Product Theater <i>This commercially supported Product Theater is independent of the Johns Hopkins Updates in Gastrointestinal Cancers Conference.</i> <i>This session is not eligible for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™.</i>	
1:35 PM	2:15 PM	Keynote Lecture: Targeting KRAS	Nilo Azad, MD
2:05 PM – 2:15 PM		Session Question-and-Answer	
2:15 PM	4:00 PM	Pancreatic Cancer (PC)	Moderator: Neeha Zaidi, MD
2:15 PM – 2:20 PM		Introduction	
2:20 PM – 2:45 PM		Case #1: Advanced/Metastatic PC Management	Eileen M. O'Reilly, MD
2:45 PM – 3:00 PM		Case #2: “Ablative” Radiation for Locally Advanced PC	Amol K. Narang, MD
3:00 PM – 3:15 PM		Debate: Oligometastatic PC: Surgery vs. Systemic Therapy	Richard A. Burkhart, MD Neeha Zaidi, MD
3:15 PM – 3:25 PM		Patient-Centered Topic: Managing Pancreatic Insufficiency	Mary-Eve Brown, RD, LDN, CSO
3:25 PM – 3:50 PM		Case #3: RAS Targeting in PC	Eileen M. O'Reilly, MD
3:50 PM – 4:00 PM		Session Question-and-Answer	
4:00 PM		Closing Remarks and Adjourn	Michael Pishvaian, MD, PhD