

Wednesday September 25, 2024

Welcome Night (for attendees registered before 8/1/24)

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Thursday September 26, 2024

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM **Breakfast**

Opening Session

MSCS-CRC 2024 Overview

Chairs: Pawel Kalinski, MD, PhD (USA), Waldemar Priebe, PhD (USA), and Piotr Rutkowski, MD, PhD (Poland)

8:30 AM - 8:35 AM

Welcome Remarks

Sai Yendamuri, MD, MBA

Senior Vice President, Business Development and Outreach

Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center

Buffalo, NY, USA

8:35 AM - 8:40 AM

MSCS-CRC 2024: Building Global Partnerships to Accelerate Cancer Research and Drug Development, Reduce Disparities, and Improve the Quality of Life

Pawel Kalinski, MD, PhD

Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center

Buffalo, NY, USA

Session 1

Building Partnerships with Buffalo, New York State, and the USA

(each set of collaborating partners has 15 mins followed by a full panel discussion)

Chair: Pawel Kalinski, MD, PhD (USA) and Piotr Rutkowski, MD, PhD (Poland)

8:40 AM - 8:55 AM

The Implementation Gap in Global Cancer Control: Research Needs and Opportunities

Mark Parascandola, PhD, MPH

National Cancer Institute, USA

Rockville, MD, USA

8:55 AM - 9:10 AM

NCI-Supported Collaborations

Malgorzata (Margaret) Wojtowicz, MD

National Cancer Institute, USA

Rockville, MD, USA

9:10 AM - 9:15 AM

New York State Resources for Industry Retention and Attraction

Loretta Beine

Empire State Development Corporation

Melville, NY, USA

9:15 AM - 9:25 AM

Advancing Biotechnology, Cancer Research, and Life Science Innovation in New York State

Dylan Williams

Empire State Development Corporation

Albany, NY, USA

9:25 AM - 9:40 AM

University at Buffalo Business and Entrepreneur Partnerships – Moving Innovation to Impact

Smitha James

State University of New York at Buffalo

Buffalo, NY, USA

9:40 AM - 10:00 AM

Panel Discussion and Q&A

Beine, James, Kalinski, Parascandola, Rutkowski, Wojtowicz, Williams

10:00 AM - 10:15 AM

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Session 2

Ongoing Partnerships within MSCS-CRC: Collaborations to Enhance Cancer Research

(each set of collaborating partners has 15 mins followed by a full panel discussion)

Chairs: Sandro Matosevic, PhD (USA) and Kęstutis Sužiedėlis, PhD (Lithuania)

10:15 AM - 10:30 AM

Enhancing Effectiveness of Immunotherapies by TME Manipulation: Collaborations with Pittsburgh, Virginia & Moffitt

Kathleen (Katie) Kokolus, PhD & Pawel Kalinski, MD, PhD

Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center

Buffalo, NY, USA

10:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Prospective Clinical Trial Design of the ABI1-based Test for Prostate Cancer Tumor Progression and Resistance

Leszek Kotula, MD, PhD

Upstate Medical University

Syracuse, NY, USA

Iwona Ługowska, MD, PhD

Maria Skłodowska-Curie National Research Institute of Oncology

Warsaw, Poland

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM

Cancer Cell Therapy in Ukraine: Potential Opportunities for Manufacturing of Genetically Modified Cells

Iryna Tanasiichuk, PhD

Bogomolets National Medical University

Kyiv, Ukraine

11:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Panel Discussion and Q&A

Kalinski, Kokolus, Kotula, Ługowska, Matosevic, Sužiedėlis, Tanasiichuk

11:15 AM - 11:30 AM

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Session 3		Collaborative Clinical Trials in Poland <i>(each presenter has 10 mins followed by a full panel discussion)</i> <i>Chairs: Brian Czerniecki, MD, PhD (USA) and Joanna Stanson (USA)</i>
11:30 AM - 11:40 AM	<i>Medical Research Agency - Five Years of Reshaping the Clinical Trial Landscape in Poland</i> Wojciech Fendler, MD, PhD Medical Research Agency Warsaw, Poland	
11:40 AM - 11:50 AM	<i>Breaking Ground: Innovations and Challenges in Early Phase Oncology Trials</i> Iwona Ługowska, MD, PhD Maria Skłodowska-Curie National Research Institute of Oncology Warsaw, Poland	
11:50 AM - 12:00 PM	<i>Outline of NCI-MRA Transatlantic Collaboration on Clinical Trials in Oncology</i> Karolina Nowak, PhD, MBA Medical Research Agency Warsaw, Poland	
12:00 PM - 12:10 PM	<i>Primary Results of AXAGIST Clinical Trial in Advanced GIST (Phase I Trial)</i> Piotr Rutkowski, MD, PhD Maria Skłodowska-Curie National Research Institute of Oncology Warsaw, Poland	
12:10 PM - 12:30 PM	Panel Discussion and Q&A Czerniecki, Fendler, Ługowska, Nowak, Rutkowski, Stanson	
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Networking Lunch	
Session 4		Collaborative Opportunities: Translational and Clinical Research <i>(each presenter has 8 mins + 2 mins for Q&A)</i> <i>Chairs: Pawel Kalinski, MD, PhD (USA) and Waldemar Priebe, PhD (USA)</i>
1:30 PM - 1:40 PM	<i>Beyond the Standard of Care: Exploring Unintended Outcomes of Cancer Treatments Through the Critical Link Between Researchers and Healthcare Providers</i> Mikhail Berezin, PhD Washington University St. Louis, MO, USA	
1:40 PM - 1:50 PM	<i>Intrathecal cDC1s Remodel the Immunocellular Environment of LMD to Enhance Innate & Adaptive Immune Responses: Bench to Bedside</i> Brian Czerniecki, MD, PhD H. Lee Moffitt Cancer and Research Institute Tampa, FL, USA	
1:50 PM - 2:00 PM	<i>Collaborative Opportunities: Developing of ABI1-Based Test for Prostate Ca Tumor Progression and Resistance</i> Leszek Kotula, MD, PhD Upstate Medical University Syracuse, NY, USA	
2:00 PM - 2:10 PM	<i>Reprogramming Natural Killer Cells for Immunotherapy of Cancer: Collaborative Opportunities for Next Generation Immunotherapies</i> Sandro Matosevic, PhD Purdue University West Lafayette, IL, USA	
2:10 PM - 2:20 PM	<i>Metabolic Reprogramming of the Tumor Microenvironment</i> Michael Nemeth, PhD Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center Buffalo, NY, USA	
2:20 PM - 2:30 PM	<i>Preclinical Exploration of Annamycin Organotropism</i> Waldemar Priebe, PhD MD Anderson Cancer Center Houston, TX, USA	
2:30 PM - 2:40 PM	<i>Potential Synthetic Lethality in the Search for More Efficient Anticancer Radiotherapy</i> Kęstutis Sužiedėlis, PhD National Cancer Institute, Lithuania Vilnius University Vilnius, Lithuania	
2:40 PM - 3:00 PM	Break	

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Session 5	Collaborative Opportunities: Disparities, Patient Experience, and Quality of Life <i>(each presenter has 8 mins + 2 mins for Q&A)</i> <i>Chairs: Kathleen Kokolus, PhD (USA) and Leszek Kotula, MD, PhD (USA)</i>
3:00 PM - 3:10 PM	<i>Non-Invasive Skin Cancer Imaging: Advanced Multiphoton Microscopy Solutions</i> Mihaela Balu, PhD University of California, Irvine Irvine, CA, USA
3:10 PM - 3:20 PM	<i>Development of Allogeneic T Cell Therapies to Increase Patient Accessibility</i> Jonathan Bramson, PhD McMaster University Hamilton, ON, Canada
3:20 PM - 3:30PM	<i>Alternatives to Anti-Estrogen Therapy for Breast Cancer Prevention</i> Brian Czerniecki, MD, PhD H. Lee Moffitt Cancer and Research Institute Tampa, FL, USA
3:30 PM - 3:40 PM	<i>WINS: Wellness, Integrative Oncology, Survivorship: Stories, Science, and Self-Care</i> Kaushal Nanavati, MD Upstate Medical University Syracuse, NY, USA
3:40 PM - 3:50 PM	<i>Benefits of Data Science for Cancer Prognostication and Outcomes Research</i> Ekaterina (Katia) Noyes, PhD, MPH State University of New York at Buffalo Buffalo, NY, USA
3:50 PM - 4:00 PM	<i>Management of irAE in a University Oncology Clinic in Bucharest, Romania</i> Ioana-Miruna Stanciu, MD Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy Bucharest, Romania
4:00 PM - 4:10 PM	<i>Empowering Rural New York: A Community-Driven Approach to Boost HPV Vaccination Rates</i> Telisa Stewart, DrPh & Elizabeth Luke, MPH Upstate Medical University Syracuse, NY, USA
4:10 PM - 4:30 PM	Break
Session 6	International Education and Training <i>(each presenter has 10 mins followed by a full panel discussion)</i> <i>Chairs: Michael Nemeth, PhD (USA) and Leszek Kotula, MD, PhD (USA)</i>
4:30 PM - 4:40 PM	<i>Roswell Park Urology & ATLAS Program: Keeping Global Connections Alive and Humming</i> Khurshid A. Guru, MD Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center Buffalo, NY, USA
4:40 PM - 4:50 PM	<i>Empowering Tomorrow's Oncologists: Addressing the Imperative for Comprehensive Education in Cancer Care</i> Iwona Ługowska, MD, PhD Maria Skłodowska-Curie National Research Institute of Oncology Warsaw, Poland
4:50 PM - 5:00 PM	<i>Cancer Research Education and Training Experiences (CREATE) at Roswell Park</i> Mukund Seshadri, DDS, PhD Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center Buffalo, NY, USA
5:00 PM - 5:10 PM	<i>Training and Development of Early Career Researchers in Medical and Life Sciences at Vilnius University</i> Edita Sužiedėlienė, PhD Vilnius University Vilnius, Lithuania
5:10 PM - 5:20 PM	<i>Developing Leaders in Cancer Immuno -Prevention, -Interception and -Therapy Through the Translational Research Cancer Centers Consortium (TRCCC)</i> Wei-Zen Wei, PhD President, Translational Research Cancer Centers Consortium Karmanos Cancer Institute, Wayne State University Detroit, MI, USA
5:20 PM - 5:45 PM	Panel Discussion and Q&A Guru, Kotula, Ługowska, Nemeth, Seshadri, Sužiedėlienė, Wei
7:00 PM	Networking Dinner & Catamaran Cruise (for pre-registered attendees)
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7:45 AM - 8:30 AM	Breakfast
Session 7	Reducing Cancer Burden: National and International Experience <i>(each presenter has 20 mins followed by a full panel discussion)</i>
	<i>Chairs: Piotr Rutkowski, MD, PhD (Poland) and Anda Vlad, MD, PhD (USA)</i>
8:30 AM - 8:50 AM	<i>Promoting Collaboration in Noncoding RNA Profiling in Cancer Research between Central and Eastern European Countries and the US</i> Ioana Berindan-Neagoe, PhD Iuliu Hațieganu University of Medicine and Pharmacy Cluj-Napoca, Romania
8:50 AM - 9:10 AM	<i>The Experience of Cancer Care in Ukraine Under Wartime Conditions</i> Andriy Beznosenko, MD, PhD, MBA National Cancer Institute, Ukraine Kyiv, Ukraine
9:10 AM - 9:30 AM	<i>The Best Cancer is the Cancer That Never Happens</i> Philip Castle, PhD, MPH National Cancer Institute, USA Rockville, MD, USA
9:30 AM - 9:50 AM	<i>In Search of More Efficient Cancer Prevention and Screening in Lithuania: Unexplored Targets and Opportunities for Collaboration</i> Rūta Everatt, PhD National Cancer Institute, Lithuania Vilnius, Lithuania
9:50 AM - 10:10 AM	<i>Disparities in Cancer Care Across European Union - Can European Union Projects Really Make a Difference?</i> Iva Kirac, MD, PhD University Hospital for Tumors Zagreb, Croatia
10:10 AM - 10:30 AM	<i>Spotlight on Cancer Prevention in Poland: Key Observations and Conclusions</i> Paweł Koczkodaj, PhD Maria Skłodowska-Curie National Research Institute of Oncology Warsaw, Poland
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Panel Discussion and Q&A Berindan-Neagoe, Beznosenko, Castle, Everatt, Kirac, Koczkodaj, Rutkowski, Vlad
11:00 AM - 11:15 AM	Break
Session 8	Cancer Prevention and Early Detection <i>(each presenter has 10 mins + 5 mins for Q&A)</i>
	<i>Chairs: Waldemar Priebe, PhD (USA) and Kęstutis Sužiedėlis, PhD (Lithuania)</i>
11:15 AM - 11:30 AM	<i>If We Can't Do It for This Cancer...Opportunities and Challenges for Global Cervical Cancer Control</i> Philip Castle, PhD, MPH National Cancer Institute, USA Rockville, MD, USA
11:30 AM - 11:45 AM	<i>Melanoma as a Paradigm for Leveraging Cancer Research and Prevention Collaboration: From Texas to Poland...and Beyond!</i> Jeffrey Gershenwald, MD The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Houston, TX, USA
11:45 AM - 12:00 PM	<i>HPV-Related Cervical Cancer in Romania: Addressing Unique Challenges in Incidence and Treatment</i> Cristian Lungulescu, MD University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Craiova Craiova, Romania
12:00 PM - 12:15 PM	<i>Preventing Noncommunicable Diseases – Is it Time for Oncologists and Cardiologists to Work Together?</i> Tomasz Zdrojewski, MD, PhD Polish Academy of Sciences Medical University of Gdańsk Gdańsk, Poland
12:15 PM - 12:30 PM	Panel Discussion and Q&A Castle, Gershenwald, Lungulescu, Priebe, Sužiedėlis, Zdrojewski
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Networking Lunch

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Session 9	Tobacco Products, Cessation, and Health <i>(each presenter has 10 mins followed by a full panel discussion)</i> <i>Chairs: Andrew Hyland, PhD (USA) and Iwona Ługowska, MD, PhD (Poland)</i>
1:30 PM - 1:40 PM	<i>The Vital Importance of Tobacco Cessation Services in Saving Lives</i> Indu Ahluwalia, PhD, MPH Centers for Disease Control Atlanta, GA, USA
1:40 PM - 1:50 PM	<i>NIKO Study - A Collaborative Project of the Medical Research Agency on New Nicotine Products in Poland. Methodology and Implications for Health Policy</i> Łukasz Balwicki, MD, PhD Medical University of Gdańsk Gdańsk, Poland
1:50 PM - 2:00 PM	<i>From Lab Bench to Population Impact: Investigating Cancer Risk Reducing Potential of Alternative Tobacco Products</i> Maciej Goniewicz, MD Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center Buffalo, NY, USA
2:00 PM - 2:10 PM	<i>Addressing Tobacco and New Nicotine Products in Poland: Key Insights and Future Challenges</i> Paweł Koczkodaj, PhD Maria Skłodowska-Curie National Research Institute of Oncology Warsaw, Poland
2:10 PM - 2:20 PM	<i>Opportunities for Collaboration and Innovation</i> Christine Sheffer, PhD Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center Buffalo, NY, USA
2:20 PM - 2:45 PM	Panel Discussion and Q&A Ahluwalia, Balwicki, Goniewicz, Hyland, Koczkodaj, Sheffer
2:45 PM - 3:00 PM	Break
Session 10	Young Investigator Awardees: Breaking Barriers to International Training <i>(each presenter has 10 mins to discuss research and 5 mins to discuss their international training experiences followed by a full panel discussion)</i> <i>Chairs: Leszek Kotula, MD, PhD (USA) and Michael Michael, PhD (USA)</i>
3:00 PM - 3:15 PM	<i>New Approaches in CAR T Therapy: From Hematologic Cancers to Solid Tumors Innovations</i> Brygida Baran, PhD candidate 4Cell Therapies S.A. Warsaw, Poland
3:15 PM - 3:30 PM	<i>Bringing T Cell-Based Gene Therapy to Poznań, Poland</i> Blanka Borowiec, PhD candidate Poznań University of Medical Sciences Poznań, Poland
3:30 PM - 3:45 PM	<i>Effective Elimination of Skin Tumors in a Chronic UV Carcinogenesis Mouse Model via Short-term Topical Non-Thermal Atmospheric Pressure Plasma</i> Szabolcs Bozsányi, MD, PhD Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center Buffalo, NY, USA
3:45 PM - 4:00 PM	<i>Early Prediction of Relapse in Clear Cell Renal Cell Carcinoma (ccRCC)</i> Maciej Łuba, PhD Maria Skłodowska-Curie National Research Institute of Oncology Pragia Hospital Warsaw, Poland
4:00 PM - 4:15 PM	Panel Discussion and Q&A Baran, Borowiec, Bozsányi, Łuba
Closing Session	MSCS-CRC 2025 in Warsaw, Poland <i>Chairs: Pawel Kalinski, MD, PhD (USA), Waldemar Priebe, PhD (USA), and Piotr Rutkowski, MD, PhD (Poland)</i>
4:15 PM - 4:25 PM	<i>MSCS-CRC 2025: Innovating Together to Conquer Cancer Globally</i> Iwona Ługowska, MD, PhD & Piotr Rutkowski, MD, PhD Maria Skłodowska-Curie National Research Institute of Oncology Warsaw, Poland
4:25 PM - 4:30 PM	<i>Closing Remarks</i> Pawel Kalinski, MD, PhD Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center Buffalo, NY, USA
6:00 PM	Organizer's Dinner (by invite only)