

REGISTRATION



OCTOBER 24, 2026
8AM-3PM

UC 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 – Michael Heinrich, MD; Mani Murugesan, PhD; Laura Antonucci, PhD; Buddy Trost, MS

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”: banking tumor tissue, creating GIST models, and testing new therapies for future trials.

1:05 - 1:25PM

INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY & LOCAL CONTROL

Dr. Zach Berman, MD
Liver-directed therapy, radioembolization, microwave 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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