



50th Annual Meeting
April 12-14, 2026
Hilton Denver City Center

Saturday, April 11

1:00 pm - 7:30 pm **Associate Director/Program Leader (AD/PL) Workshop**

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm **AD/PL Reception**

Sunday, April 12

8:00 am - 12:00 pm **AD/PL Workshop**

10:00 am – 11:10 am **Early Career Session: Enhancing Scientific Communication**

Chairs: Jessica Y. Islam, PhD, MPH, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute and Monalisa Chandra, PhD, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center

Communication Coach: Jillian Courtney

11:15 am – 12:00 pm **Early Career Session: Navigating Career Transitions (e.g., navigating from grad student to post-doc; navigating from post-doc to early career faculty)**

Chairs: Leah S. Puklin, PhD, MPH, Yale School of Public Health and Lorraine N Velez Torres, PhD, MPH, Virginia Commonwealth University Massey Cancer Center

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm **Lunch / Break for all**

12:00 pm – 5:00 pm **Exhibits Open**

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **Cancer Prevention Research Training Program Directors (T32 & others) Meeting**
 (open to current and aspiring training program directors)

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm **The Next 50 Years of ASPO: Identifying Priorities for Cancer Prevention & Control Research**

We invite you to explore with us how ASPO can shape the next era of cancer prevention and control—driving innovation across the continuum from molecular discovery to population impact. Together, we will identify opportunities for ASPO to catalyze collaboration across disciplines—from molecular epidemiology and data science to implementation research—and define priorities. Your ideas will help chart how ASPO positions itself to achieve the greatest long-term impact on population health, digital innovation, and the future of cancer prevention.

2:15 pm – 2:45 pm **First Timer/Trainee Orientation Session**

Start ASPO 2026 with a welcome for first-time attendees and trainees. Learn helpful tips about ASPO, what to expect at the annual meeting, and how to make the most of your time.

3:00 pm - 3:45 pm **Conference Welcome**

Michael Scheurer, PhD, MPH, Emory University/Children's Healthcare Atlanta

3:45 pm - 4:15 pm **Cullen Award Address**

4:15 pm - 4:45 pm **Fraumeni Award Address**

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm **Poster Session/Reception 1**

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm **50th Anniversary Celebration**
Offsite event @ Fortissimo Dueling Pianos – Separate registration required

Monday, April 13

8:00 am – 5:30 pm **Exhibits Open**

8:00 am - 9:00 am **Concurrent SIG Breakfast Sessions**

The Changing Landscape of Cancer: Understanding and Addressing the Increased Incidence of Cancer in Different Populations

Speakers: Yin Cao, ScD, MPH, Washington University, Scarlett Gomez, PhD, MPH, University of California, San Francisco and Elizabeth Salerno, PhD, MPH, University of Michigan

Hosted by the Behavioral Science and Health Communication SIG, Molecular Epidemiology and The Environment SIG, Lifestyle and Preventative Interventions SIG

Chairs: Karen Yeary, PhD, Humberto Parada, PhD, MPH and Adriana Coletta, PhD, MS, RD
Vice-Chairs: Carolyn Heckman, PhD and Lin Yang

Session Title TBD

Hosted by the Cancer Survivorship SIG and Early Detection and Risk Predictions of Cancer SIG

Chairs: Erin Mobley, PhD, MPH and Andrea Burnett Hartman, PhD, MP
Vice-Chairs: Kimberly Miller, PhD and Rasmi Nair, MBBS, PhD

9:15 am – 10:00 am **Concurrent Sessions**

Looking Back, Thinking Forward 1: HPV

Chairs: Electra Paskett, PhD, FAACR, The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center & Jenny Spencer, PhD, University of Texas Austin

Speaker: Deanna Kepka, PhD, MPH, Huntsman Cancer Institute

Cervical cancer stands as one of the great success stories in cancer prevention; however, significant work remains to address other HPV-associated cancers. While HPV vaccination holds tremendous promise for protecting future generations, uptake continues to lag and must be paired with innovative cancer screening strategies to achieve maximum impact.

Symposium 1: GLP-1 Agonists, Cancer Prevention and Survivorship

Chairs: Melinda Stolley, PhD, Medical College of Wisconsin & Dejana Braithwaite, PhD, MSc, University of Florida

Speakers: Stephen Hursting, PhD, UNC-CH & Lucas A. Mavromatis, ScB, NYU Grossman School of Medicine.

Can weight loss medications help change the future of cancer prevention and survivorship? This dynamic session explores how GLP-1 agonists, originally developed for diabetes and weight management, are opening new frontiers in understanding the biological connections

between healthy weight, blood glucose control, and reduced cancer risk. Through cutting edge in vitro, in vivo, and human studies, leading experts will highlight how these discoveries could transform preventive oncology and improve outcomes for survivors.

10:00 am – 10:30 am **Exhibit & Coffee Break**

10:30 am - 11:15 am **Concurrent Sessions**

Looking Back, Thinking Forward 2: Extreme Weather and Health, Toxic Environment Exposures

Chairs: Adetunji Toriola, MD, PhD, MPH, Washington University School of Medicine & Anne Kirchhoff, PhD, MPH, Huntsman Cancer Institute

Speaker: Mary Beth Terry, PhD, Colombia

The intersection of climate change, environmental contamination, and cancer is a pressing challenge of the 21st century. There has been an overall shift in the incidence of extreme events, including wildfires, which release massive amounts of potentially carcinogenic substances into the atmosphere and increase our exposures to toxic environmental chemicals. This session will highlight most recent updates on the direct and indirect pathways through which extreme weather events and climate change increase cancer risk and opportunities for prevention and mitigation.

Symposium 2: Multi-Cancer Detection (MCD) Tests in the Context of Current Cancer Screening

Chairs: Linda Cook, PhD, University of Colorado & Jamie Studts, PhD, University of Colorado Cancer Center

Speakers: Ruth Etzioni, PhD, Fred Hutchinson & Mike Pignone, MD, MPH, Duke University

This session will briefly review the current landscape of multi-cancer detection (MCD) tests and then focus on the role and integration of these technologies in existing cancer screening paradigms. Speakers will also facilitate an interactive discussion on the role of MCD tests in detecting cancers with established screening programs and cancers for which no screening options currently exist.

11:30 am - 12:45 pm **Concurrent Lunch Sessions**
Community & Science Panel

Establishing TRAINE-CPC: A Networking and Career Development Program for Trainees in Cancer Prevention and Control

The Trainee Research Acceleration through information and Networking Exchange (TRAINE) is a novel trainee career development program. Created through a partnership of 6 CPC T32 postdoctoral programs, each program identifies fellows to virtually visit another program for a Visiting Scholars Day. Methods and results will be shared, supporting greater dissemination.

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm **Concurrent Sessions**

Best of ASPO Session 1

Best of ASPO Session 2

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm **Exhibit & Coffee Break**

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	<p>Concurrent Sessions</p> <p><i>Best of ASPO Session 3</i></p> <p><i>Best of ASPO Session 4</i></p>
3:45 pm - 4:30 pm	<p>Keynote Session: The Past 50 Years from Cervical Cancer Prevention to Elimination of Cervical Cancer and other HPV-driven Cancers</p> <p>Speaker: Anna Giuliano, PhD, Moffitt Cancer Center</p> <p><i>Starting with the discovery that HPV causes cervical cancer, the past 50 years of research has been on a fast track of innovation and success, from clarifying the role of how HPV causes cervical cancer, to the recognition that HPV causes multiple cancers in men and women. Most notably, the identification of the HPV types that cause cancer led to development of multiple different efficacious HPV prevention vaccines, changes in cervical cancer screening guidelines globally, and to significant declines in cervical cancer incidence post-HPV vaccination. While HPV and related cancers is one of our greatest success stories of cancer prevention, much remains to be studied and more to be done to achieve global goals of elimination of cervical and other cancers caused by HPV.</i></p>
4:30 pm - 5:15 pm	ASPO Business Meeting
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Poster Session/Reception 2
Tuesday, April 14	
8:00 am – 1:00 pm	Exhibits Open
8:00 am - 9:00 am	<p>Concurrent SIG Breakfast Sessions</p> <p><i>Cancer Disparities Across Borders: Global and U.S. Perspectives</i> Join the Cancer Disparities and Global Cancer Research SIGs for a joint breakfast session examining the factors that shape cancer disparities across borders, with insights from global and U.S. research. The session will include an open discussion and updates on SIG activities.</p> <p>Speakers: Laura Fejerman, MSc, PhD, University of California Davis and Ramzi G. Salloum, PhD, University of Florida</p> <p><i>Hosted by the Cancer Disparities SIG and Global Cancer Research SIG</i> <i>Chairs: Bo (Bonnie) Qin, PhD; Kelly Kohler, PhD, MSPH</i></p> <p><i>Session Title TBD</i></p> <p><i>Hosted by the Mid-Career SIG</i> <i>Chair: Theresa Hastert, MPP</i></p>
9:15 am – 10:00 am	<p>Concurrent Sessions</p> <p><i>Looking Back, Thinking Forward 3: Molecular Epidemiology: From Bench to Community</i> <i>Chair: Lauren Houghton, PhD, MSc, Columbia University</i></p> <p>Speaker: Shelley Tworoger, PhD, OHSU</p>

Molecular epidemiology has played a critical role in uncovering genetic, viral, hormonal and environmental risk factors for many cancers. Yet too often, these scientific advances remain confined to research settings, with limited translation into real-world prevention and control efforts. This session will bring together experts to explore strategies for bridging the gap between discovery and cancer prevention with community impact, highlighting successful examples and discussing pathways to ensure that molecular insights lead to meaningful cancer prevention at the population level.

Symposium 3: Application of AI Tools to Enhance Cancer Control

Chairs: Aik Choon Tan, PhD, Huntsman Cancer Institute & Tracy Crane, PhD, RDN, University of Miami – Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center

Speakers: Jian Bian, PhD, Indiana University & Janice Krieger, PhD, Mayo Clinic Jacksonville

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and machine learning are transforming how we analyze and act on large-scale cancer data, yet their application for cancer control is only beginning. This symposium will highlight innovative applications of AI across the cancer control continuum, with a focus on prevention, communication, and population health. In this session, experts will demonstrate how AI can enhance cancer communication, integrate multi-omic data to drive prevention and improve outcomes, and apply geospatial data to identify opportunities for targeted prevention efforts. Attendees will gain insights into cutting-edge tools and real-world applications shaping the future of cancer prevention.

10:00 am – 10:30 am **Exhibit & Coffee Break**

10:30 am - 11:15 am **Concurrent Sessions**

Looking Back, Thinking Forward 4: Turning Evidence into Impact

Chair: Adetunji Toriola, MD, PhD, MPH, Washington University School of Medicine

Speaker: Ross Brownson, PhD, Washington University

Dissemination and implementation (D&I) science is increasingly recognized as the bridge between research discovery and real-world impact. Building on foundational advances from across the population sciences, D&I approaches ensure that evidence-based interventions are effectively adapted, adopted, and sustained in diverse settings. This session will highlight innovative D&I strategies, showcase successful applications in cancer prevention and control, and explore opportunities to accelerate the translation of research into practice. The speaker for this session, will provide thoughts on how implementation science can be further leveraged for cancer prevention and control.

Symposium 4: Early Onset Cancer

Chairs: Joshua Demb, PhD, MPH, University of California San Diego & Echo Warner, PhD, MPH, University of Utah

Speakers: Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH, Washington University – St. Louis Institute for Public Health & Caitlin Murphy, PhD, MPH, UT Houston

Recent epidemiologic trends point to a rise in cancer incidence among younger adults. This session will explore the current trends in early onset cancers, potential contributing factors, and where additional research efforts are needed to address this growing cancer burden.

11:15 am – 11:45 am	Exhibit Break
11:45 am – 1:00 pm	Concurrent Lunch Sessions <i>Mentoring Committee Session</i> <i>Community & Science Roundtable</i>
1:15 pm - 2:15 pm	Concurrent Sessions <i>Best of ASPO Session 5</i> <i>Best of ASPO Session 6</i>
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Concurrent Sessions <i>Best of ASPO Session 7</i> <i>Best of ASPO Session 8</i>