

Summit4CI - 2026 Draft Schedule

SUN, MARCH 29th		MON, MARCH 30th		TUES, MARCH 31st	
		7:00-8:00 Breakfast		7:30-8:30 Breakfast	7:30-8:30 Learning Institute Knowledge Exchange Session (Closed meeting)
		8:00-8:10 Opening Remarks Salon ABC		8:30-8:35 Opening Remarks Salon ABC	
		8:10-9:15 Plenary 1 How can Canada Improve Access to Immunotherapies: Learnings from International Initiatives (Co-chairs: Colan Douglas and Natashia Kelen)		8:35-10:00 Plenary 4 Molecular Markers: Targeted Therapeutics (Co-chairs: Marcus Butler and Anna Blainey)	
		Speakers: Martin Bonamico, Brazilian National Cancer Institute & Fiocruz: Brazilian approaches to make ATMPs available Mark Stewart, Friends of Cancer Research, U.S.: Implementing regulatory flexibility to expand access to cancer immunotherapies Sara de Vries, Centre for Future Affordable and Sustainable New can Canada Improve Access to Immunotherapies: Learnings from Dutch initiatives Salon ABC		Speakers: Humphrey Fong, Université Laval Zachary Sethna, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Centre Parameswaran Hari, Obidian Therapeutics Salon ABC	
		9:35-9:50 Sponsor Speed Pitches Salon ABC			
		9:50-10:10 Coffee Break Grand Foyer		10:00-10:20 Coffee Break Grand Foyer	
		10:10-10:25 Imagine Lecture Salon ABC		10:20-11:45 Plenary 1: In vivo Engineering Cancer Therapeutics (Co-chairs: Laura Eugin and Rob Holt)	
		10:25-11:50 Plenary 2 Microbial Therapeutics for Cancer: Promises and Challenges (Co-chairs: Kathy McCoy and Julian Smaynyski)		Speakers: Felipe Pereira, Lund University: In vivo Dynamic Cell Reprogramming Immunotherapy for Melanoma and Beyond Carolina Khou, Ottawa Hospital Research Institute: From Ex Vivo to In Vivo: Engineering CAR T Cells with RNA Programs Justin Eyskens, University of California, San Francisco: Ex vivo and in vivo CRISPR editing to reprogram T cells Salon ABC	
11:00-3:00 HQP Registration Grand Foyer		11:50-1:20 Lunch Salon ABC	11:50-1:20 Lunch & Meet the Experts (HQP event) Salon F	11:45-12:30 Lunch Salon ABC	
	12:30-4:30 HQP Development Day Salon ABC	12:00-3:30 Patient Researcher Roundtable (Invitation only) Salon F		12:30-1:30 Keynote Address Scientific Keynote: Rachel Nimmo, Cell Technology Group, CDB: Efficient in vivo generation of CAR T cells using a retroviral 4th generation lentiviral vector Salon ABC	
	12:45-3:00 BioCanRx Board Meeting (closed) Ambassador Room	12:05-12:20 Genome Canada Etienne Richer: From Data to Impact: The Canadian Precision Health Initiative (CPHI) within the Genomic Ecosystem Salon ABC			
		11:00-4:00 Put up posters Salon DE		12:50-2:20 Learning Institute Knowledge Exchange Session (closed)	
		1:20-2:20 Concurrent Session 1: HQP Co-Chairs: Hanna Kaley, Pauline Lavoie HQP speakers: Shayla Akshay: Genomic instability regulates STING mediated anti-tumor immunity through mitochondrial DNA structures Megan Dyck: Evidence that the Complement Pathway is the Predominant Immune Mechanism Controlling Ovarian Cancer Julian Chan: Neutrophil Depletion Promotes CD8+ T Cell-Mediated Removal of Ovarian Cancer Cells Salon ABC	1:20-2:20 Concurrent Session 2: HQP Co-Chairs: Christian Ramanadi, Melissa Clark HQP speakers: Salon F	1:30-2:20 Concurrent Session 3: HQP Co-Chairs: Meghan Kates, Tyler Dyer HQP speakers: Tulison Scott: Promoting Patient Engagement in Precision Laboratory-Based Research Elena Godbout: Enhancing Lateral Blotting/Sorting Through Next-Generation Virus Generators Kathryn Reagen: Roots of Resilience: Investigating Indigenous Traditional Healing Methods in Cancer Care - Closing Review Out Room	1:30-2:15 LI Highlights, Awards Ceremony & Closing Remarks Salon ABC
		2:25-2:55 Trainee Speed Poster Session Salon ABC			
		2:55-4:20 Plenary 3: Target Discovery Approaches (Co-chairs: John Stagg and Jeanette Southwood) Speakers: Etienne Caron, Yale School of Medicine: Immunopeptidomics Michal Bassan-Sternberg, Université de Lausanne: From discoveries to therapy: overcoming challenges in neoantigen-driven cancer immunotherapy Gillian Kingsbury, Clasp Therapeutics Salon ABC			
		4:30-6:30 Poster Session 1 and Reception Grand Foyer & Salons DE			
		6:30-8:30 Opening Dinner, LI Introductions and Keynotes Patient Keynote: Haydn Bechtold Scientific Keynote: Paul Beavis, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre: Enhancing the efficacy of adoptive cell therapy of solid cancers Salon ABC			
		6:45-9:30 Dinner reception, Social Night Out Rogier Gastown			