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2nd Annual Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Symposium

A full-day medical education event exploring the latest
advancements in the diagnosis and treatment of hepato-
pancreato-biliary disease

*September 13, 2025
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.*

*The Westin La Palmona
3800 E Sunrise Dr.
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7:00 - 7:50 AM: Breakfast
7:50 AM: Welcome

8:00 - 8:30 AM: **Advances in Targeted Therapy in
Pancreatic and Biliary Cancers**
Juniad Arshad, MD

8:30 - 9:00 AM: **Treatment Strategies in Locally Advanced
Pancreatic Cancer**
Lusine Mesropyan, DO

9:00 - 9:30 AM: **ct-DNA: Is There a Role in Pancreatic and
Hepatobiliary Cancers?**
Hemant Sindhu, MD

9:30 - 10:15 AM: **Case Discussions**
Moderator: Rachna Shroff, MD
Participants: Junaid Arshad, MD; Sudhir Manda,
MD; Lusine Mesropyan, DO; Christopher Miller, MD;
Hemant Sindhu, MD

10:15 - 10:30 AM: **Break**

10:30 - 10:45 AM: **Current State of Minimally Invasive Pancreatic
Surgery**
Faisal Jehan, MD

10:45 - 11:00 AM: **Imaging Features of Pancreatic Cystic Neoplasms**
Hina Arif-Tiwari, MD

11:00 - 11:15 AM: **Pancreatic Cystic Neoplasms: Surveillance and
Management**
Mohammad Khreiss, MD

11:15 - 11:30 AM: **Cryoablation for Cystic Lesions of the Pancreas**
Ibrahim Yaghnani, MD

11:30 - 12:00 PM: **Case Discussions**
Moderator: Zhi Fong, MD
Participants: Oleh Haluszka, MD; Faisal Jehan,
MD; Mohammad Khreiss, MD; Rami Sulaiman, MD;
Ibrahim Yaghnani, MD

12:00 - 1:00 PM **Lunch**

1:00 - 1:30 PM: **Keynote Speaker**
**“Advances in the Management of
Colorectal Liver Metastases: Resection,
Hepatic Artery Infusion, Liver Transplant”**
Flavio Rocha, MD

1:30 - 2:00 PM: **Keynote Speaker**
“Histotripsy: Hype or Hope”
Young Hong, MD

2:00 - 2:30 PM: **HIPEC for Peritoneal Metastases**
Carrie Luu, MD

2:30 - 3:15 PM: **Case Discussions**
Moderator: Aaron Scott, MD
Participants: Cybil Corning, MD; Meghan Good,
MD; Young Hong, MD; Carrie Luu, MD; Flavio Rocha,
MD; Gregory Woodhead, MD; Danh Truong, MD

3:15 - 3:30 PM: **Break**

3:30 - 5:00 PM: **Interesting/Complex HPB Case Presentations –
Pushing the Envelope**
Moderator: Rajesh Ramanathan, MD
Participants: Erol Bozdogan, MD; Young Hong, MD;
Carrie Luu, MD; Taylor Riall, MD; Rachna Shroff, MD;
Flavio Rocha, MD;

WELCOME TO THE 2025 HPB SYMPOSIUM

Dear attendees,

On behalf of the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson Department of Surgery, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the second annual Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary CME Symposium.

We are excited to bring together an outstanding group of experts in surgical oncology, hepatobiliary and pancreatic surgery, medical oncology, radiology, and interventional therapies. Today's program highlights advances in targeted therapies, minimally invasive and robotic approaches, and innovative treatments such as cryoablation, histotripsy, and hepatic artery infusion. Equally important, our case-based discussions will provide an opportunity to translate these advances into real-world decision-making for our patients.

This conference reflects our shared commitment to collaboration, innovation, and excellence in HPB care. I encourage you to engage with our speakers, participate actively in discussions, and take full advantage of the opportunity to learn from and connect with colleagues who share a passion for improving outcomes in this challenging field.

Thank you for being here today, and welcome to a day of learning, dialogue, and inspiration.

Enjoy the event!



Symposium Host

TAYLOR RIALL, MD, PHD, FACS

Division Chief, Surgical Oncology
Professor, Surgery
Member of the Graduate Faculty
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Keynote Guest Speakers



“Histotripsy: Hype or Hope?”

YOUNG HONG, MD, MPH, FACS, FSSO

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“Advances in the Management of Colorectal Liver Metastases: Resection, Hepatic Artery Infusion, Liver Transplant”

FLAVIO ROCHA, MD, FACS, FSSO

Hedinger Professor of Surgery
Program Director, HPB Fellowship
Physician-in-Chief, Knight Cancer Center
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CME CREDIT PROVIDED BY UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA COLLEGE OF MEDICINE - TUCSON. Overall Series Objectives: 1.) Describe the role of, and utilize when appropriate, complete tumor sequencing in identification of targetable mutations in pancreatic cancer to guide management. 2.) Incorporate knowledge of the evolving role of circulating tumor- DNA (ct-DNA) in prognosis, decisions regarding adjuvant therapy and in detection of early recurrence. 3.) Employ criteria for vascular resection in pancreatic cancer 4.) Identify pancreatic cystic lesions on cross-sectional imaging and recognize the high-risk stigmata and worrisome features that suggest the presence of cancer in these cysts. 5.) Describe histotripsy and recognize the potential of abscopal effect. 6.) Describe indications for evolving techniques in the treatment of metastatic colorectal cancer. 7.) Employ complex multidisciplinary discussions in patients with metastatic colorectal cancer given rapidly evolving treatment options that offer hope to patients with previously unresectable disease.

The University of Arizona College of Medicine - Tucson is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

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Chief, Division of Surgical Oncology
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Dr. Young K. Hong is Chief of the Division of Surgical Oncology and Associate Professor of Surgery at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University and the MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper. He also serves as Director of the Peritoneal Surface Malignancy Program, Director of Clinical Research, and Director of Cellular Therapy.

Dr. Hong completed his medical degree at Virginia Commonwealth University, followed by general surgery training at Georgetown University Hospital, fellowships in surgical oncology and hepatobiliary surgery at the University of Louisville, and research training at the National Cancer Institute. His clinical expertise includes hepatopancreatobiliary surgery, peritoneal surface malignancies, and cellular immunotherapies for gastrointestinal cancers.

An accomplished researcher, Dr. Hong has published extensively on surgical oncology, immunotherapy, and health policy, and serves on national committees for the Americas Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association, Society of Surgical Oncology, and Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract. He is recognized for his leadership in advancing surgical innovation, translational research, and mentorship of the next generation of surgical oncologists.

**FLAVIO ROCHA, MD, FACS, FSSO**

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Dr. Rocha is the Hedinger Professor and Chair of Surgical Oncology at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) in Portland, OR. He also serves as the Physician-in-Chief of the Knight Cancer Institute at OHSU.

He graduated with honors from the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. After training in general surgery at the Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School both in Boston, he completed both a surgical oncology and hepatopancreatobiliary surgery fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. He spent ten years practicing in Seattle prior to moving to Oregon in 2021.

Dr. Rocha's clinical practice encompasses all aspects of benign and malignant disease of the liver, bile ducts and pancreas. He has been funded by the AAS, NIH/NIDDK, ASCO and the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation. Dr. Rocha currently sits on the editorial boards of Surgery, HPB, Annals of Surgical Oncology, and Journal of Surgical Oncology. He has served on the NCI Pancreas Task Force, ASCO Gastrointestinal Cancers Advisory Council and ASTRO Liver Cancer Guidelines Committee.

He is currently the surgical lead of the International Cholangiocarcinoma Research Network (ICRN), Vice-Chair of the Southwest Oncology Group (SWOG) Surgery Committee, GI Surgery Working Group Chair at Eastern Cooperative Group (ECOG-ACRIN) and Chair of the Cancer Standards Development Committee at the American College of Surgeons.

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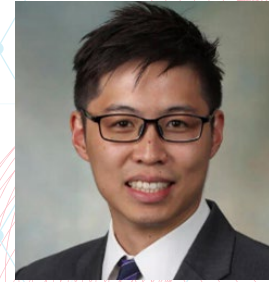
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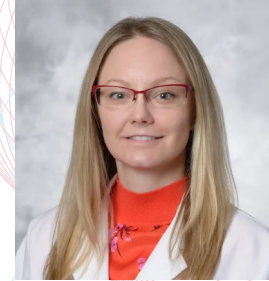
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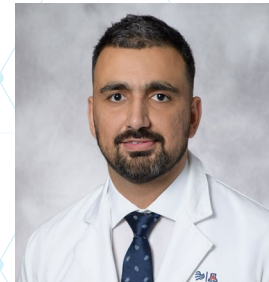
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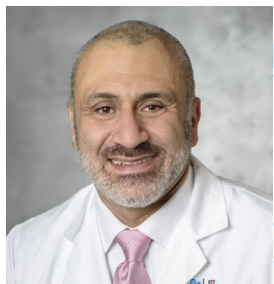
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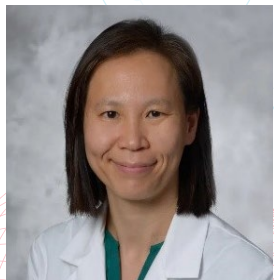
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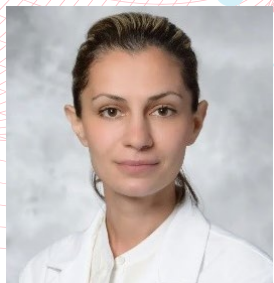
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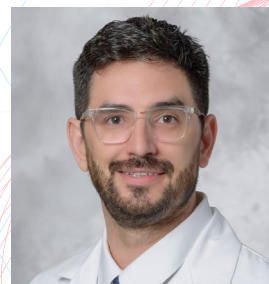
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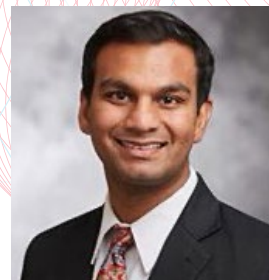
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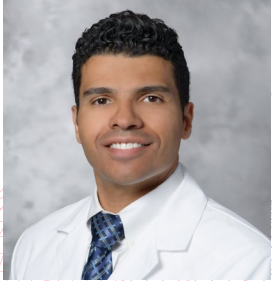
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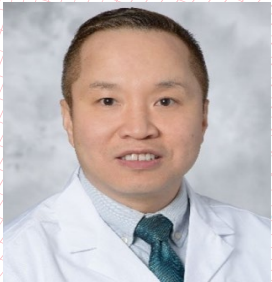
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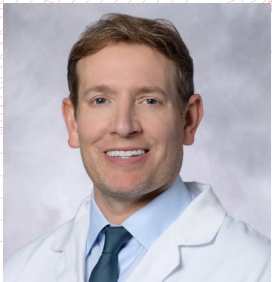
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