

Second Annual International Brain & Spine Tumor Symposium

Thursday, September 24, 2026

7:00am – 6:00pm

Location

Jack & Sheryl Morris Cancer Center

165 Somerset Street

New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Program Schedule

7:00am – 8:00am

Registration/Continental Breakfast/Exhibits

Brain Tumor: Non-invasive Diagnosis of Brain Tumors

8:00am – 8:20am

Neuroimaging - Jana Ivanidze (Cornell) *In-person*

8:20am – 8:40am

New developments and ongoing hurdles in liquid biopsy for pediatric CNS tumors - Jessica Foster (Children's Hospital of Philadelphia) *In-person*

Novel Surgical Delivery of Therapeutics for Brain Tumors

8:40am – 9:00am

Local Brain Tumor Therapies w/5-ALA - Walter Stummer *Virtual*

9:00am – 9:20am

Title TBD - Costas Hadjipanyas *In-person*

9:20am – 9:40am

Title TBD - Mark Souweidane *In-person*

9:40am – 10:00am

Break

Radiation Oncology

10:00am – 10:30am

Multi-substructure avoidance to avoid toxicity - Josh Palmer (OSU) *In-person*

10:30am – 11:00am

Late effects of Radiation for Pediatric Brain Tumors – Torunn Yock (MGH)

Neuro-Oncology

11:00am – 11:30am

Precision Oncology – Annick Desjardin (Duke) *In-person*

11:30am – 12:00pm

Vaccines & CAR-T - Nick Vitanza (Seattle) *In-person*

12:00pm – 1:00pm

Lunch/Case Presentations

12:20pm – 1:00pm

Multidisciplinary Tumor Boards Case Presentations

Case 1: (Presentation: Jonathan Sherman); Panel: Morana Vojnic, Joseph Contessa**Case 2:** Pediatrics Case of CNS Germ Cell Tumor (Presentation: Swasti Deshpande / Nehal Parikh) Panel: Rahul Parikh, James Baumgartner1:00pm – 2:00pm **(Second Floor: Room 02-079)**

Concurrent break out session – Caring for patients with brain tumors (Provider/patient/caregiver perspective) - Holly Gainsboro Room

Neuro Oncology

1:00pm – 1:30pm

Management of Leptomeningeal Disease - Priya Kumthekar (Northwestern) *In-person****Spine Tumor: Non-invasive Diagnosis of Spine Tumors***

1:30pm – 1:50pm

Advances in Spine Imaging for Diagnosis and Treatment – MR Perfusion for Spine - Eric Lis (MSK)

Neurosurgery

1:50pm – 2:20pm

Update on NOMS – Mark Bilsky (MSK) *In-person*

2:20pm – 2:40pm

Minimally Invasive Treatment in Spinal Oncology - Micheal Galgano (UNC) *In-person*

2:40pm – 3:00pm

Break

Radiation Oncology

3:00pm – 3:30pm

Integration of Proton Beam and the Treatment of Metastatic and Primary Spinal Oncology - Arpit Chhabra (Mt. Sinai) *In-person*

Neuro-Oncology

3:30pm – 4:00pm

Advances in Molecular Analysis in Metastatic and Primary Spine Disease - Rory/ Goodwin (Duke) – (in-person)

4:00pm – 4:20pm

Multidisciplinary Tumor Boards Case Presentations

Case of EGFR mutant NSCLC with leptomeningeal disease (Presented by Morana Vojnic) Panel: Joseph Contessa, Ryan Khanna, Missak Haigentz

4:30pm – 5:00pm

Resident and Medical Student Poster Session

Wine and Cheese Reception

5:00pm – 6:00pm