



## AGENDA

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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| 8:00 AM  | <b>ARRIVAL &amp; REGISTRATION - BREAKFAST</b>  |
| 8:30 AM  | <b>WELCOME REMARKS</b><br>Dr. Suzanne George & LRG Representative  |
| 8:45 AM  | <b>25 YEARS OF GIST TREATMENT:</b><br><b>A History of GIST and Where We Are Going</b> - Dr. George Demetri<br><i>Dr. Demetri will explore the history of GIST treatment over the past 25 years, highlighting the groundbreaking discoveries that have transformed patient care and how these advancements have shaped the future of GIST research.</i> |
| 9:15 AM  | <b>GIST 101</b> - Dr. Candace Haddox<br><i>A foundational overview of GIST, including the basic biology, how they develop, and the basics of diagnosis, mutations, and treatment.</i>  |
| 9:35 AM  | <b>EMERGING TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH</b> - Dr. Jonathan Fletcher, Dr. Inga-Marie Schaefer, Dr. Matthew Hemming<br><i>These experts will highlight the latest scientific advancements in GIST, focusing on how laboratory discoveries are being translated into new treatment strategies and potential future therapies.</i>                              |
| 10:15 AM | <b>COFFEE BREAK</b>  |
| 10:30 AM | <b>NAVIGATING CLINICAL TRIALS</b> - Melissa B. Hohos, RN, Dirk Niggemeyer, GIST Patient Advocate<br><i>We will help patients understand what it means to participate in a clinical trial, including what to expect regarding travel, time away from home, and other important considerations.</i>  |
| 11:00 AM | <b>GIST THERAPIES: FROM APPROVED TO INVESTIGATIONAL</b> - Dr. Suzanne George<br><i>Dr. George will provide an overview of current FDA-approved treatments for GIST and explore promising investigational therapies currently being studied in clinical trials.</i>   |
| 11:20 AM | <b>Q&amp;A DISCUSSION WITH THE EXPERTS</b> - Dr. Suzanne George<br><i>An open forum for patients and caregivers to engage with leading GIST experts, ask questions, and gain insights on the latest research, treatments, and management strategies.</i>   |
| 12:00 PM | <b>LUNCH</b>   |

- 12:45 PM** | **NEW APPROACHES IN SURGICAL TECHNIQUES & LOCAL THERAPY** - Dr. Jiping Wang, Dr. Elizabeth Lilley  
This session will focus on the latest advancements in surgery and localized treatments for GIST, including innovative techniques aimed at improving outcomes and preserving quality of life. Dr. Wang will be discussing histotripsy and robotics in GIST. Dr. Lilley will be providing the goals of care and palliative/curative/non-curative-but-life-prolonging surgery.
- 1:30 PM** | **COFFEE & MINGLING BREAK**
- 2:00 PM** | **SUPPORTIVE ONCOLOGY PANEL** - Moderator: Dr. Priscilla Merriam  
**SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT** - Sarah Trafton, NP  
*Strategies for managing side effects and symptoms associated with GIST and its treatments.*
- PSYCHOLOGICAL WELL-BEING WITH GIST** - Roberta Y. Allison, LICSW  
*Exploring the emotional and mental health challenges of living with GIST and providing coping strategies for patients and caregivers.*
- INTEGRATIVE ONCOLOGY** - Daniel S. Glidden, PA-C, MS  
*Guidance on incorporating integrative therapies and lifestyle modifications to support health and well-being throughout the cancer care continuum.*
- 3:00 PM** | **CLOSING REMARKS**

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