

21st Canadian Melanoma Conference

**February 18-20, 2027 | In-person & virtual
Fairmont Vancouver, Vancouver, BC**

OncologyEducation is proud to present the 21st 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 2026 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!

Now - Nov 15, 2026

Regular Rates

Nov 16 - Feb 20, 2027

Physicians	\$569.00	\$619.00
Nurses/Pharmacists/ Allied Healthcare Providers	\$349.00	\$379.00
Residents/Trainees, Students, PhD	\$229.00	\$249.00
Virtual Registration (all)	\$149.00	\$149.00

REGISTER

BOOK HOTEL

We are pleased to offer a discounted room rate for your stay between Feb 17 - 21, 2027. Reservations will be accepted until Jan 27, 2027 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

Medical Oncologist, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre; Clinical Head, Immune-Therapy Profiling Team; Assistant Professor, University of Toronto

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Radiation Oncologist, Odette Cancer Centre, Professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology at University of Toronto

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 Weppler

Staff Medical Oncologist at BC Cancer Vancouver Cancer Centre

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AGENDA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2027

Pacific time

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM **REGISTRATION OPENS WITH REFRESHMENTS**

2:00 PM - 2:15 PM **Welcome Address from Chairs** Dr. Vanessa Bernstein & Dr. Teresa Petrella

2:15 PM - 3:00 PM **Mid-Afternoon Symposium**

3:00 PM - 3:45 PM **CT DNA in Melanoma** Dr. Ryan Sullivan

3:45 PM - 4:10 PM **From Lab to Clinic: Overcoming Immunotherapy Resistance in Melanoma** Prof. Caroline Robert

4:10 PM - 4:30 PM **AFTERNOON BREAK, EXHIBITS & POSTER VIEWING**

4:30 PM - 5:05 PM **Diagnosing Melanocytic Tumors in the Molecular Era: Using all the Tools in the Tool Box** Dr. Michael Tetzlaff

5:05 PM - 5:40 PM **Cell Therapy in Melanoma from TIL to PRAME** Dr. Rodabe Amaria

5:40 PM - 5:50 PM **Legacy Award 2025 Introduction by Colleagues**

5:50 PM - 6:15 PM **Legacy Award 2025 Recipient Presentation**

6:15 PM - 9:00 PM **OPENING RECEPTION FOR ALL ATTENDEES**

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2027

Pacific time

- 6:30 AM - 7:15 AM **BREAKFAST BUFFET, EXHIBITS & POSTER VIEWING**
- 7:15 AM - 7:20 AM **Welcome Address from Chairs** Dr. Vanessa Bernstein & Dr. Teresa Petrella
- 7:20 AM - 8:05 AM **Breakfast Symposium**
- 8:05 AM - 8:20 AM **Address from Melanoma Canada**
- 8:20 AM - 8:45 AM **Managing Surgical Cases After Neoadjuvant Therapy** Dr. Mark Faries
- 8:45 AM - 9:10 AM **Lessons Learned for Neoadjuvant Therapy in the Real World**
Dr. Sapna Patel
- 9:10 AM - 9:35 AM **mRNA Vaccines in Melanoma** Dr. Janice Mehnert
- 9:35 AM - 9:50 AM **Panel Discussion and Q&A**
- 9:50 AM - 10:05 AM **Flash Talks (Resident Oral Poster Session)** Students/Residents & Fellows
- 10:05 AM - 10:40 AM **MORNING BREAK, EXHIBITS & POSTER VIEWING**
- 10:40 AM - 11:00 AM **Surgical Management of Gyne Mucosal Melanomas** Dr. Janice Kwon
- 11:00 AM - 11:20 AM **Surgical Management Anal Rectal**
- 11:20 AM - 11:45 AM **Radiation Treatment of Mucosal Melanoma**
- 11:45 AM - 12:10 PM **Systemic Therapy for Mucosal Melanoma and is There a Role for “Neoadjuvant Treatment?”**
- 12:10 PM - 12:30 PM **Panel Discussion and Q&A**
- 12:30 PM - 1:20 PM **LUNCH BUFFET, NETWORKING & POSTER VIEWING**
- 1:20 PM - 2:05 PM **Lunch Symposium**
- 2:05 PM - 2:30 PM **Highly Lethal Toxicities from Immunotherapy** Dr. Michael Postow
- 2:30 PM - 2:55 PM **Acute and Long Term Cardiac Toxicities in Immunotherapy Patients**
- 2:55 PM - 3:20 PM **Is it time to Change the Guidelines? Is there a better way of managing IO toxicity than High Dose Steroids?** Dr. Wilson Miller
- 3:20 PM - 3:45 PM **Cases**
- 3:45 PM - 4:15 PM **AFTERNOON BREAK, EXHIBITS & POSTER VIEWING**
- 4:15 PM - 4:40 PM **Hitting the Targets in MelanomaL BRAF, NRAS, KIT, GNAQ** Dr. Ryan Sullivan
- 4:40 PM - 5:05 PM **Nivo/Ipi, Nivo/Rela, or All Three: What Is the Best First-Line Therapy for Advanced Cutaneous Melanoma?** Prof. Hussein Tawbi
- 5:05 PM - 5:30 PM **Treating Uveal Melanoma in 2027** Dr. Marcus Butler
- 5:30 PM - 5:45 PM **Time to get wine & cheese and bring to seat**
- 5:45 PM - 6:35 PM **WINE AND CHEESE + CLINICOPATHOLOGY CASES** Dr. Joël Claveau & Dr. Scott Ernst
- 6:35 PM - 6:40 PM **Closing Remarks** Dr. Vanessa Bernstein & Dr. Teresa Petrella

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2027

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7:30 AM - 8:10 AM **BREAKFAST BUFFET, EXHIBITS & POSTER VIEWING**

8:10 AM - 8:15 AM **Welcome Address for Chairs** Dr. Vanessa Bernstein & Dr. Teresa Petrella

8:15 AM - 9:00 AM **Breakfast Symposium**

9:00 AM - 9:20 AM **Address from Save Your Skin**

9:20 AM - 9:45 AM **Latest Developments in Dermatology Imaging**

9:45 AM - 10:10 AM **Gene Expression Profile–Based Test to Predict Melanoma Sentinel Node Status - MERLIN** Dr. Vern Sondak

10:10 AM - 10:35 AM **Injectable Treatment for Melanoma** Dr. Axel Hauschild

10:35 AM - 10:50 AM **Panel Discussion & Q&A**

10:50 AM - 11:10 AM **MORNING BREAK, EXHIBITS & POSTER VIEWING**

11:10 AM - 11:35 AM **Potential H&N surgeon session**

11:35 AM - 12:00 PM **Neoadjuvant and Adjuvant Therapy for SCC**

12:00 PM - 12:25 PM **Adaptive Radiation After Neoadjuvant Therapy for SCC**

12:25 PM - 12:40 PM **Panel Discussion & Q&A**

12:40 PM - 12:45 PM **Closing Remarks from Chairs** Dr. Vanessa Bernstein & Dr. Teresa Petrella