

Gastric and Soft Tissue **Neoplasms**



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Course description

This annual educational symposium is proud to update our medical community on the state-of-the-art care of gastric cancer, gastrointestinal stromal tumors, and retroperitoneal sarcomas while focusing on the importance of a multidisciplinary approach to the diagnosis and treatment of these complex disease entities. National renowned guest speakers and distinguished faculty, including those from MedStar Health and MedStar Georgetown Cancer Institute, will discuss the significant roles of endoscopic procedures, evolving new diagnostic modalities, hereditary genetic testing, precision medicine, immune, regional, and molecular targeted therapies, and evolving biomarkers in these cancers. This symposium will also highlight evolving role of peritoneal based therapies for advanced gastric cancer.

Learning objectives

- Identify the diagnostic and therapeutic role of endoscopy in gastric cancer.
- Recognize the current standard of care and evolving approaches incorporating chemotherapy, immunotherapy, targeted therapy, surgery, and radiation in peri-operative management of gastric cancer, including unique approaches in mismatch repair deficient subtypes.
- Recognize the importance of tissue molecular markers and circulating tumor DNA in the diagnosis and treatment of advanced gastric cancer.
- Understand the evolving role of cytoreductive surgeries and intra-peritoneal therapies in the management of advanced gastric cancer with metastatic peritoneal disease.
- Identify hereditary syndromes and high-risk populations linked to gastric cancer and recognize evolving screening approaches
- Discuss the role of surgery in treating gastrointestinal stromal tumors and retroperitoneal sarcomas
- Discuss the roles of systemic and targeted therapies in gastrointestinal stromal tumors and retroperitoneal sarcomas.
- Identify the roles and responsibilities of members of the healthcare team involved in the collaborative care of patients with gastric cancer, gastrointestinal stromal tumors, and retroperitoneal sarcomas.

Target audience

This conference is intended for physicians, physician assistants, nurses, pharmacists, psychologists, social workers, nutritionists, nurse practitioners, endocrinologists, gastroenterologists, oncologists, allied health professionals, and other members of the healthcare team interested in the management of gastric and soft tissue neoplasms.

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Accreditation



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Agenda

7:30 a.m. Breakfast and Visit Exhibits

7:50 a.m. Opening Remarks and Session I Introduction

Joseph J. Jennings, MD

SESSION I: Gastric Cancer Part I

Moderator: Joseph J. Jennings, MD

8:00 a.m. Endoscopic Interventions / Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection (ESD) in Gastric Cancer

Camille Boustani, MD

8:20 a.m. Advances in Surgical Techniques

Mihir M. Shah, MD, MS, FACS, FSSO

8:40 a.m. Updates in Peri-Operative Systemic Therapies

Reetu Mukherji, MD

9:00 a.m. Role of Radiation in Peri-Operative Gastric Cancer Management

Keith R. Unger, MD

9:20 a.m. Panel Discussion

C. Boustani, R. Mukherji, M. Shah, K. Unger

9:40 a.m. Morning Break and Visit Exhibits

SESSION II: Gastric Cancer Part II

Moderator: Reetu Mukherji, MD

10:05 a.m. Biomarkers and Systemic Therapy Updates in Gastric Cancer

Manish A. Shah, MD, FASCO

10:30 a.m. Cytoreductive Surgeries and Bidirectional Therapies

Maheswari Senthil, MD, FACS, FSSO

10:50 a.m. Genetic Syndromes and Screening in Gastric Cancer

Jeremy Davis, MD

11:10 a.m. Nutrition / Palliative Care Talk

Beth S. Orrell, ANP-BC, ACHPN

11:30 a.m. Panel Discussion

J. Davis, B. Orrell, M. Senthil, M. Shah

11:50 a.m. Lunch and Visit the Exhibits

12:20 p.m. Lunch Symposium

This session is not eligible for CE credit.

1:05 p.m. Dessert and Visit the Exhibits

SESSION III: Soft Tissue Neoplasms

Moderator: Timothy Kennedy, MD, MBA

1:40 p.m. Surgical Approaches in GIST and Sarcoma

Vance Y. Sohn, MD, MBA, FACS, FSSO

2:00 p.m. Systemic Therapy and Biomarkers in GIST and Sarcoma

Liudmila Schafer, MD, FACP

2:20 p.m. Multidisciplinary Tumor Board Discussing Retroperitoneal Sarcoma Cases

L. Schafer, V. Sohn, K. Unger

2:50 p.m. Questions and Discussion

3:00 p.m. Closing Remarks and Adjourn



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Nurse practitioner	\$125
Nurse	\$125
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Venue information

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