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GPCPFORCE 2026

INNOVATIONS IN CANCER GENETICS

Conference Agenda

October 15–17, 2026 · Weill Cornell Medicine, New York, NY

As of Thursday, September 17, 2026

Thursday, Oct. 15

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM **Belfer Building** **2nd Floor Landing**	Registration Check-In Opens
8:45 AM – 9:00 AM **Medical College Building** **Uris Auditorium**	**Opening Remarks** *Opening Remarks from Symposium Course Directors* **Melissa Frey, MD, MS** — *Weill Cornell Medicine* **Ravi Sharaf, MD, MS** — *Weill Cornell Medicine* **Michelle Primiano, MS, CGC** — *Weill Cornell Medicine* **Sue Friedman, Patient Advocate** — *FORCE*
9:00 AM – 10:45 AM **Medical College Building** **Uris Auditorium**	**Session 1 - Hereditary Cancer Syndromes: Current Standards and Future Directions** **9:00 – 9:30 AM** **GUARDIAN Genomic Newborn Screening for Rare Pediatric Cancers** **Wendy Chung, MD, PhD** — *Boston Children's Hospital* **9:30 – 10:00 AM** **Hereditary Breast Cancer: Advances and Frontiers** **Allison Kurian, MD** — *Stanford Medicine* **10:00 – 10:45 AM** **Q&A with Speakers** **MODERATORS:** Melissa Frey, MD, MS · Ravi Sharaf, MD, MS
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM **Belfer Building** **Room 302 ABCD**	Patient Wellness and Connection Space **LED BY:** Emily Epstein, LMSW · Laura Schneebaum, LMHC-D, LMSW
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	Break

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Medical College Building Uris Auditorium	**Session 2 - Survivorship and Beyond: Health, Monitoring, and Quality of Life** **11:00 – 11:15 AM** **Neurologic Health for Cancer Survivors/Previvors** **Fanny Elahi, MD** — *Mount Sinai* **11:15 – 11:30 AM** **Weight Management in Cancer Survivorship/Previvorship: What's the Real Deal with GLP-1s?** **Rekha Kumar, MD** — *Weill Cornell Medicine* **11:30 – 11:45 AM** **Menopause Management after Breast Cancer: Hormonal and Non-Hormonal Options** **Corinne Menn, DO** **11:45 AM – 12:00 PM** **Q&A with Speakers** **MODERATORS:** Mercedes Castiel, MD · Evelyn Cantillo, MD, MPH · Tracy Milgram, Patient Advocate
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Medical College Building Griffis Faculty Club	Lunch
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Belfer Building Room 204 ABC	**Patient Advocacy Spotlight**
1:15 PM – 2:15 PM Medical College Building Uris Auditorium	**Session 3 - Optimizing Health and Quality of Life after Cancer / Cancer Prevention** **1:15 – 1:25 PM** **Hormone Replacement Therapy and BRCA-Related Cancer** **Joanne Kotsopoulos, PhD** — *University of Toronto* **1:25 – 1:35 PM** **Reproductive Planning Across the Cancer and Cancer Prevention Continuum** **Alexis Melnick, MD** — *Weill Cornell Medicine* **1:35 – 1:45 PM** **Sexual Health of Cancer Survivors and Previvors** **Chris Creatura, MD** — *Weill Cornell Medicine* **1:45 – 1:55 PM** **Bone Health after Menopause** **Panagiota Andreopoulou, MD** — *Weill Cornell Medicine* **1:55 – 2:15 PM** **Q&A with Speakers** **MODERATORS:** Natalie Baratta, NP · Johanna Von Hofe, MD · Huma Arastu, Patient Advocate
2:15 PM – 2:30 PM	Break

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session 4A – Clinical Updates in Gastrointestinal Cancer Syndromes

Medical College Building
Griffis Faculty Club

2:30 – 2:40 PM
Screening and Surveillance in Hereditary Upper G.I. and Pancreatic Malignancies
Evan Grossman, MD — *Weill Cornell Medicine*

2:40 – 2:50 PM
Updates in Hereditary Colorectal Cancer Prevention and Screening
Preston Atteberry, MD — *Weill Cornell Medicine*

2:50 – 3:00 PM
Comprehensive Genetic Assessment in Endometrial Cancer: Understanding Risk and Guiding Management
Ying Liu, MD — *Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center*

3:00 – 3:10 PM
Gynecological Considerations Through the Life Course of Women with Lynch Syndrome
June Hou, MD — *Columbia University Medical Center*

3:10 – 3:30 PM
Q&A with Speakers

MODERATORS: Ravi Sharaf, MD, MS · Jamieson Greenwald, MD

Session 4B – Clinical Updates in Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer Syndromes

Medical College Building
Uris Auditorium

2:30 – 2:40 PM
Risk-Reducing Surgical Options for Hereditary Ovarian Cancer
Roni Wilke, MD — *UT MD Anderson Cancer Center*

2:40 – 2:50 PM
Management of Hereditary Ovarian Cancer and STIC Lesions
Stephanie Blank, MD — *Mount Sinai*

2:50 – 3:00 PM
Chemoprevention for Breast Cancer
Jennel Zeppieri, MD — *Weill Cornell Medicine*

3:00 – 3:10 PM
Pancreatic Cancer Screening in High Risk Populations
SriHari Mahadev, MD — *Weill Cornell Medicine*

3:10 – 3:30 PM
Q&A with Speakers

MODERATORS: Katie LaVigne Mager, MD · Stacy Sanicola, NP · Diane Rose, Patient Advocate (FORCE)

3:30 PM – 3:45 PM

Break

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

Medical College Building
Uris Auditorium

Session 5 – Hereditary Cancer: What's New, What Matters, What's Next

3:45 – 3:55 PM
Personalized Breast Cancer Screening
Yiwey Shieh, MD — *Weill Cornell Medicine*

3:55 – 4:05 PM
Clinical and Research Updates in Hereditary Dermatologic Cancer
Anthony Rossi, MD — *Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center*

4:05 – 4:15 PM
Clinical and Research Updates in Hereditary Gynecologic Cancer
Janice Kwon, MD, PhD — *University of British Columbia*

4:15 – 4:45 PM
Q&A with Speakers

MODERATORS: Jennel Zeppieri, MD · Amanda Laterza Ozarowski, MS, CGC · Verinda Hobbs, Patient Advocate (FORCE)

4:45 PM – 5:00 PM

Break

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

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Session 6 – Breast Reconstruction: Expert Perspectives on Options and Oncologic Safety

Leslie Cohen, MD — *Weill Cornell Medicine*
David Otterburn, MD — *Weill Cornell Medicine*
Elisa Port, MD — *Mount Sinai*
Jonathan Bank, MD — *New York Breast Reconstruction and Aesthetic Plastic Surgery*
Andrew Weinstein, MD — *Weill Cornell Medicine*
Magdalena Plasilova, MD PhD — *Weill Cornell Medicine*

MODERATORS: Melissa Frey, MD, MS · Carmen Giddon, Patient Advocate (Weill Cornell Medicine)

6:30 PM – 10:30 PM

Medical College Building
Uris Auditorium

Love, Danielle Movie Night

Refreshments, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Medical College Building
Griffis Faculty Club

Movie followed by Q&A, 7:30 PM – 10:30 PM
Amy Byer Shainman — *executive producer*
Devin Sidell — *star, co-writer, producer*

MODERATORS: Melissa Frey, MD, MS · Ravi Sharaf, MD, MS · Karen Kramer, Patient Advocate (FORCE)

Friday, Oct. 16

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Belfer Building
2nd Floor Landing

Registration Check-In Opens

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

Belfer Building
Room 204 ABC

Exhibit Hall

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Medical College Building
Uris Auditorium

Session 7 – Strategies for Hereditary Cancer Prevention and Interception

8:30 – 8:48 AM
Breast Cancer Vaccines and Interception
Payal Shah, MD — *University of Pennsylvania*

8:48 – 9:06 AM
Cancer Immune Interception in Lynch Syndrome
Eduardo Vilar-Sanchez, MD, PhD — *UT MD Anderson Cancer Center*

9:06 – 9:24 AM
Risk-Reducing Salpingectomy
Kara Long, MD, MS — *Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center*

9:24 – 9:42 AM
Future of Cascade Testing: Direct Relative Contact and Chatbots
Melissa Frey, MD, MS — *Weill Cornell Medicine*

9:42 – 10:00 AM
Q&A with Speakers

MODERATORS: Michelle Primiano, MS, CGC · Ravi Sharaf, MD, MS · Luca Mihaly, Patient Advocate

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM

Break

10:15 AM – 11:30 AM

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Uris Auditorium

Session 8 – The Future of Targeted Cancer Therapy: Innovation and Impact

10:15 – 10:30 AM
Ovarian Cancer Targeted Therapy
Barbara Norquist, MD — *University of Washington*

10:30 – 10:45 AM
Oncologic Anthropology: Genetic African Ancestry and Breast Cancer Risk
Lisa Newman, MD — *Weill Cornell Medicine*

10:45 – 11:00 AM
2026: It's a Good Time to Be a Pancreatic Cancer Doc—More Tools in the Toolbox
Allyson Ocean, MD — *Weill Cornell Medicine*

11:00 – 11:15 AM
Prostate Cancer Therapy
David Nanus, MD — *Weill Cornell Medicine*

11:15 – 11:30 AM
Q&A with Speakers

MODERATORS: Melissa Frey, MD, MS · Arielle Nelson, NP · Ivy Duneier, Patient Advocate

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11:30 AM – 12:45 PM

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Lunch

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM

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1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

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Session 9 - The Value of Cancer Genetics: Cost, Impact, and Future Directions

1:00 – 1:12 PM
Cost-Effectiveness of Population-Based Genetic Testing
Ranjit Manchanda, MD — *Queen Mary University of London*

1:12 – 1:24 PM
The Economics of Prevention: Cost-Effectiveness of Breast, Ovarian, and Pancreatic Cancer Risk Management for BRCA1/2 Carriers
Danyal Ahsan, MD — *Penn Medicine*

1:24 – 1:36 PM
Cost-Effectiveness in Hereditary Cancer / Genetics
Jason Wright, MD — *Tufts Medical Center*

1:36 – 1:48 PM
NCI Funding Priorities
Andrea Burnett-Hartman, PhD, MPH — *National Cancer Institute Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences*

1:48 – 2:00 PM
Q&A with Speakers

MODERATORS: Ravi Sharaf, MD, MS · Shayan Dioun, MD

2:00 PM – 2:15 PM

Break

2:15 PM – 3:15 PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session 10A – Advancing Cancer Screening and Risk Assessment: Technology, Innovation, and Equity

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2:15 – 2:27 PM
Gastric Cancer Screening in Hereditary Cancer Predisposition Syndromes
Bryson Katona, MD, PhD — *Penn Medicine*

2:27 – 2:39 PM
Disparities in Cancer Genetics
Eloise Chapman-Davis, MD — *Weill Cornell Medicine*

2:39 – 2:51 PM
Catching What We've Been Missing: AI-Driven Risk Assessment and the Future of Early Breast Cancer Detection
Katerina Dodelzon, MD — *Weill Cornell Medicine*

2:51 – 3:03 PM
Whole Body MRI for Hereditary Cancer Syndromes and Beyond
Preethi Guniganti, MD — *Weill Cornell Medicine*

3:03 – 3:15 PM
Q&A with Speakers

MODERATORS: Natalie Baratta, NP · Enzo Bruscato

Session 10B – Life after Cancer: Navigating Survivorship in Hereditary Cancer

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2:15 – 2:30 PM
Gynecologic Cancer Survivorship
Deanna Gerber, MD — *Weill Cornell Medicine*

2:30 – 2:45 PM
Breast Cancer Survivorship and Secondary Malignancy Risk
Evelyn Taiwo, MD — *Weill Cornell Medicine*

2:45 – 3:00 PM
Genetics-Informed Behavioral Health: From Concept to Clinical Integration
Emily Epstein, LMSW — *Weill Cornell Medicine*

3:00 – 3:15 PM
Q&A with Speakers

MODERATORS: Jeannie Chern, MD · Jennifer Kindman, MD · Tracy Milgram, Patient Advocate

3:15 PM – 3:30 PM

Break

3:30 PM – 5:15 PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session 11A – Centering the Patient Voice: Patient-Reported Outcomes in Hereditary Cancer

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3:30 – 3:50 PM
Centering Community Voices: Lessons from the PREFER CHW Genomics Research Education Program
Caitlin Allen, PhD, MPH — *Wake Forest University School of Medicine*

3:50 – 4:10 PM
A Journey to Improve Hereditary Cancer Risk Assessment
Lori Orlando, MD, MHS — *Wake Forest University School of Medicine*

4:10 – 4:30 PM
Impact of Digital Health Approaches to Cancer Genetic Services on Patient Outcomes
Kim Kaphingst, ScD, ScM — *University of Utah*

4:30 – 4:50 PM
System-Level Screening and Navigation to Manage Familial Cancer Risk in a Large Health System: Patient Perspectives on Acceptability
Carmit McMullen, PhD — *Kaiser Permanente*

4:50 – 5:00 PM
Q&A with Speakers

MODERATORS: Ravi Sharaf, MD, MS · Shoshana Rosenberg, ScD, MPH

Session 11B – Research in Action: Oral Presentations

Medical College Building
Uris Auditorium

Speakers and timing TBD

MODERATORS: Melissa Frey, MD, MS · Madison Miller, MD · Tracy Milgram, Patient Advocate

5:15 PM – 6:15 PM

Belfer Building
Room 302 ABCD

Poster Session

Saturday, Oct. 17

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Belfer Building
2nd Floor Landing

Registration Check-In Open

8:15 AM – 10:10 AM
Medical College Building
Uris Auditorium

Session 12 - Evolving Care: Advances in Hereditary Cancer Syndromes

8:15 – 8:30 AM
Pancreatic Cancer Screening
Diane Simeone, MD — *UC San Diego Health*

8:30 – 8:50 AM
Li Fraumeni Syndrome
Kara Maxwell, MD, PhD — *University of Pennsylvania*

8:50 – 9:10 AM
Patient-Centered Approaches in the Evolving World of Germline Testing for Prostate Cancer
Veda Giri, MD — *Yale School of Medicine*

9:10 – 9:30 AM
BRCA1/2: Long-Term Clinical Experience and Lessons Learned
Steven Narod, MD — *University of Toronto*

9:30 – 9:50 AM
New Phenotypes, Pathways, and Paradigms in Clinical Cancer Genomics
Ken Offit, MD, MPH — *Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center*

9:50 – 10:10 AM
Q&A with Speakers

MODERATORS: Ravi Sharaf, MD, MS · Melissa Frey, MD, MS · Vered Stearns, MD

10:10 AM – 10:25 AM

Break

10:25 AM – 11:45 AM
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Session 13 - The Future of Cancer Genetics: What Comes Next?

10:25 – 10:38 AM
Personalizing Breast and Ovarian Cancer Risk Prediction for Prevention and Early Detection
Antonis Antoniou, PhD, MPhil — *University of Cambridge*

10:38 – 10:51 AM
Liquid Biopsy in Hereditary Cancer Early Detection
Raymond Kim, MD — *University of Toronto*

10:51 – 11:04 AM
Use of ctDNA in Cancer Screening and Follow-Up
Mark Robson, MD — *Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center*

11:04 – 11:17 AM
Scaling AI for Personalized Cancer Care
Adam Yala, PhD — *UC Berkeley*

11:17 – 11:30 AM
Future of Health Equity in Cancer Genetics
Kemi Babagbemi, MD — *Weill Cornell Medicine*

11:30 – 11:45 AM
Q&A with Speakers

MODERATORS: Marina Corines, MD · Melissa Frey, MD, MS · Michelle Primiano, MS, CGC

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Lunch

12:15 PM – 1:00 PM Belfer Building Room 204 ABC	Exhibit Hall
1:30 PM – 2:45 PM Medical College Building Uris Auditorium	**Session 14 - Closing the Gap in Cancer Genetic Testing** **1:30 – 1:40 PM** **Cascade Genetic Testing with a Focus on Health Equity** **Jose Alejandro Rauh-Hain, MD** — *UT MD Anderson Cancer Center* **1:40 – 1:50 PM** **Combination of Obstetric and Cancer Genetic Screening - Are We Ready?** **Melissa Frey, MD, MS** — *Weill Cornell Medicine* **Shayan Dioun, MD** — *Columbia University Medical Center* **1:50 – 2:00 PM** **GARDE-Chat: Open-Source Platform for Healthcare Chatbots** **Guilherme Del Fiol, MD** — *University of Utah* **2:00 – 2:10 PM** **Population Based Cancer Risk Assessment** **Ravi Sharaf, MD, MS** — *Weill Cornell Medicine* **2:10 – 2:20 PM** **Leveraging Technology for Universal Germline Genetic Testing** **Heather Hampel, MS, CGC** — *City of Hope* **2:20 – 2:30 PM** **Training the Workforce in Cancer Genetics** **Kathy Blazer, EdD, MS, CGC** — *City of Hope* **2:30 – 2:45 PM** **Q&A with Speakers** **MODERATORS:** Roni Nitecki, MD, MPH · Jovana Lekovich, MD · Sue Friedman, Patient Advocate (FORCE)
2:45 PM – 3:00 PM	Break
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM Medical College Building Uris Auditorium	**Session 15 - Living with Hereditary Cancer Risk - Voices of Previvors, Survivors, and Thrivers: Priorities, Needs, and Gaps (Moderated Panel)** **MODERATORS:** Laura Schneebaum, LMHC-D, LMSW · Emily Epstein, LMSW · Sue Friedman, Patient Advocate (FORCE)
4:00 PM – 4:15 PM	Break

4:15 PM – 5:30 PM

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Session 16 – Closing Reflections: Hereditary Cancer, Where Are We Now and Where Are We Going?

4:15 – 4:30 PM

The Next Era of Whole Genome Sequencing

Omar Abdul-Rahman, MD — *Weill Cornell Medicine*

4:30 – 4:45 PM

Engaging Patient Stakeholders in Hereditary Cancer Research: Why, When and How?

Sue Friedman, Patient Advocate — *FORCE*

4:45 – 5:15 PM

Building a Comprehensive Cancer Prevention Program: The Weill Cornell Experience

Melissa Frey, MD, MS — *Weill Cornell Medicine*
Ravi Sharaf, MD, MS — *Weill Cornell Medicine*
Michelle Primiano, MS, CGC — *Weill Cornell Medicine*

5:15 – 5:30 PM

Q&A with Speakers