

The Gateway to Excellence at JADPRO Live 2024

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Last November, the 12th JADPRO Live conference welcomed over 1,600 attendees at the Gaylord Texan in Grapevine, Texas. As you know, there have been rapid advances in oncology and transformative changes in patient care. The conference offered a venue to learn from and with colleagues, share insights, and find inspiration for practice.

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

With over 30 CE credits available to earn for nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and pharmacists, there were a variety of solid tumor and hematologic malignancy talks to attend. There was also a new surgical track introduced, with six sessions focusing on this area. On Friday, November 15, 2024, Steven H. Wei, EdD, MPH, MS, PA-C, DFAAPA, APP manager at MD Anderson Cancer Center and the Conference Chair, officially kicked off the conference.

The first session, titled “Understanding the Benefits and Pitfalls of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Oncology,” drew from the expertise of a diverse panel, including advanced practitioners (APs), a research director of real-world evidence, a founding executive director of a cancer patient advocacy organization, and a director of informatics. They dis-

cussed the potential benefits of AI integration in screening, diagnosis, management, and survivorship.

On Friday, November 15, attendees gained strategies to combat burnout with a timely keynote by Aditi Nerurkar, MD, MPH, a Harvard physician and author of *The 5 Resets: Rewire Your Brain and Body for Less Stress and More Resilience*, which discusses overcoming stress and burnout using five small but mighty mindset shifts.

Also that day, educational sessions covered classical hematology, new approvals and expanded indications in solid tumors, managing HR+, HER2- metastatic breast cancer, and the use of bispecific antibodies in hematologic malignancies.

On Saturday, November 16, as part of the new surgical track, Paul Wischmeyer, MD, EDIC, FASPEN, FCCM, of Duke University School of Medicine, did a deep dive on evidence-based nutrition and exercise interventions to optimize the quality of life of cancer patients before and after surgery.

In other sessions, presenters addressed the management of long-term side effects of cancer treatment with a focus on vulnerable populations, new systemic treatment options for patients with resectable non-small cell lung cancer,

and managing acute and chronic radiation therapy toxicities.

On Sunday, November 17, attendees learned about safe prescribing in the patient with substance use disorder, current approaches to bladder cancer, and treating sickle cell disease. The conference closed out with a session on improving patient care by supporting administrative time for advanced practitioners (APs).

NETWORKING

There was a designated lounge area outside the exhibit hall for Braindate, which provided a platform to book one-on-one or small-group appointments on a topic of your choice, or join another person's topic. Over 300 Braindates were scheduled. The New-to-Oncology Roundtables offered newer APs the opportunity to have focused discussion led by facilitators.

At two oral poster presentations, a combined 10 posters were presented in detail by their authors with time for Q&A. The session on Friday afternoon focused on the theme of improving cancer care delivery closer to home, while the session on Sunday morning discussed key findings on how to optimize AP operations and strategy.

As usual, the exhibit hall was bustling with activity. During moderated poster sessions, attendees could talk to presenters of a total of 131 posters in three tracks: clinical, industry encore, and AP-SHO patient advocacy perspective posters.

SPOTLIGHT ON AP ACHIEVEMENTS

On Saturday, APSHO President Lisa Kottschade, APRN, MSN, CNP, FAPO, announced the 2024 class of Fellows of Advanced Practice in Oncology (FAPO), Kirollos Hanna, PharmD, BCPS, BCOP, FACCC, FAPO, and Heather Koniarczyk, MSN,

APRN-CNP, AOCNP, FAPO. This distinguished lifetime designation for APSHO members recognizes APs who consistently work to develop the field of oncology/hematology, as evidenced by making remarkable and sustained contributions to advanced practice and by serving, engaging, and investing in the membership and activities of APSHO.

Ms. Kottschade also announced the recipient of the seventh annual Mary Pazdur Award for Excellence in Advanced Practice: Christa Braun-Inglis, DNP, APRN-Rx, FNP-BC, AOCNP, was the first oncology nurse practitioner in the state of Hawaii and has been instrumental on the local and national level in expanding the role of APs in clinical trials.

The Outstanding Poster Award went to the team led by Marlee Bogema, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, for JL1211C: Closer to Home: Building a Fully Outpatient Bispecific Program in a Community Setting. Honorable mentions went to “JL1235C: Oncology Paired Preceptor Program to Support Nurse Practitioner Transition to Practice in Hawaii” by presenting author Christa Braun-Inglis, DNP, APRN-Rx, FNP-BC, AOCNP, and “JL1215C: Development of an Oncology Advanced Practice Provider-Driven Germline Testing Program for Myeloid Malignancies” by presenting author Meredith Beaton, MSN, AG-ACNP.

Take a look at the JADPRO Article of the Year, “Advanced Practice Provider Model for Urgent Oncology Care” by lead author Maria Iannelli Carrera, MSN, CRNP, in the January/February 2023 issue at <https://doi.org/10.6004/jadpro.2023.14.1.7>.

SEE YOU THIS FALL

We hope to see you at the next JADPRO Live, taking place October 23 through 26, 2025, at the Gaylord National in National Harbor, Maryland. ●