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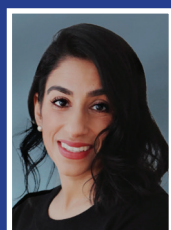


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Invited Speakers

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MEETING OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of the Bladder Cancer Forum 2025, participants will be able to:

Session 1

Understand novel therapies for patients with NMIBC

Session 2

Discuss advancements in the treatment of MIBC and metastatic urothelial carcinoma

Session 3

Appreciate nuances in the diagnosis and treatment of rare urologic tumors

Session 4

Understand the emerging role of liquid biopsy in bladder cancer

Session 5

Explore Canadian research advancements in bladder cancer

Session 6

Be aware of novel therapeutics on the horizon for urothelial carcinoma

AGENDA

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- 08:00 Registration and badge pickup
08:00 - 09:30 CBCRN meeting (by invitation only)
10:00 - 10:05 Welcome and introductions // Nimira Alimohamed, Peter Black, Girish Kulkarni
10:05 - 10:15 Update from the CUA // Tiffany Pizioli
10:15 - 10:30 Patient perspective

SESSION 1 • State-of-the-art Approaches to Non-Muscle-Invasive Bladder Cancer

Moderators: Ardalan Ahmad, Peter Black

10:30 - 12:00

- 10:30 - 11:00 Molecular classification in NMIBC // Joshua Meeks
11:00 - 11:20 Novel technologies in NMIBC // Girish Kulkarni
11:20 - 11:35 Top NMIBC papers // Marie-Pier St-Laurent
11:35 - 12:00 Debate: Be it resolved that radiation therapy is the treatment of choice for high-risk T1 bladder cancer //
MODERATOR // Ardalan Ahmad
PRO // Fabio Cury
CON // Joshua Meeks
12:00 - 13:00 Lunch & poster viewing

SESSION 2 • Questions and Controversies in Muscle-Invasive and Metastatic Urothelial Carcinoma

Moderators: Aly-Khan Lalani, Scott North

13:00 - 15:00

- 13:00 - 13:30 Management of MIBC in cisplatin-ineligible patients with MIBC // Shilpa Gupta
13:30 - 13:50 Perioperative chemIO vs. adjuvant IO in MIBC // Scott North
13:50 - 14:10 New frontiers in radiotherapy for bladder cancer // Alejandro Berlin
14:10 - 14:30 Panel discussion // Alejandro Berlin, Shilpa Gupta, Joshua Meeks, Scott North
14:30 - 15:00 Metastatic bladder cancer tumor board (case-based) // Christina Canil, Peter Chung, Shilpa Gupta, Wassim Kassouf, Diana Magee, Scott North
15:00 - 15:10 Health break

SESSION 3 • Rare Tumors and Artificial Intelligence

Moderators: Meghan Mahoney, Marie-Pier St-Laurent

15:10 - 18:00

- 15:10 - 15:30 Contemporary considerations in small cell bladder cancer // Maria Jiang
15:30 - 15:50 AI in upper tract urothelial carcinoma // Masoom Haider

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- 15:50 - 16:15 **Debate: Be it resolved that AI and digital pathology will replace the pathologist for the assessment of bladder cancer //**
MODERATOR // Marie-Pier St-Laurent
PRO // Jethro Kwong
CON // David Berman
- 16:15 - 16:30 **Novel ADCs and bispecifics in urothelial cancer //** Peter Black
- 16:30 - 18:00 **Poster presentation networking event**

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07:30 - 08:30 **Breakfast**

SESSION 4 • Advancing Bladder Cancer Care – Liquid Biopsy

Moderator: Bernie Eigl

08:30 - 10:00

08:30 - 09:00 **Opportunities for cell-free DNA in early detection, precision medicine, and molecular monitoring //** Trevor Pugh

09:00 - 09:20 **utDNA and ctDNA applications in urothelial cancer //**
Gillian Vandekerkhove

09:20 - 09:40 **Clinical applicability of ctDNA in the management of patients with MIBC //** Nimira Alimohamed

09:40 - 10:00 **Panel discussion: Is ctDNA ready for prime-time in bladder cancer? //** Nimira Alimohamed, Bernie Eigl, Trevor Pugh, Gillian Vandekerkhove

10:00 - 10:15 **Health break**

SESSION 5 • Oral Presentation of Best Abstracts

Moderators: Wassim Kassouf, Alexandre Zlotta

10:15 - 11:00

10:15 - 11:00 **Best abstracts** (6 minutes each plus 2-minute discussion)

Keiran Pace // University of Toronto

Ana Maria Vera Rodriguez, Taylor Zhang // Queen's University

Jalal Laaraj // Université Laval

Nicolas Zheng // University of British Columbia

Cory Macklin // University of British Columbia

SESSION 6 • Emerging Therapeutics

Moderators: Madhuri Koti, Keith Lawson

11:00 - 12:15

11:00 - 11:30 **Cell-based therapies in cancer //** Naoto Hirano

11:30 - 11:45 **Tumor-customized RNA therapeutics for cancer immunotherapy //**
Bowen Li

11:45 - 12:00 **Manipulating the microbiome to enhance the efficacy of BCG in NMIBC //** Vincent Fradet

12:00 - 12:10 **Question and answer**

12:10 **Wrapup and acknowledgements //** Nimira Alimohamed, Girish Kulkarni

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Amanda North • Stacy Tanaka • Samir Taneja

Tuesday, May 27

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Friday, June 27, 19:00-22:00

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