Program Schedule Preview

Updated as of October 9, 2011

At the conference, you will receive our Daily Update Bulletin with any changes.

Friday, October 14, 2011

8:00 a.m. Registration Desk Opens in Conference Central. Marina
- Walk-in conference attendees and registrations are welcome each day.
- Scholarships are available to cover the registration fee.
- Purchase tickets for Saturday Night’s Dinner/Auction Fundraiser for Thyroid Cancer Research.
- Box lunch (sandwich, dessert and drink) is available for $9 any time between late morning through early-afternoon.
  Purchase your lunch tickets in advance to save time. Get your food before or after “Lunch Hour” to reduce lines during the Lunch and Learn Sessions.

9:30 - 9:45 a.m.
101 Welcome and Morning Announcements. Joel Amromin, ThyCa Volunteer. La Jolla Ballroom A&B

9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Getting To Know People with All Types of Thyroid Cancer
111 Open Mike Survivors'/Caregivers Roundtable. Joanie Bruce, ThyCa Volunteer. La Jolla Ballroom A&B
112 Open Mike Survivors'/Caregivers Roundtable. Bart and Shilo Bartlett, ThyCa Volunteers. Carmel
113 Open Mike Survivors'/Caregivers Roundtable. Kathryn Wall, ThyCa Volunteer. Los Angeles Ballroom C
114 Open Mike Survivors'/Caregivers Roundtable. Christine Ciletti, ThyCa Volunteer. Los Angeles Ballroom B
115 Open Mike Survivors'/Caregivers Roundtable. Theresa Wickerham, ThyCa Volunteer. Los Angeles Ballroom A
116 Open Mike Survivors'/Caregivers Roundtable. Debi Walters, ThyCa Volunteer. Catalina D

10:55 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.
121 The ABCs of Thyroid Cancer: The Meaning of Key Terms Doctors Use When Talking With Patients. Peter A. Singer, M.D., Endocrinologist. La Jolla Ballroom A&B
122 Issues in Preparing for a Radioactive Iodine (RAI) Scan or Treatment: Inpatient or Outpatient; Ensuring the Safety of Family Members and Others; Handling the Post-treatment Phase at Home; and Dealing With Insurance Issues. Peter Crane, Esq., ThyCa Volunteer, Jim Luehman, Deputy Director Division of Materials Safety and State Agreements, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Laura M. Weil, Patients’ Rights Advocate, Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes. Carmel
123 Roundtable: Meddies Meeting Meddies, and Overview of Conference Session Choices for People Coping with MTC. Kathryn Wall, ThyCa Volunteer. Los Angeles Ballroom C
124 Surgical Treatment of Thyroid Cancer, Including Re-Operation. John Yim, M.D., General Oncology Surgeon. Los Angeles Ballroom B
125 Ask a Doctor: Understanding Your Thyroid Cancer Better at the Start of the Conference. Steven G. Waguespack, M.D., Endocrinologist. Los Angeles Ballroom A
126 Roundtable: Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer, Discussion for Survivors and Caregivers. Cheri Lindle, ThyCa Volunteer. Catalina D
Friday, October 14 — 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. Lunch and Learn Roundtables. Bring your lunch.

131 Roundtable: Coping with Side Effects from New Targeted Therapies or Chemotherapy. Lori Cuffari and Rebecca Lord, ThyCa Volunteers. La Jolla Ballroom A&B

132 Roundtable: If You’re New to Thyroid Cancer. Joanie Bruce and Anne MacPherson, ThyCa Volunteers.

Carmel

133 Ask a Doctor: Questions About a Medullary Thyroid Cancer Diagnosis. Steven G. Waguespack, M.D., Endocrinologist. Los Angeles Ballroom C

134 Roundtable: Familial Papillary or Follicular Thyroid Cancer (Non-Medullary). Leah Guljord, ThyCa Volunteer. Los Angeles Ballroom B

135 Roundtable: Coping Skills for Dealing with Testing and Treatment Fears. Michael Dubrow and Pat Paillard, ThyCa Volunteers. Los Angeles Ballroom A

136 Roundtable: Discussing Our Pediatric Thyroid Cancer Experiences. Bridget Corcoran, ThyCa Volunteer. Catalina D

137 Roundtable: Caregivers’ Tools for Coping with Stress and Family Communications. Bob and Louise Samuel, ThyCa Volunteers. Catalina A

1:25 - 2:35 p.m.

141 Systemic Therapies for RAI-Resistant Differentiated Thyroid Cancer. Maria E. Cabanillas, M.D., Endocrinologist. La Jolla Ballroom A&B

142 Research Advances. Marcia Brose, M.D., Ph.D. Carmel


144 Bad Faith Insurance Practices: Ask An Attorney About Coverage and Solutions to Get the Care Your Doctor Recommends. Mark Hiepler, Esq., Attorney. Los Angeles Ballroom B

145 Understanding Your Communication Style: A Path to Understanding by Seeing Others through the Lens of DISC. Your communication style affects your relationships with your doctors, your loved ones, and everyone you encounter. Cheri Lindle, M.Ed., Trainer. Los Angeles Ballroom A

146 Roundtable: Young Adults – Friendships, Dating, Relationships, and How Thyroid Cancer Affects Them. Panel Discussion with Chris Prestano, ThyCa Volunteer, and Stacey Owens. Catalina D

2:45 - 3:55 p.m.


152 Papillary and Follicular Thyroid Cancer Latest Research on Post-Operative Surveillance, including Thyroglobulin and Thyroglobulin Antibody Testing. Carole A. Spencer, Ph.D., F.A.C.B., Professor of Medicine. Carmel

153 The Care of Clinical Trial Participants: 1. The role of site investigators and other physicians associated with the clinical trial; 2. Integrating care received as part of a trial with that from patient's long-term physicians. Jessica E. Gosnell, M.D., Surgeon. Los Angeles Ballroom C

154 Treatment of Metastatic Differentiated Thyroid Cancer: When To Treat, and Treatment Options. Naifa L. Busaidy, M.D., Endocrinologist Los Angeles Ballroom B

155 Thyroid Cancer, How is the Disease Different for Young People? Paul R. Krakovitz, M.D., Otolaryngologist and Steven G. Waguespack, M.D., Endocrinologist. Los Angeles Ballroom A

156 Hypoparathyroidism: Now That You Have It, What Do You Do? Anne L. Schafer, M.D., Endocrinologist, Carol Sanders, and Julie Hunsaker. Catalina D

157 Legal Issues: Employment, Workplace, Disability. Tracy Fehr, Esq., Attorney. Catalina A
Friday, October 14 — 4:05 - 5:15 p.m.
161 Long-Term Management of Differentiated Thyroid Cancer. Jerome Hershman, M.D., Endocrinologist.  
*La Jolla Ballroom A&B*

*Carmel*

163 Oncology: Research and Treatment Advances for Different Situations with Advanced Progressing Thyroid Cancer. Marcia Brose, M.D., Ph.D., Oncologist.  
*Los Angeles Ballroom C*

164 Thyroid Cancer, How is the Care Different for Young People with Differentiated or Medullary Thyroid Cancer? Paul R. Krakovitz, M.D., Otolaryngologist, and Steven G. Waguespack, M.D., Endocrinologist.  
*Los Angeles Ballroom B*

*Los Angeles Ballroom A*

166 Roundtable: Discussion About Dealing with an MEN2 Diagnosis. Vickie Baggett and Sondra Touris, ThyCa Volunteers.  
*Catalina D*

167 Roundtable: Choosing a Clinical Trial – The Patient’s Perspective on What To Consider. Rebecca Lord, ThyCa Volunteer.  
*Catalina A*

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
171 Special Event: ThyCa Volunteer Appreciation Reception  
Annual Meeting, and Informal Social Time with Refreshments.  
*International Ballroom A*

- Free.
- Enjoy conversation, drinks, and snacks!
- Bring your suggestions for strengthening ThyCa’s support services!
- Refreshments courtesy of our friends at AstraZeneca and Exelixis.

5:30 - 9:00 p.m. Your choice for dinner.
181 Dinner on Your Own or with Groups. Catch up with Old Friends, Meet New Friends or Both.

Enjoy dinner at the hotel or a local area restaurant. Start a sign up list on the message board in Conference Central.

Groups often include:
- Advanced Papillary/Follicular
- Anaplastic
- Medullary
- Pediatric
- Young Adults
Saturday, October 15, 2011

8:00 a.m. Registration Desk Opens in Conference Central. Marina
- Walk-in conference attendees and registrations are welcome each day.
- Scholarships are available to cover the registration fee.
- Purchase tickets (by noon) for Tonight’s Dinner/Auction Fundraiser for Thyroid Cancer Research.
- Box lunch (sandwich, dessert and drink) is available for $9 any time between late morning through early-afternoon. Purchase your lunch tickets in advance to save time.

8:00 - 9:10 a.m. Early-Bird Sessions
201 The Ins and Outs of Nuclear Imaging for Thyroid Cancer. Erik Mittra, M.D., Nuclear Medicine Physician. La Jolla Ballroom A&B
202 Fine Needle Aspiration (FNA) of Thyroid Nodules: Usefulness, Limitations, and When To Get a Second Opinion. Michelle D. Williams, M.D., Pathologist. Carmel
203 Roundtable: Medullary Thyroid Cancer - Basics, Understanding the Diagnosis, Including MEN2 and Familial MTC. Kathryn Wall, ThyCa Volunteer. Los Angeles Ballroom C
204 Roundtable: Meeting Others Coping with Pediatric Thyroid Cancer. Bridget Corcoran, ThyCa Volunteer. Los Angeles Ballroom B
205 Morning Walk and Chat for Fun and Exercise. Bart and Shilo Bartlett. Los Angeles Ballroom A

9:10 - 9:20 a.m.
211 Morning Announcements. Joel Amromin, ThyCa Volunteer. La Jolla Ballroom A&B

9:25 - 10:35 a.m.
221 Practical Considerations for Radioactive Iodine Therapy for Thyroid Cancer. Erik Mittra, M.D., Nuclear Medicine Physician. La Jolla Ballroom A&B
223 Roundtable: Coping with Side Effects When Taking Chemotherapy or New Targeted Therapy Drugs, Living With Advanced Papillary, Follicular, or Medullary, Thyroid Cancer. Lori Cuffari, Rebecca Lord, and Jo Walker, ThyCa Volunteers. Los Angeles Ballroom C
224 Palliative Care: Dispelling the Myths. Parag Bharadwaj, M.D., Palliative Care Physician. Los Angeles Ballroom B
225 Health Insurance Options for Individuals with Pre-Existing Conditions. Joanna Morales, Esq., Attorney. Los Angeles Ballroom A
Saturday, October 15 — 10:50 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
231 Treatment of Metastatic Differentiated Thyroid Cancer: When To Treat, and Treatment Options. Steven I. Sherman, M.D., Endocrinologist. La Jolla Ballroom A&B
233 Medullary Thyroid Cancer: A Surgical Approach. Douglas B. Evans, M.D., Surgeon. Los Angeles Ballroom C
235 Thyroid Cancer: The Challenges, the Gifts—Coping Strategies, including mind/body insights and techniques of breath work, visualization, and meditation. Nancy Siskowic, R.N., N.P., and Julie Siskowic, R.N. Los Angeles Ballroom A
236 Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer Discussion: Coping, Treatment Options. and Considering a Clinical Trial. Cheri Lindle, ThyCa Volunteer. Catalina D
237 Film Showing/Discussion: Thyroid Cancer’s Magic Bullet: RAI, The Prep, The Pill, the Post. Nick Isenberg, Film Producer. Catalina A

12:15 - 1:15 p.m. Lunch and Learn Roundtables. Bring your lunch.
241 Learn About the International Thyroid Oncology Group, Its Cooperative Relationship with ThyCa, and Challenges for the Future. Steven I. Sherman, M.D., Endocrinologist, and Dwight Vicks, ThyCa Volunteer. La Jolla Ballroom A&B
243 Medullary Thyroid Cancer: A Focus on Monitoring. Douglas B. Evans, M.D., Surgeon. Los Angeles Ballroom C
244 Roundtable: Living With Cancer as a Long-Term Survivor, including Coping with Persistent or Recurrent Disease. Christine Ciletti and Theresa Wickerham, ThyCa Volunteers. Los Angeles Ballroom B
245 Roundtable: If You're New To Thyroid Cancer. Joanie Bruce and Roselle Kovitz, ThyCa Volunteers Los Angeles Ballroom A
247 Roundtable for Prospective and New ThyCa Support Group Facilitators. Kathryn Wall, ThyCa Director of Support Groups. Catalina A

1:25 - 2:35 p.m.
251 Pregnancy and Parenting Issues When Dealing with Thyroid Cancer. Haruko Akatsu, M.D., Endocrinologist. La Jolla Ballroom A&B
252 Thyroid Cancer Surgery and Recovery, Including How the Voice Issues Survey Was Conducted and What We Learned. David Myssiorek, M.D., F.A.C.S., Otolaryngologist. Carmel
254 Clinical Trials (What are Phase I, Phase II, and Phase III Clinical Trials?), Choosing a Trial, Informed Consent, and What IRB’s Do. Michelle D. Williams, M.D., Pathologist. Los Angeles Ballroom B
255 Molecular Markers in Thyroid Cancer. Linwah Yip, M.D. Los Angeles Ballroom A
256 Roundtable: The Effect of Thyroid Cancer on the Partner and the Relationship—"It May Be Hard To Be My Partner, But It's Hard To Be Me, Too!" Charlotte and Shlomo Kreitzer, ThyCa Volunteers. Catalina D
Saturday, October 15 — 2:45 - 3:55 p.m.

261 Long-Term Management of Differentiated Thyroid Cancer. Jennifer A. Sipos, M.D., Endocrinologist.
   La Jolla Ballroom A&B

262 Voice Issues: Incidence, Causes, Prevention, and Solutions. David Myssiorek, M.D., F.A.C.S.,
   Otolaryngologist. Carmel

263 Medullary Thyroid Cancer: Non-Surgical Approaches to Systemic Treatment. Steven I. Sherman,
   M.D., Endocrinologist. Los Angeles Ballroom C

264 Current and Future Treatment Options for Differentiated Cancer Patients When Radioactive Iodine
   No Longer Works. Erik J. Sherman, M.D., Oncologist. Los Angeles Ballroom B

265 Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer: Treatment, Research, Clinical Trials. Julie Ann Sosa, M.D., M.A.,
   Surgeon. Los Angeles Ballroom A

266 Roundtable: Current Local ThyCa Support Group Facilitators. Kathryn Wall, Director of Support
   Groups. Catalina D

   Catalina A

Saturday, October 15 — 4:05 - 5:15 p.m.

271 The Increasing Incidence of Differentiated Thyroid Cancer, and Managing It in the First Few Years
   After Diagnosis. Jennifer A. Sipos, M.D., Endocrinologist. La Jolla Ballroom A&B

272 Strengthening Physician-Patient Communications and Care Coordination. Susan Larson, M.D.,
   M.P.H., and Roselle Kovitz, ThyCa Volunteer. Carmel

273 Advances in Thyroid Surgery: Robotic Thyroidectomy. When is it An Option? Eren Berber, M.D.,
   Surgeon. Los Angeles Ballroom C

274 Familial Papillary/Follicular (Non-Medullary) Thyroid Cancer. Beatriz Tendler, M.D., Endocrinologist.
   Los Angeles Ballroom B

275 Taking Charge: My Body, My Choice. Survivorship, self-care, self-advocacy. Many thyroid cancer
   patients don’t look ill, yet are coping with all the same issues as other cancer patients. Lynn Waldman,
   L.C.S.W., Senior Social Work Counselor, and Sherri Flores, R.N.C., W.H.C.N.P.-B.C., Nurse
   Practitioner. Los Angeles Ballroom A

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

ThyCa Dinner/Auction to Raise Funds for Thyroid Cancer Research.

International Ballroom A&B

• Come for the Dinner/Auction to support Thyroid Cancer Research, and stay for the socializing, and
  conversation!
• Dinner/Auction from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
• Auction check-out/items pick-up from 9 p.m. - 10 p.m.
• Socializing, and conversation 6 p.m. - midnight
• Music and dancing 9 p.m. - midnight
• Stay and enjoy the whole evening!

Even if you don’t attend the Dinner/Auction, please join in the fun at 9 p.m. and stay for the conversation,
music, and dancing.
Sunday, October 16, 2011

8:00 a.m. Registration Desk Opens in Conference Central. **Marina**
- Walk-in conference attendees and registrations are welcome each day.
- Scholarships are available to cover the registration fee.
- Box lunch (sandwich, dessert and drink) is available for $9 any time between late morning through early-afternoon. Purchase your lunch tickets in advance to save time. Get your food before or after “Lunch Hour” to reduce lines during the Lunch and Learn Sessions.

8:00 - 9:15 a.m. Early-Bird Sessions

301 **Ask a Doctor about Thyroxine Replacement Issues: Dosing, Monitoring, Preparations, and TSH Targets.** Gregory Brent, M.D., Endocrinologist. **La Jolla Ballroom A&B**

302 **The Current Recommendations as to the Correct Surgery for Differentiated Thyroid Cancer.** Dennis R. Maceri, M.D., Pediatric Otolaryngologist. **Carmel**

303 **Roundtable: Medullary Thyroid Cancer Living with the Watchful Waiting Phase of MTC.** Kathryn Wall, ThyCa Volunteer. **Los Angeles Ballroom C**

304 **Roundtable: Before and After Receiving Radioactive Iodine (I-131).** Coping with hypothyroidism or receiving Thyrogen, tips for the low-iodine diet, planning time off of work, and coping after RAI in the hospital or home. Christine Ciletti and Anne MacPherson. **Los Angeles Ballroom B**

305 **Morning Walk and Chat for Fun and Exercise.** Bart and Shilo Bartlett, and Debi Walters, ThyCa Volunteers. **Los Angeles Ballroom A**

306 **Roundtable - Getting Involved: Volunteering and Becoming Active in ThyCa Support Services, Outreach and Public Awareness.** Louise Samuel, ThyCa Volunteer, and Gary Bloom, ThyCa Executive Director. **Catalina D**

307 **Roundtable for Current ThyCa Volunteers: Interacting with the Media.** Nick Isenberg, Film Producer. **Catalina A**

9:15 - 9:25 a.m.

311 **Morning Announcements.** Joel Amromin, ThyCa Volunteer. **La Jolla Ballroom A&B**

9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

321 **Use of Ultrasound-Guided FNA Cytology/Genomic Biomarkers to Diagnose, Prognose and Select Therapy for the Spectrum of Nodules, Lymph Nodes and Metastatic Tumors in Differentiated Thyroid Cancer.** Daniel S. Duick, M.D., Endocrinologist. **La Jolla Ballroom A&B**

322 **Re-Operative Surgery for Recurrent and Persistent Thyroid Cancer.** Michael W. Yeh, M.D., Surgeon. **Carmel**

323 **Medullary Thyroid Cancer: A Report from the American Cancer Society on Research Funded.** Charles Saxe, Ph.D. **Los Angeles Ballroom C**

324 **Using New Targeted Therapies for Advanced Cancers, Including What Patients Can Expect from These Treatments, and What They Should Look for in Pursuing Care.** Andrew G. Gianoukakis, M.D., F.A.C.E., Endocrinologist. **Los Angeles Ballroom B**

325 **Pediatric Thyroid Cancer: Ask a Doctor Your Questions.** Dennis R. Maceri, M.D., Pediatric Otolaryngologist. **Los Angeles Ballroom A**

326 **Roundtable: What Are the Key Issues for Young Adults?** Bridget Corcoran, ThyCa Volunteer, Facilitator. **Catalina D**

327 **Roundtable: Coping in the Workplace When Coping with Cancer.** Susan M. Larson, M.D., M.P.H., and Christine Ciletti, ThyCa Volunteer. **Catalina A**
Sunday, October 16 — 10:55 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.
331 Thyroid Hormone Suppression Therapy: Benefits and Risks. Stephanie Smooke-Praw, M.D. *La Jolla Ballroom A&B*

332 Serving Adolescents and Young Adults: What We’re Doing at USC and Other Institutions in the U.S. Melanie Goldfarb, M.D., Surgeon. *Carmel*

333 Roundtable: Medullary Thyroid Cancer: Clinical Trials, and New Drugs, When Do They Pertain to You? ThyCa Volunteers. *Los Angeles Ballroom C*

334 Ask a Doctor About Treatment Options and Targeted Therapies for Advanced Thyroid Cancer. Andrew G. Gianoukakis, M.D., F.A.C.E., Endocrinologist. *Los Angeles Ballroom B*

335 Thyroid Cancer’s Magic Bullet. DVD/Video. Nick Isenberg, Film Producer, ThyCa Volunteer. *Los Angeles Ballroom A*

336 Roundtable: Coping with Mental Side Effects (including “chemobrain/cognitive changes”) of Chemotherapy, Targeted Therapy, or External Radiation. ThyCa Volunteers. *Catalina D*

12:25 - 1:40 p.m. Lunch and Learn Roundtables. Bring your lunch.
341 Managing Your Medical Care: Surgery, RAI, Medication, and Follow-up; Understanding Your Care, You’re in Charge. Michael Bouvet, M.D., Endocrine Surgeon. *La Jolla Ballroom A&B*

342 Roundtable: Giving and Receiving Support, Helping Us Help Each Other. ThyCa Volunteers. *Carmel*

343 Fundraising for Research: Moving Toward Our Dream of Cures for All Thyroid Cancer. Gary Bloom, ThyCa Executive Director. *Los Angeles Ballroom C*

344 Film Showing and Discussion Continues: Thyroid Cancer’s Magic Bullet. Nick Isenberg, Film Producer, Thyroid Cancer Survivor, and ThyCa Volunteer *Los Angeles Ballroom B*

1:50 - 2:50 p.m.
351 Roundtable: Papillary and Follicular Thyroid Cancer. Joel Amromin, ThyCa Volunteer. *La Jolla Ballroom A&B*

352 Roundtable: Papillary and Follicular Thyroid Cancer. Bart and Shilo Bartlett, ThyCa Volunteers. *Carmel*

353 Roundtable: Medullary Thyroid Cancer. Theresa Wickerham, ThyCa Volunteer. *Los Angeles Ballroom C*

354 Roundtable: Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer. Tom Engle, ThyCa Volunteer. *Los Angeles Ballroom B*

3:00 - 3:30 p.m.
361 Conference Wrap-Up; Your Feedback and Suggestions for Next Year. Conference Team. *La Jolla Ballroom A&B*

Thank you for coming! We hope to see you in the coming year!