

SAN ANTONIO
LIVER CANCER SYMPOSIUM

DAY ONE - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026

7:00–8:00 a.m. Registration and Breakfast

7:15–7:55 a.m. Breakfast Product Theater

8:00–8:05 a.m. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Lei Zheng, MD, PhD — Executive Director of Mays Cancer Center at UT Health San Antonio

Sukeshi Arora, MD — Mays Cancer Center at UT Health San Antonio

Danielle Fritze, MD — Mays Cancer Center at UT Health San Antonio

PLENARY SESSION

8:10–9:15 a.m.

PLENARY 1
Moderator: Danielle Fritze, MD — Mays Cancer Center at UT Health San Antonio
Speaker: Ekihiro Seki, MD, PhD — Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

8:10–9:00 a.m. Evolution of Liver

9:00–9:15 a.m. Q&A

9:20–10:35 a.m.

PROGRAM A

PRECLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL – LIVER CANCER

Moderators:
Sun LuZhe, PhD and Zhao Peng , PhD —
UT Health San Antonio

- 9:20–9:35 a.m. **YAP activation induces HCC by inhibiting FXR to disrupt bile acid metabolism** — Yingzi Yang, PhD — Harvard University
- 9:35–9:50 a.m. Wei Qiu, PhD — Loyola University Chicago
- 9:50–10:05 a.m. Satdarshan (Paul) Singh Monga, MD — University of Pittsburgh
- 10:05–10:20 a.m. Xiaoli Sun, MD, PD- UT Health San Antonio
- 10:20–10:35 a.m. Q & A Panel Discussion

PROGRAM B

UPDATES IN COLON AND RECTAL CANCER

Moderator: Alicia Logue, MD —
UT Health San Antonio

- Screening GI:** Douglas K. Rex, MD — Indiana University School of Medicine
- Rectal Cancer:** Amy Le, MD, MPH — UT Health San Antonio
- Liver Metastases:** TBD
- Q&A Panel Discussion

10:35-10:50 a.m.

Break, Networking & Exhibits

10:55–11:55 p.m.

PROGRAM A

HEPATOLOGY

Moderator:
Jan Petrasek, MD — UT Health San Antonio

- 10:55–11:10 a.m. **Hepatology Updates Disparities in HCC:**
Nicole Rich, MD — UT Southwestern Medical Center
- 11:10-11:25 a.m. **Fatty Liver Therapies:** Mazen Nooruddin, MD — Houston Methodist Academic Medicine Associates
- 11:25-11:40 p.m. **Up-and-Coming Fatty Liver Therapies:**
Eric Lawitz, MD — Texas Liver Institute
- 11:40-11:55 p.m. Q&A Panel Discussion

PROGRAM B

CHOLANGIOCARCINOMA

Moderator:
Milind M. Javle, MD- UT MD Anderson Houston

- Resectable Surgeon:**
- Therapeutics:**
- Radiation Oncology:** Randa Tao, MD — Mayo Clinic
- Q&A Panel Discussion

11:55-1:15 p.m.

Lunch Product Theater -TBD

1:20-2:15 p.m.

PROGRAM A

EPIDEMIOLOGY

Moderator:
Amelie Ramirez, DrPH, MPH — UT Health San Antonio

- 1:20-1:35 p.m. **GLP-1 & GI Cancers:** Colton Jones, MD — UT Health San Antonio
- 1:35–1:50 p.m. **HCC/Cirrhosis/Disparities:** Martin Lajous, MD, ScD- National Institute of Public Health of Mexico
- 1:50-2:00 p.m. Abstract 1
- 2:00-2:15 p.m. Q&A Panel Discussion

PROGRAM B

PEDIATRIC AND AYA

Moderator: Danielle Fritze, MD and
Gail Tomlinson, MD, PhD — UT Health San Antonio

- Updates on Hepatoblastoma**
- Pediatric Management of Hereditary Cancer Syndromes**
- Abstract 1
- Q&A Panel Discussion

2:15-2:40 p.m.

Break, Networking & Exhibits

2:45- 4:00 p.m.

PROGRAM A

HCC UPDATES IN SYSTEMIC THERAPEUTICS

Moderator:
Maen Abdelrahim, MD, PhD, Pharmacy —
Houston Methodist

- 2:45-3:00 p.m. **First-Line Therapy:** Sukeshi Arora, MD — Mays Cancer Center at UT Health San Antonio
- 3:00-3:15 p.m. **Second-Line Therapy:** Julie Rowe, MD — UT MD Anderson Cancer Center
- 3:15-3:30 p.m. **New Therapies:** Maen Abdelrahim, MD, PhD, PharmD — Houston Methodist
- 3:30-3:45 p.m. Abstract 1
- 3:45-4:00 p.m. Q&A Panel Discussion

PROGRAM B

GENETICS VS GENOMICS IN GI CANCERS

Case-Based study; Dr. Jessica Jones

- CaRE Cancer Risk Reduction and Education Program:** Jessica Trevino Jones, MD at Mays Cancer Center at UT Health San Antonio
- Disparities:** Marcela Mazo Canola, MD — Mays Cancer Center at UT Health San Antonio
- Genomics:** Adetunji Toriola, MD, PhD, Washington University in St. Louis
- Abstract 1
- Q&A Panel Discussion

4:00 p.m.

Day 1 Adjournment