Program Schedule Preview

Updated as of September 22, 2013

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

Friday, September 27, 2013

8:00 a.m. Registration Desk Opens in Conference Central. Ballroom I
- Walk-in conference attendees and registrants 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.
- Purchase breakfast food and drinks across from Ballroom I from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- Box lunch (sandwich, dessert and drink) is available for $10 any time from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Purchase your lunch tickets in advance to save time. Get your food before or after “Lunch Hour” to avoid lines during the Lunch and Learn Sessions.

9:30 - 9:45 a.m.
101 Welcome and Morning Announcements. Kathryn Wall, ThyCa Volunteer. Ballroom II

9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Getting To Know People With All Types of Thyroid Cancer
111 Open Mike Survivors’/Caregivers Roundtable. Evelyn Gross, ThyCa Volunteer. Ballroom II
112 Open Mike Survivors’/Caregivers Roundtable. Kathryn Wall and Louise Samuel, ThyCa Volunteers. Ballroom III
113 Open Mike Survivors’/Caregivers Roundtable. Joel Amromin, ThyCa Volunteer. Ballroom IV
114 Open Mike Survivors’/Caregivers Roundtable. Christine Ciletti, and Sharon Veingrad, ThyCa Volunteers. Washington I
115 Open Mike Survivors’/Caregivers Roundtable. Michael Dubrow and Roselle Kovitz, ThyCa Volunteers. Washington II
116 Open Mike Survivors’/Caregivers Roundtable. Mary Catherine Petermann, ThyCa Volunteer. Jefferson II

10:55 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.
122 The Role of the Radiologist in Thyroid Cancer Management. Laurie A. Loevner, M.D., Radiologist. Ballroom III
123 Medullary Thyroid Cancer: Non-Surgical Approaches to Systemic Treatment. Steven I. Sherman, M.D., Endocrinologist. Ballroom IV
125 Roundtable: Thyroid Cancer in Children and Teens. Lauri Huber, ThyCa Volunteer. Washington II
126 The Quality of Life and Survivorship in Thyroid Cancer. Benjamin James, M.D, Endocrine Surgeon. Jefferson II
Friday, September 27th, 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. Lunch and Learn Roundtables. Bring your lunch.
131 Learn About the International Thyroid Oncology Group, Its Cooperative Relationship With ThyCa, and What It’s Doing To Advance Thyroid Cancer Research Now and in the Future. Steven I. Sherman, M.D., Endocrinologist, and Dwight Vicks, ThyCa Volunteer. Ballroom II


133 Medullary Thyroid Cancer: Surgical Management and Long-Term Treatment Options. Herbert Chen, M.D., F.A.C.S., Endocrine Surgeon. Ballroom IV

134 Roundtable: Familial Papillary or Follicular Thyroid Cancer (Non-Medullary). Leah Guljord, ThyCa Volunteer. Washington I


1:25 - 2:35 p.m.

141 Novel Chemotherapies for Patients With Metastatic Papillary, Follicular, or Hurthle Cell Thyroid Cancer. Maria E. Cabanillas, M.D., Endocrinologist. Ballroom II

142 How to Minimize the Risk of Persistent/Recurrent Thyroid Cancer. Electron Kebebew, M.D., Endocrine Surgeon. Ballroom III

143 Update on the Medullary Thyroid Cancer Research Funded through the American Cancer Society. Herbert Chen, M.D., F.A.C.S., Endocrine Surgeon. Ballroom IV

144 Roundtable: Discussion about Clinical Trial Experiences. Michael Dubrow, ThyCa Volunteer. Washington I

145 Pediatric Thyroid Cancer: Optimizing Evaluation and Care. Andrew J. Bauer, M.D., Endocrinologist. Washington II


2:45 - 3:55 p.m.


152 Thyroid Cancer Surgery and Recovery, Including How the Voice Issues Survey Was Conducted and What We Learned. David Myssiorek, M.D., Otolaryngologist. Ballroom III

153 Roundtable: Medullary Thyroid Cancer - Basics, Understanding the Diagnosis, Including MEN2 and Familial MTC. Kathryn Wall and Bill Prentice, ThyCa Volunteers. Ballroom IV

154 Quality of Life: The Role of Palliative Care Throughout Treatment for Metastatic Thyroid Cancer. Carolyn Grande, C.R.N.P. Washington I

155 Supportive Resources for Adolescents and Young Adults. Susan Pultman, L.S.W., M.Ed., Patient Resource Navigator. Washington II


157 Pushing Our Health Care System to Improve; Benefits of Centers of Excellence and Organized Transition in Care. All interacting on what the medical system can and needs to do better to care for our patients and families. Andrew J. Bauer, M.D., Endocrinologist, and Roselle Kovitz, ThyCa Volunteer. Jefferson I
Friday, September 27th, 4:05 - 5:15 p.m.
163 Roundtable: Medullary Thyroid Cancer Living With the Watchful Waiting Phase of MTC. Kathryn Wall and Carol Corbitt, ThyCa Volunteers. Ballroom IV
165 Health-Related Quality of Life of Adolescents and Young Adults With Thyroid Cancer. Lamia P. Barakat, Ph.D., Psychosocial Services. Washington II
166 Understanding Your Communication Style and How It Affects Your Relationships With Your Doctors, Your Loved Ones, and Everyone You Encounter. A Path to Understanding by Seeing Others through the Lens of DiSC. Cheri Lindle, M.Ed., Trainer. Jefferson II

5:45 - 7:00 p.m.
171 Reception: Informal Social Time With Refreshments. Crystal Ballroom
• Free.
• Enjoy conversation, drinks, and snacks!
• Bring your suggestions for strengthening ThyCa’s support services!
• Door prizes and drawing to raise funds for thyroid cancer research.

5:30 - 9:00 p.m. Your choice for dinner and socializing.
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. Look for the sign up lists on the message board in Conference Central, for varied groups.

See below for the Medullary Dinner and Young Adults Get Together.
For More Group Dinners See the Message Board for Announcements:
• Advanced Papillary/Follicular
• Anaplastic
• Pediatric
• By City/State
• For any type of thyroid cancer, plus caregivers, and friends

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
191 “Meddie” (Medullary) Meet-up Room. Host: Kathryn Wall. Washington I
192 Young Adults Get Together and Mixer. Host: Chris Prestano.
Saturday, September 28, 2013

8:00 a.m. Registration Desk Opens in Conference Central. Ballroom I
• Walk-in conference attendees and registrants 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.
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8:00 - 9:10 a.m. Early-Bird Sessions
201 Research Advances in Differentiated and Medullary Thyroid Cancer – Where Are We, and Where Do We Go From Here? R. Michael Tuttle, M.D., Endocrinologist. Ballroom II
202 The Quality of Life and Survivorship in Thyroid Cancer. Benjamin James, M.D., Endocrine Surgeon. Ballroom III
203 Roundtable: Meddies Reviewing What We’ve Discussed so Far. Kathryn Wall, ThyCa Volunteer, and Becky Mackenzie, AMEND. Ballroom IV
205 Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer Discussion: Coping, Treatment Options, and Considering a Clinical Trial. Cheri Lindle, ThyCa Volunteer. Washington II
206 Morning Walk and Chat. ThyCa Volunteers. Jefferson II

9:10 - 9:20 a.m.
211 Morning Announcements. Kathryn Wall, ThyCa Volunteer. Ballroom II

9:25 - 10:35 a.m.
221 Overview of Papillary and Follicular Thyroid Cancer. Kenneth D. Burman, M.D., Endocrinologist. Ballroom II
222 Pros and Cons of Novel Chemotherapies for Refractory (Non-RAI Avid) Disease. Lori J. Wirth, M.D., Oncologist. Ballroom III
223 Medullary Thyroid Cancer: Discussion About Novel Chemotherapies. Mimi I. Hu, M.D., Endocrinologist. Ballroom IV
224 Coping With Thyroid Cancer: A Roundtable Discussion for Issues and Needs in Middle Age and Beyond. Don Winters, ThyCa Volunteer. Washington I
225 A Discussion About Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer. R. Michael Tuttle, M.D., Endocrinologist. Washington II
226 Roundtable: If You’re New To Thyroid Cancer. Christine Ciletti and Pat Paillard, ThyCa Volunteers. Jefferson II
227 Roundtable: Complementary Approaches for Well-Being: Sharing Our Experiences About What’s Helpful for Coping With Fatigue, Stress, and Other Challenges. Cal Pierce, ThyCa Volunteer. Jefferson I
Saturday, September 28th, 10:50 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
231 Evaluation of Thyroid Nodules Both to Determine a Thyroid Cancer Diagnosis As Well As to Diagnose a Recurrence. R. Michael Tuttle, M.D., Endocrinologist. Ballroom II

232 Is Low Dose Radioactive I-131 Treatment of Differentiated Thyroid Cancer an Option. Tanveer Rather, M.D., Nuclear Medicine Physician. Ballroom III

233 What Questions Do You Have About a Medullary Thyroid Cancer Diagnosis? Mimi I. Hu, M.D., Endocrinologist. Ballroom IV

234 Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer: An Overview and Discussion About the American Thyroid Association ATC Guidelines. Bryan McIver, M.B., Ph.D., Endocrinologist. Washington I

235 Pediatric Thyroid Cancer: Ask a Doctor Your Questions. Jessica R. Smith, M.D., Endocrinologist. Washington II

236 Finding Stillness In The Storms: A Mindfulness Meditation Based Approach For Negotiating Fear, Anxiety and Uncertainty During Cancer Care. Donna Sherman, M.S.W., Psychotherapist. Jefferson II

237 Feel Stronger, Better and More Relaxed With Qigong and Tai Chi. Ramel Rones. This session will introduce attendees to Qigong and Tai Chi. These mind-body therapies combine meditation and deep breathing techniques along with gentle movements that will help improve your body, mind, energy and spirit. Jefferson I

12:15 - 1:15 p.m. Lunch and Learn Roundtables. Bring your lunch.

241 Disease Monitoring in Thyroid Cancer: When Will You Tell Me I am “Cured”? Bryan McIver, M.B., Ph.D., Endocrinologist. Ballroom II

242 Learn About the International Thyroid Oncology Group, Its Cooperative Relationship With ThyCa, and What It’s Doing To Advance Thyroid Cancer Research Now and in the Future. Lori J. Wirth, M.D., Oncologist, and Dwight Vicks, ThyCa Volunteer. Ballroom III

243 The Current Status of Molecular Targeted Therapeutics for the Treatment of Advanced Medullary Thyroid Cancer. Douglas W. Ball, M.D., Endocrinologist. Ballroom IV

244 Discussing Your Eyes: Tearing in Patients With Head and Neck Cancer Treated With Radiation. William R. Katowitz, M.D., Ophthalmologist. Washington I

245 Pediatric Thyroid Cancer: Q&A With a Social Worker about Family and School Communications and the Transition from Pediatric to Adult Care. Jennifer Rein, L.I.C.S.W., Social Worker. Washington II

246 Roundtable: Young Adults – Friendships, Dating, Relationships, and How Thyroid Cancer Affects Them. Panel Discussion with Chris Prestano and other ThyCa Volunteers. Jefferson II

247 Roundtable: Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer. Cheri Lindle, ThyCa Volunteer. Jefferson I

1:25 - 2:35 p.m.


252 Molecular Markers in Thyroid Cancer, and What They Mean for Future Treatment Advances. Linwah Yip, M.D., Surgeon. Ballroom III

253 Medullary Thyroid Cancer: Ask a Doctor Your Questions. Douglas W. Ball, M.D., Endocrinologist. Ballroom IV

254 Town Hall Meeting: Express Your Opinions on Issues About Patient Release from the Hospital or Clinic After Radioactive Iodine Treatment. Peter Crane, Esq., ThyCa Volunteer. Washington I

255 Using Ultrasound in the Long-Term Management of Differentiated Thyroid Cancer. Joyce J. Shin, M.D., Endocrine Surgeon. Washington II

256 Roundtable: Coping With Pediatric Thyroid Cancer. Lauri Huber, ThyCa Volunteer. Jefferson II

257 Feel Stronger, Better and More Relaxed With Qigong and Tai Chi. Ramel Rones. This session will introduce attendees to Qigong and Tai Chi. These mind-body therapies combine meditation and deep breathing techniques along with gentle movements that will help improve your body, mind, energy and spirit. Jefferson I
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261 Research Advances in Differentiated and Medullary Thyroid Cancer – Where Are We, and Where Do We Go From Here? Ann W. Gramza, M.D., Oncologist. Ballroom II

262 Coping With Fear and Anxiety about Recurrent or Persistent Disease. Lynn Waldmann, L.C.S.W., Senior Social Work Counselor. Ballroom III

263 Addressing Complexity in Thyroid Cancer: Center for Personalized Cancer Therapeutics. Ross Cagan, Ph.D., Regenerative Biologist. Ballroom IV

264 A Discussion of the History of Thyroid Cancer Treatment from the Perspective of a Nuclear Medicine Physician. Donald Margouleff, M.D., Nuclear Medicine Physician. Washington I

265 Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer: Treatment, Research, Clinical Trials. Éric J. Sherman, M.D., Oncologist. Washington II

266 Roundtable: Pregnancy, Childbearing, Parenting While Coping with Thyroid Cancer. Theresa Wickerham, ThyCa Volunteer and Program Assistant. Jefferson II

4:05 - 5:15 p.m.

271 Ask a Doctor about Thyroid Cancer Care: Disease Monitoring, When Am I Cured, Your Other Questions. Bryan McIver, M.B, Ph.D., Endocrinologist. Ballroom II

272 Systemic Therapy for RAI Refractory Thyroid Cancer, Both Current Treatment Options and Potential Future Advances. Éric J. Sherman, M.D., Oncologist. Ballroom III

273 The Current Status of Molecular Targeted Therapeutics for the Treatment of Advanced Medullary Thyroid Cancer. Ann W. Gramza, M.D., Oncologist. Ballroom IV

274 Taking Charge: My Body, My Choice — Survivorship, Self-care, Self-advocacy. Lynn Waldmann, L.C.S.W., Senior Social Work Counselor. Many thyroid cancer patients don’t look ill, yet are coping with all the same issues as other cancer patients and need skills and tools to be effective communicators and self-advocates in their relationships with their medical team. This workshop will be interactive, focusing on self-advocacy skills. Washington I


6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

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

Crystal Balloom
- Come for the Dinner/Auction to support Thyroid Cancer Research, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- Auction check-out/items pick-up from 9 p.m. - 10 p.m.
- Music, and dancing, socializing, and conversation, 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.
Sunday, September 29, 2013

8:00 a.m. Registration Desk Opens in Conference Central. Ballroom I
• Walk-in conference attendees and registrants are welcome each day.
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8:00 - 9:15 a.m. Early-Bird Sessions
301 Morning Walk and Chat for Fun and Exercise. Don Winters, ThyCa Volunteer. Ballroom II
303 Roundtable: Living With MTC. Kathryn Wall, ThyCa Volunteer. Ballroom IV
304 Pediatric Thyroid Cancer: Discussing the Soon to be Released Treatment Guidelines. Catherine Dinauer, M.D., Pediatric Endocrinologist and Brian D. Saunders, M.D. F.A.C.S., Endocrine Surgeon. Washington I

9:15 - 9:25 a.m.
311 Morning Announcements. Kathryn Wall, ThyCa Volunteer. Ballroom II

9:30 - 10:45 a.m.
321 Thyroid Fine Needle-Aspiration Biopsy: What Does it Mean? Zubair W. Baloch, M.D., Ph.D., Cytopathologist. Ballroom II
323 Medullary Thyroid Cancer: Clarifying Any Confusion. Robert F. Gagel, M.D., Endocrinologist. Ballroom IV
324 Roundtable: Percutaneous Ethanol Ablation for Treatment of Thyroid Cancer Nodules. Daria Jerauld, ThyCa Volunteer, Facilitator. Washington I
325 Pediatric Thyroid Cancer: Ask a Doctor Your Questions. Catherine Dinauer, M.D., Pediatric Endocrinologist and Brian D. Saunders, M.D. F.A.C.S., Endocrine Surgeon. Washington II
Sunday, September 29th, 10:55 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

331 Ask a Doctor about Thyroid Hormone Medications, Replacement Issues: Dosing, Monitoring, and TSH Targets for People of Different Risk Levels. Caroline S. Kim, M.D., Endocrinologist. Ballroom II


333 Medullary Thyroid Cancer: What do We as Scientists Hope to Learn Now, and in the Future. Barry D. Nelkin, Ph.D., Researcher. Ballroom IV


335 Pediatric Thyroid Cancer: Q&A With a Social Worker about Parent-Child-Professional Communications, Coping With Stress, and Other Issues Raised by Participants. Jennifer Rein, L.I.C.S.W., Social Worker. Washington II

336 Film Showing and Discussion: Thyroid Cancer’s Magic Bullet. DVD/Video. Nick Isenberg, Film Producer, ThyCa Volunteer. Jefferson II

337 Hypocalcemia/Hypoparathyroidism: Coping With Its Many Challenges, Getting Support and Information. James Sliney, Jr., and Pat Paillard, ThyCa Volunteer. Jefferson I

12:25 - 1:40 p.m. Lunch and Learn Roundtables. Bring your lunch.

341 Roundtable: Giving and Receiving Support, Online and In Person, One to One, and in Groups. Karen Ferguson and Evelyn Gross, ThyCa Volunteers. Ballroom II


343 Fundraising for Research: Moving Toward Our Dream of Cures for All Thyroid Cancer. Tom Engle, ThyCa Program Director. Ballroom IV

344 Roundtable: Long-Term Survivors: Coping With Long-Term Survivorship Issues, Including the Possibility of Recurrence. Theresa Wickerham, ThyCa Program Assistant, and other ThyCa Volunteers. Washington I

345 A Physical Therapist’s Perspective on Fatigue, Strength, and Motion Problems, as Well as Other Oncology Related Rehabilitation Issues. Bryan A. Spinelli, P.T., M.S., O.C.S., C.L.T., Physical Therapist. Washington II

346 Film Showing and Discussion Continues: Thyroid Cancer’s Magic Bullet. Nick Isenberg, Film Producer, Thyroid Cancer Survivor, and ThyCa Volunteer. Jefferson II

347 Roundtable: Coping With Stress and Telling Your Story through Writing, Art, or Music, for Yourself, for Others, or Both. Bill McClain and Pat Paillard, ThyCa Volunteers. Jefferson I

1:50 - 2:50 p.m.

351 Roundtable: Papillary/Follicular Thyroid Cancer. Evelyn Gross, ThyCa Volunteer. Ballroom II

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353 Roundtable: Medullary Thyroid Cancer. Mary Seemueller, ThyCa Volunteer. Ballroom IV

354 Roundtable: Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer. Tom Engle, ThyCa Program Director. Washington I

355 Young Adults Roundtable: What Are the Key Issues for Young Adults. Chris Prestano, ThyCa Volunteer. Washington II

3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

361 Conference Wrap-Up; Your Feedback and Suggestions for Next Year. Conference Team. Ballroom II

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