

# 3<sup>RD</sup> SURGICAL ONCOLOGY ADVANCED PRACTITIONER CONFERENCE

APRIL 8-10, 2021

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Deadline for Abstract Submission is  
Friday, January 22, 2021.

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## Goal

Over the next decade, there is projected to be a significant shortage of both oncologists and surgeons to meet the needs of the aging US populations. To help offset the growing workforce demands, more Advanced Practice Providers (APPs, including physician assistants and nurse practitioners) are being employed in surgical oncology practice to care for patients afflicted with solid tumors. In order to enable the best possible patient outcomes, it is critical that cancer care professionals are apprised of these latest advances in treatment and management, as well as understand and implement best practice models to optimize team-based cancer care. This activity is geared specifically towards the educational needs of surgery APPs that care for cancer patients. However; the content is appropriate for those practicing in multiple oncology disciplines, and thus the target audience includes physician assistants, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, physicians in general practice, and other healthcare professionals in either private practice or academic settings.

## Educational Objectives

After attending the conference participant should be able to

- Describe recent advances in the surgical management of solid tumors originating from the following organ and/or disease sites: brain, spine, oropharynx, lung, breast, stomach, colon, rectum, liver, pancreas, prostate, kidney, ovary, skin, and bones.
- Describe fundamentals of solid tumor imaging, and how to review and interpret pertinent findings from computed tomography and magnetic resonance imaging of the head, neck, and abdomen.
- Examine and illustrate the changing role of the advanced practice professionals in the delivery of oncology care for surgical patients.

## Target Audience

The target audience includes Physicians, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Clinical Nurse Specialists, RNs, CRNAs, and other healthcare professionals involved in the management of patients in surgical oncology.

## Educational Methods

Didactic/Lectures – Case Presentations  
– Question and Answer Session – Panel Discussion – Poster Session

## Evaluation

A course evaluation link will provide participants with the opportunity to comment on the value of the program content to their practice decisions, performance improvement activities, or possible impact on patient health status. Participants will also have the opportunity to comment on any perceived commercial bias in the presentations as well as to identify future educational topics.

## Accreditation/ Credit Designation

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

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*PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians and APPs should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

## Ethics

Session #10 has been designated by The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center for 1.25 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* in medical ethics and/or professional responsibility.

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## CME Certificates and Attendance Verification Certificates

Certificates awarding *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* or certificates documenting attendance will be emailed when an individual completes the online CME Verification process after the conference.

## Call for Abstracts

Abstracts will be selected for either e-poster or mini-oral presentation at the conference. The purpose of the poster session is to provide educational overview of the latest advances in surgical management of solid tumors and the role of APPs in clinical practice. Please visit our website for more information.

To submit an abstract click on the link <https://bit.ly/38T3b7O> or scan the QR code. Deadline for submission is **January 22, 2021, 11:59 PM CST**. Authors of selected abstracts will receive a notification of acceptance via email by **February 5, 2021**. Best of Poster award will be announced at the end of the conference. For any questions or concerns please contact: **[soapabstracts@mdanderson.org](mailto:soapabstracts@mdanderson.org)**.



# PROGRAM

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021

## All time is central time

8:00 am	<b>Welcome and Announcements</b> Steven Wei, PA-C and Susan Knippel, APRN, FNP-C	
8:15 - 9:30	<b>Session #1: Thoracic Oncology</b> Moderator: Susan Knippel, APRN, FNP-C	
8:15	<b>Novel Therapies in Surgically Resectable NSCLC</b> Boris Sepesi, MD	
9:15	<b>Q&amp;A and Break</b>	
9:30 - 11:00	<b>Session #2: Neuro and Head/ Neck Surgery</b> Moderator: Justin Sellers, PA-C	
9:30	<b>Neuroimaging and Brain Mapping in Neurosurgery</b> Cheryl Martin, APRN, FNP-C	
10:00	<b>Innovations in Head and Neck Surgery</b> Neil Gross, MD	
11:00	Break, Networking, Exhibits and Poster Viewing	
11:30 - 12:30 pm	<b>Session #3: Breast Oncology</b> Moderator: Brianna Mendenhall, PA-C	
11:30	<b>Lymphedema and Axillary Reverse Mapping</b> Sarah DeSnyder, MD	
12:00	<b>Advances in Treatment of HER2+ Breast Cancer</b> Pamela McCarthy, DNP, APRN, OncNP	
12:30	Break, Networking, Exhibits and Poster Viewing	
12:45	Non-CME Student/Trainee Session Moderator: Allison Bolin, PA-C	Non-CME Industry-supported program (optional) #1 TBD
1:30	Break, Networking, Exhibits and Poster Viewing	
1:45 - 3:15	<b>Session #4: Preoperative Assessment</b> Moderator: Laura Schoonover, PA-C	
1:45	<b>SUGAR Initiative and Diabetes Management</b> Allison Horner, PA-C	
2:15	<b>Echocardiograms in Perioperative Setting</b> Courtney Robb, APRN, FNP-C	
2:45	<b>Problematic Premeds</b> Elizabeth Schacht, DMSc, PA-C	

3:15	Break, Networking, Exhibits and Poster Viewing
3:45 - 5:15	<b>Session #5: Supportive Care and Pharmacology</b> Moderator: Katherine Schwarzlose, APRN, ACNS-BC
3:45	<b>Post-Operative Acute Pain Management</b> Jessy Kurian, DNP, APRN, FNP-C
4:15	<b>Direct Oral Anticoagulants and Cancer-Associated VTEs</b> Ali Zalpour, PharmD
4:45	<b>Immunotherapy Toxicity Management</b> Marianne Davies, DNP, APRN, ACNP, AOCNP
5:15	Break, Networking, Exhibits and Poster Viewing
6:00	Virtual Welcome Reception

## FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2021

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8:00 am	<b>Welcome and Announcements</b> Stephen Swisher, MD
8:10	<b>KEYNOTE: Crisis Leadership during COVID-19 Pandemic</b> Peter Pisters, MD
8:30	Break, Networking, Exhibits and Poster Viewing
8:45 - 10:15	<b>Session #6: Gastrointestinal I</b> Moderator: Steven Wei, PA-C
8:45	<b>Early-Age Onset Colorectal Cancer</b> Nancy You, MD
9:15	<b>Molecular Genomics and Biomarkers in Colorectal Liver Metastases</b> Jean-Nicolas Vauthey, MD
9:45	<b>Minimally-Invasive Gastric Cancer Surgery</b> Naruhiko Ikoma, MD
10:15	Break, Networking, Exhibits and Moderated Poster #1 Viewing
10:45 - 12:15 pm	<b>Session #7: Urology and Gynecology</b> Moderator: Tamika Williams, PA-C
10:45	<b>Single Port Robotic Surgery for Kidney Cancer</b> Surena Matin, MD
11:15	<b>Know Your Cost: Robotic vs Conventional Approach</b> Marissa Shafei, PA-C
11:45	<b>Updates in Endometrial Cancers</b> Pamela Soliman, MD
12:15	Break, Networking, Exhibits and Poster Viewing

12:30 - 1:15	Non-CME Mini-Oral Session (Abstracts) Moderator: Danielle Fournier, APRN, AGPCNP-BC	Non-CME Industry-supported program (optional) #2 TBD
1:15	Break, Networking, Exhibits and Poster Viewing	
1:30 - 3:00	<b>Session #8: Inpatient Management</b> Moderator: Mini George, APRN, FNP-C	
1:30	<b>No Visitor Policy and Patient's Response During COVID-19 Pandemic</b> Diana Nichols, DNP, APRN, PMHNP	
2:00	<b>Acute Renal Injury in Immediate Postoperative Period</b> Kenneth Ward, APRN, AGNP-C	
2:30	<b>Identifying Malnutrition During Postoperative Period</b> Christie Siebel, MS, RD	
3:00	Networking, Exhibits, Break, Moderated Posters #2 Viewing	
3:30 - 4:30	<b>Session #9: Diagnostic Imaging</b> Moderator: Temitope Adebayo, PA-C	
3:30	<b>Abdominal and Pelvis Imaging Essentials</b> Hyunseon Christine Kang, MD	
4:00	<b>Role of Imaging in Neck Malignancy</b> Melissa Chen, MD	
4:30	Break, Networking, Exhibits and Poster Viewing	
4:45 - 6:00	<b>Session #10: Ethics Roundtable</b> Moderator: Marla Weldon, PA-C	
4:45	<b>Navigating Cultural Differences in Cancer Care</b> Jessica Moore, DHCE	
5:15	<b>Advanced Care Planning and Goals of Care</b> Eduardo Bruera, MD	
5:45	<b>Panel Questions and Answers</b>	
6:00	Adjourn	

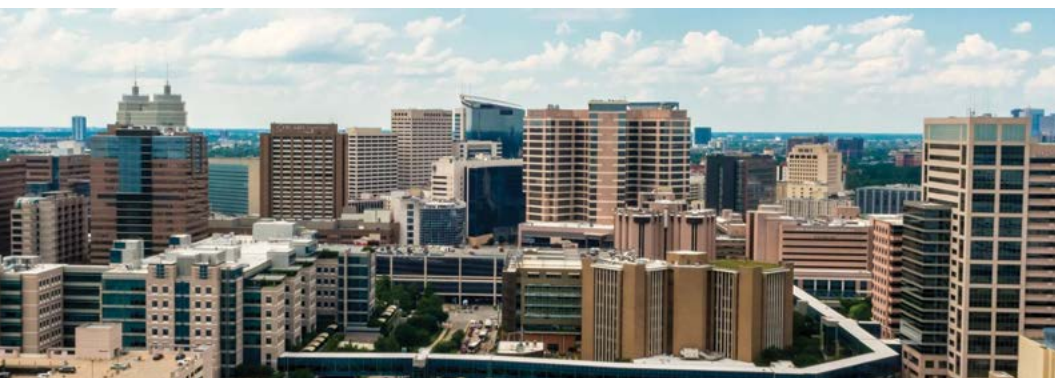
## SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2021

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8:00 am	<b>Welcome and Announcements</b> Steven Wei, PA-C
8:05	<b>KEYNOTE: APP Burnout, Resiliency, and Wellness during COVID-19</b> Eric Tetzlaff, MHS, PA-C, DFAAPA
8:30	Break, Networking, Exhibits and Poster Viewing

8:45 - 10:15	<b>Session #11: Gastrointestinal II</b> Moderator: Rae Reynolds, PhD, APRN, NP-C		
8:45	<b>Multidisciplinary Management of Resectable Pancreatic Cancer</b> Mary Jennings-Salazar, DNP, APRN, ANP-BC		
9:15	<b>Minimally-Invasive Surgical Management of Hepatobiliary Malignancies</b> Hop Tran Cao, MD		
9:45	<b>Enhanced Recovery Updates in GI Surgery</b> Sarah Misustin, MS, PA-C		
10:15	Break, Networking, Exhibits and Moderated Posters #3 Viewing		
10:45 - 12:15 pm	<b>Session #12: Plastics, Orthopedics, Sarcoma</b> Moderator: Soo Poon, APRN, FNP-C		
10:45	<b>Role of Immunotherapy for Treatment of Soft Tissue Sarcoma</b> Emily Keung, MD		
11:15	<b>Lymphedema Microsurgery</b> Sarah Bishop, MD		
11:45	<b>Impending Fracture Risk of Long Bones</b> Mark Pilarczyk, PA-C		
12:15	Break, Networking, Exhibits and Poster Viewing		
12:30 - 1:00	Non-CME Best of Abstracts and Award Presentation Moderator: Kimberly Dotter, APRN, ANP-C	12:30 - 1:15 pm	Non-CME Industry-supported program (optional) #3 TBD
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch Break; Networking, Exhibits Viewing		
1:30 - 3:00	<b>Session #13: Melanoma, Dermatology, Ophthalmology</b> Moderator: Kristi Mungovan, PA-C		
1:30	<b>Updated Approaches for Melanoma Treatment</b> Rebecca Carpenter, PA-C		
2:00	<b>Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer Management</b> Kelly Carter Nelson, MD		
2:30	<b>Ocular Melanoma Management</b> Amatul Noor Ali, PA-C		
3:00	Break, Networking, Exhibits Viewing		
3:30 - 5:00	<b>Session #14: APP Professional Roles</b> Moderator: Janie Rutledge, APRN, ANP-C		
3:30	<b>APP Role in Leadership and Administration</b> David Johnson, MPAS, PA-C		

4:00	<b>APP Role in Education: Focus on APP Surgical First Assist</b> John Russell, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, AGACNP-BC
4:30	<b>APP Role in Innovation: Robotics Onboarding and Training in Cancer Surgery</b> Cassandra Shepherd, MSPAS, PA-C Camilla Guerrero, MS, PA-C
5:00	Closing Remarks and Adjourn Steven Wei, PA-C Susan Knippel, APRN, FNP-C



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## Registration Information

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Surgical Oncology Advanced Practitioner Conference opens at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2021 and the conference ends at 5:00 p.m., Saturday, April 10, 2021.

Advanced registration is encouraged as space and materials are limited. Please see registration fees below. The deadline for advanced registration is **March 11, 2021**.

**Register on-line at [www.mdanderson.org/conferences](http://www.mdanderson.org/conferences).**

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### Non APAO Member

- Postmarked before March 11, 2021..... \$290.00  
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### APAO Member / MDA Faculty and Staff

- Postmarked before March 11, 2021..... \$250.00  
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- \***Trainees (Fellows, Residents, Students)**..... \$75.00

- Attending Friday Welcome Reception?**  **Yes**  **No**

\*Provide program name and faculty contact

Please let us know what specific topics, issues or questions you wish to see addressed or emphasized in this activity. Email CPE/Continuing Professional Education. All responses will be forwarded to the Program Chairs for consideration.

## Refund/Cancellation Policy

The registration fee, minus a \$50 administrative handling fee, is refundable if a written request is received on or before **March 11, 2021**. No refunds will be granted after that date. The request for a registration refund must include the tax identification number of the company or institution if registration was paid by a company or institution check.

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