

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, <i>Executive Director, The Life Raft Group</i> Brian Morello, <i>LRG Director, Development</i> 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	BREAK + 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

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 - 12:00PM	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, <i>LRG Executive Director</i> Dr. Jason Sicklick, <i>Surgical Oncologist, UC San Diego</i>

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