

Oncology Nurses Symposium 2026

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October 3–4, 2026 • Hyatt Regency Mission Bay • San Diego, California

Course Overview

The Oncology Nurses Symposium 2026 is designed for oncology nurses seeking to strengthen their knowledge, clinical confidence, and communication skills in the care of patients with cancer across the continuum. Using a multidisciplinary and patient-centered framework, the course integrates emerging science, practical care strategies, psychosocial support, and professional well-being.

This course provides practical, evidence-based insights into emerging oncology care, patient communication, psychosocial support, symptom management, and care coordination, while also emphasizing clinician well-being and strategies to recognize and address burnout. Together, these elements prepare oncology nurses to deliver informed, compassionate, and holistic care to patients and families while supporting their own resilience and professional sustainability.

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Provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider Number 15199 for Contact Hours. No partial credit will be given.

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Course Location & Hotel Information

Hyatt Regency Mission Bay

1441 Quivira Rd., San Diego, CA 92109 • Hotel Direct: 619-224-1234
Visit the course website for details and a link to reserve a discounted room.



Agenda

Saturday, October 3, 2026

- 7 a.m. Registration, Breakfast & View Exhibits
- 7:55 a.m. **Welcome & Educational Overview**
- 8 a.m. **Patient Perspective Story (Non-CE)**
Aaron LeBlanc (GI Cancer Survivor)
- 8:30 a.m. **Sexual Health and Oncology**
Anne Katz, PhD, RN (CancerCare Manitoba)
- 9:30 a.m. Break & View Exhibits
- 10 a.m. **Management of Cutaneous Side Effects from Cancer Treatment**
Christin Brown, MBOE, LSW, RN (Zangmeister Cancer Center)
- 11 a.m. **Oral Medication**
Elizabeth Bettencourt, MSN, RN, OCN
- Noon Lunch

1 p.m. CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS

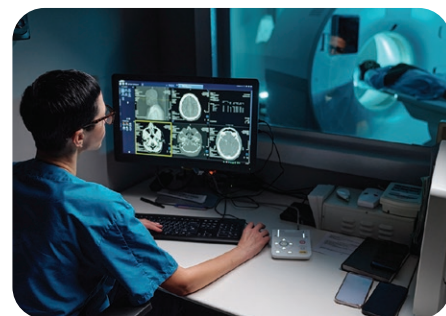
- Breakout #1 **Mandated Reporting: Integration with Distress Screening**
Victor Fong, LCSW (Scripps)
- Breakout #2 **Navigating Difficult Conversations**
Carey Ramirez, DNP, ANP-C (City of Hope)
- Breakout #3 **Navigating Oncology Patients**
Sindhu George, RN, OCN (Scripps)

2:30 p.m. CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS REPEAT

- 4 p.m. Closing Remarks & Adjournment

Sunday, October 4, 2026

- 7 a.m. Breakfast & View Exhibits
- 7:55 a.m. **Welcome & Announcements**
- 8 a.m. **Advances in CAR-T Cell Therapy**
Divya Koura, MD (Scripps)
- 9 a.m. **Optimizing Outcomes: The Role of Prehabilitation in Oncology Care**
Nicole Stout, DPT, CLT-LANA, FAPTA (American Cancer Society)
- 10 a.m. Break & View Exhibits
- 10:15 a.m. **Pharmacology Updates**
Teresa Knoop, MSN, RN (Vanderbilt Ingram Cancer Center)
- 11:15 a.m. **Sound Healing Session (Non-CE)**
Rachel Sunbird Arana (Certified Sound Healer)
- 11:45 a.m. Closing Remarks
- Noon Final Adjournment



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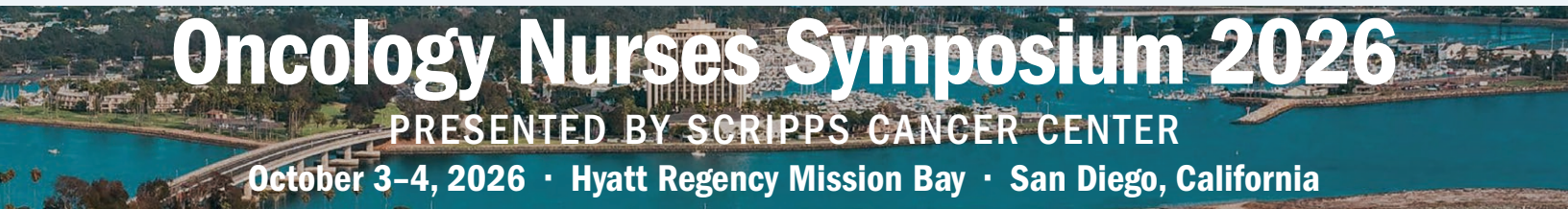


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Educational Objectives

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Incorporate patient-centered perspectives into oncology nursing care to support compassionate, individualized practice.
- Explain the role of comprehensive genomic profiling and theranostics in cancer care, including implications for patient education and care coordination.
- Identify mandated reporting responsibilities and their relationship to distress screening and psychosocial assessment in oncology settings.
- Apply effective communication strategies to navigate difficult conversations and support patients experiencing complex clinical and emotional needs, including HEENT and endocrine-related concerns.
- Recognize factors contributing to health care provider burnout and identify strategies that promote resilience and professional well-being in oncology practice.

Register Online



| | Thru Sep 18 | After Sep 18 |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------|
| RN, NP, PA, Others | \$250 | \$300 |
| Scripps Employee* | \$200 | \$250 |
| Students** | \$125 | \$175 |

**Must use a valid Scripps email address when registering.*

***To receive the student registration discount code, please email or call Scripps CME and provide proof of your status.*

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