



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 – 10:45 am **Early Career Session**
- 11:00 am – 12:00 pm **Early Career Session**
- 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm **Lunch / Break for all**
- 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**
- 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 - 9:00 am **Concurrent SIG Breakfast Sessions**

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

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

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.

10:30 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 Hutchinsonson & 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 Roundtable

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

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm **Concurrent Sessions**
Best of ASPO Session 1

Best of ASPO Session 2

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm **Concurrent Sessions**
Best of ASPO Session 3

Best of ASPO Session 4

3:45 pm - 4:30 pm **Keynote Session**
Anna Giuliano, PhD, Moffitt Cancer Center

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

Hosted by the Cancer Disparities and Global Cancer Research SIGs
Chairs: Arnethea Sutton, PhD and Kelly Kohler, PhD, MSPH
Vice-Chairs: Bonnie Qin, PhD

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

Looking Back, Thinking Forward 3: Molecular Epidemiology: From Bench to Community
Chair: Lauren Houghton, PhD, MSc, Columbia University

Speaker: Shelley Tworoger, PhD, OHSU

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.

10:30 - 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.

11:30 am - 12:45 pm

Concurrent Lunch Sessions

Mentoring Committee Session

Community & Science Panel

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Concurrent Sessions

Best of ASPO Session 5

Best of ASPO Session 6

2:15 pm - 3:15 pm

Concurrent Sessions

Best of ASPO Session 7

Best of ASPO Session 8