

## REGISTRATION

**OCTOBER 24, 2026  
8AM-3PM**

US San Diego  
Moore's Cancer Center  
2nd floor  
3855 Health Sciences Dr.  
La Jolla, CA

## AGENDA

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**8:00 - 8:40AM**

#### **REGISTRATION, BREAKFAST & DISCOVERY POSTER BOARDS**

Poster presenters: Diwakar Guragain, PhD; Chih-Min Tang, PhD; Mani Murugesan, PhD; Laura Antonucci, PhD; Buddy Trost, MS; Adrian Sanchez-Fernandez, PhD; Claire Allison, MS2; Jonathan Weitz, PhD

**8:40 - 8:50AM**

#### **WELCOME**

Sara Rothschild, *Executive Director, The Life Raft Group*  
Brian Morello, *LRG Director, Development*  
Jason Sicklick, MD, FACS

**8:50 - 9:10AM**

#### **The 2026 GIST Roadmap**

Jason Sicklick, MD, FACS

**9:10 - 9:25AM**

#### **KNOW YOUR GIST: THE 5 PIECES OF INFORMATION EVERY PATIENT SHOULD KNOW**

Hiro Miyashita, MD, PhD

**9:30 - 10:15AM**

#### **PARALLEL SESSION 1**

##### **TRACK A: GIST FOUNDATIONS**

Paul Fanta, MD & Hiro Miyashita, MD, PhD

##### **TRACK B: GIST DEEP DIVE**

Adam Burgoyne, MD & Jason Sicklick, MD, FACS

**10:15 - 10:30AM**

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10:30 - 11:15AM

## PARALLEL SESSION 2

### TRACK A: TREATMENT BASICS

Paul Fanta, MD & Adam Burgoyne, MD

### TRACK B: BENCH-TO-BEDSIDE AND BACK: TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE

KIT mutant GIST - Diwakar Guragain, PhD, Chih-Min Tang, PhD, Lillian Steinfeld  
SDH-deficient GIST – Mani Murugesan, PhD; Laura Antonucci, PhD; Buddy Trost, MS  
Computational approaches – Jill Mesirov, PhD, Mark Antkowiak, MD & Sam Wright  
All things lead from GIST - Adrian Sanchez-Fernandez, PhD;  
APOLLO-10 Sarcoma - Jason Sicklick, MD

11:15 - 12:00AM

## LIVE MOLECULAR TUMOR BOARD

Case 1: Newly diagnosed localized gastric KIT exon 11-mutant GIST  
Case 2: Advanced KIT-mutant GIST with progression after imatinib  
Case 3: SDH-deficient or other non-KIT GIST

12:00 - 1:05PM

## Lunch + Lab Tours

“From My Tumor to Tomorrow’s Treatment”: tissue banking, GIST model building, and testing new ideas for future trials.

1:05 - 1:25PM

## INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY & LOCAL CONTROL

Dr. Zach Berman, MD.  
Liver-directed therapy, embolization/SIRT concepts, ablation, and multidisciplinary care.

1:25 - 1:45PM

## ONCOLOGIC DERMATOLOGY FOR TKI TOXICITIES

Timothy Dang, MD.  
Rash, photosensitivity, hand-foot syndrome, hair/nail changes, and prevention strategies.

1:45 - 2:05PM

## NUTRITION FOR GIST PATIENTS

Christine Zoumas, RD.  
Nutrition before/after surgery, during TKIs, and in long-term survivorship.

2:05 - 2:45PM

## ASK THE UC SAN DIEGO GIST TEAM ANYTHING

Multidisciplinary Q&A with clinical, translational, and patient-navigation representatives.

2:45 - 3:00 PM

## Recognition & Closing

Sara Rothschild, *LRG Executive Director*  
Dr. Jason Sicklick, *Surgical Oncologist, UC San Diego*

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