

20th Canadian Melanoma Conference 2026

February 26-28, 2026 | In-person & virtual
Fairmont Vancouver Hotel, Vancouver, BC

OncologyEducation is proud to present the 20th Canadian Melanoma Conference. This three-day event is Canada's flagship meeting on the research and treatment of melanoma. It brings together medical oncologists, surgeons, dermatologists, radiotherapists, pathologists, immunologists, molecular biologists and industry partners to review the latest research and explore new therapies in a digital setting.

Learning Objectives

1. Describe key clinical trial data from 2025 in the management of melanoma and understand the impact on Canadian practices.
2. Understand the latest strategies in melanoma as they pertain to medical oncology, pathology, radiation, and surgery.
3. Implement approaches that maximize patient standard of care in melanoma.

Registration



Early Bird Rates!

Available until Nov 16, 2025

Regular Rates

Nov 17 - Feb 26, 2026

Physicians	\$549.00	\$599.00
Nurses/Pharmacists/ Allied Healthcare Providers	\$329.00	\$359.00
Residents/Trainees, Students, PhD	\$219.00	\$239.00
Virtual Registration (all)	\$129.00	\$129.00

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As a registrant of the 20th Canadian Melanoma Conference, we are pleased to offer you the discounted room rate for your stay between February 25 – March 4, 2026. Reservations will be accepted up to February 04, 2026 and will sell out quickly.

Program Planning Committee

Chair: Dr. Vanessa Bernstein

Medical Oncologist, BC Cancer Clinical Associate, Professor of Medicine, University of British Columbia

Chair: Dr. Teresa Petrella

Medical Oncologist, Sunnybrook Odette Cancer Centre; Associate Professor, University of Toronto

Dr. Marcus Butler

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Dr. Thomas G. Salopek

Professor, Division of Dermatology and Cutaneous Science, University of Alberta

Dr. Maxwell Sauder

Assistant Professor in the division of dermatology at the University of Toronto, Onco-Dermatologist at Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, Toronto Dermatology Centre

Dr. Claire Temple-Oberle

University of Calgary Professor cross-appointed to the Departments of Oncology and Surgery

Dr. John Walker

Medical Oncologist and Associate Professor of Oncology at the University of Alberta

Dr. Alison Wepler

Staff Medical Oncologist at BC Cancer Vancouver Cancer Centre

Dr. Frances Wright

Professor of Surgery at University of Toronto, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Skin Cancer Lead, Cancer Care Ontario-Ontario Health, Provincial Lead Surgical Oncology Program, Cancer Care Ontario - Ontario Health

AGENDA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026
Pacific time

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM **REGISTRATION OPENS WITH REFRESHMENTS**

4:00 PM - 4:45 PM **Regeneron Mid-Afternoon Symposium:**

4:45 PM - 5:00 PM **Welcome Address from Chairs** Dr. Vanessa Bernstein & Dr. Teresa Petrella

5:00 PM - 5:35 PM **Artificial Intelligence for Melanoma Early Detection and Improving Health Equity**

5:35 PM - 6:10 PM **Microbiome and FMT in Melanoma** Dr. Arielle Akrief

6:10 PM - 6:45 PM **Imaging & Resistance** Dr. Ian Watson

6:45 PM - 6:55 PM **Legacy Award 2026 introduction by Colleagues**

6:55 PM - 7:20 PM **Legacy Award 2026 Recipient Presentation**

7:20 PM - 9:30 PM **OPENING RECEPTION**

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2026

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6:30 AM - 7:15 AM **BREAKFAST BUFFET, EXHIBITS & POSTER VIEWING**

7:15 AM - 8:00 AM **Merck Breakfast Symposium:**

8:00 AM - 8:05 AM **Day 2 Welcome Address from Chairs** Dr. Vanessa Bernstein & Dr. Teresa Petrella

8:05 AM - 8:20 AM **Address from Save Your Skin** Kathy Barnard

SESSION 1: NEOADJUVANT THERAPY IN MELANOMA

8:20 AM - 9:05 AM **Neoadjuvant Systemic Therapy in Melanoma: Present and Future** Dr. James Larkin

9:05 AM - 9:30 AM **The Pathologist's Role in Neoadjuvant Therapy in Melanoma** Dr. Michael Tetzlaff

9:30 AM - 9:55 AM **The Surgical Oncologist Perspective** Prof. Alexander van Akkooi

9:55 AM - 10:10 AM **Neoadjuvant Therapy in Melanoma Panel Discussion & Q&A** Dr. James Larkin, Dr. Michael Tetzlaff, Prof. Alexander van Akkooi

10:10 AM - 10:55 AM **MORNING BREAK & POSTER VIEWING**

SESSION 2: RARE MELANOMA SUBTYPES

10:55 AM - 11:20 AM **Initial Diagnosis, Management, and Risk Stratification of Uveal Melanoma** Dr. Katherine Paton

11:20 AM - 11:45 AM **Systemic Therapy for Advanced Uveal Melanoma** Dr. Marlana Orloff

11:45 AM - 12:10 PM **Radiation for Locally Advanced Skin Cancers (SCC, Merkel Cell & BCC)** Dr. Toni Barnes

12:10 PM - 12:25 PM **Rare Melanoma Subtypes (Uveal) Panel Discussion, Cases & Q&A** Dr. Katherine Paton, Dr. Marlana Orloff, Dr. Toni Barnes

12:25 PM - 1:10 PM **LUNCH BUFFET, NETWORKING & POSTER VIEWING**

1:10 PM - 1:55 PM **BMS Lunch Symposium:**

SESSION 3: IMMUNOTHERAPY TOXICITY

1:55 PM - 2:20 PM **Treating Patients with Autoimmune Disease: What To Do When Checkpoint Blockade is Relatively Contraindicated** Dr. Pauline Funchain

2:10 PM - 2:45 PM **GI Toxicity**

2:45 PM - 3:10 PM **Lung Toxicity** Dr. Shane Shapera

3:10 PM - 3:35 PM **Immunotherapy Toxicity Cases & Discussion** Dr. Shane Shapera, Dr. Pauline Funchain, Moderator: Dr. Shaqil Kassam

3:35 PM - 4:05 PM **AFTERNOON BREAK, EXHIBITS & POSTER VIEWING**

SESSION 4: ADVANCED MELANOMA

4:05 PM - 4:35 PM **Overcoming Resistance to Immunotherapy in Advanced Melanoma** Dr. Michael Postow

4:35 PM - 5:00 PM **Incorporating TIL Therapy in 2025 in Advanced Melanoma and What the Future Might Hold**

5:00 PM - 5:25 PM **Novel Strategies and Targets in Treating Advanced Melanoma** Prof. Caroline Robert

5:25 PM - 5:40 PM **Advanced Melanoma Panel Discussion & Q&A** Prof. Caroline Robert, Dr. Michael Postow

5:40 PM - 6:50 PM **WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION & CLINICOPATHOLOGY CASES**

6:50 PM - 6:55 PM **Day 2 Closing Remarks by Chairs** Dr. Vanessa Bernstein & Dr. Teresa Petrella

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026

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11:30 AM - 12:00 PM **LUNCH BUFFET, EXHIBITS & POSTER VIEWING**

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM **Lunch Symposium:**

12:45 PM - 1:05 PM **Address from Melanoma Canada** Faly Katz

SESSION 5: SURGICAL & DERMATOLOGY

1:05 PM - 1:30 PM **Skin Cancer in Patients of Colour** Dr. Harvey Lui

1:30 PM - 1:55 PM **Margins, Management, and Medical Alternatives: The Grey Zones in Nevi and Lentigo Maligna** Dr. Maxwell Sauder & Dr Joël Claveau

1:55 PM - 2:20 PM **Margins & Satellites** Dr. Vernon Sondak

2:20 PM - 2:45 PM **Surgery in Advanced Stage 4 Melanoma** Prof. Alexander van Akkooi

2:45 PM - 3:00 PM **Surgical & Dermatology Panel Discussion and Q&A** Dr. Vernon Sondak, Dr. Harvey Lui

3:00 PM - 3:15 PM **MORNING BREAK, EXHIBITS & POSTER VIEWING**

SESSION 6: MANAGING CNS METASTASES

3:15 PM - 3:40 PM **Systemic Therapy for Brain Metastases in Melanoma**

3:40 PM - 4:05 PM **Radiation**

4:05 PM - 4:30 PM **Canadian Guidelines** Dr. Teresa Petrella

4:30 PM - 4:45 PM **Managing CNS Metastases Panel Discussion & Q&A** Dr. Teresa Petrella

4:45 PM - 4:50 PM **Closing Remarks from Chairs** Dr. Vanessa Bernstein & Dr. Teresa Petrella

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