

ELIXR25 program

SYMPOSIUM DAY ONE

Thursday June 18th, 2025

8:30 am Breakfast and Registration

9:30 am Opening remarks Drs. Normand Blais and Jonathan Spicer

Section 1: Lung cancer staging: Where have we been and where are we going?

Moderators: Drs. Normand Blais and Jonathan Spicer

- 9:40** History of lung cancer staging and a vision for the future
Dr. Philippe Joubert, IUCPQ, Quebec, QC
- 10:00** To B or not to TNMB, that is the question! Is liquid biopsy the future of staging?
Dr. Natasha Leighl, University Health Network, Toronto, ON
- 10:20** Is %RVT the new ypTNM?
Dr. Sanja Dacic, Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, CT
- 10:40** When mets disappear – is stage meaningless in the face of biologically tailored systemic therapy?
Dr. Mara Antonoff, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX
- 11:00** How do we define high-risk clinical stage I when SBRT is the modality of choice?
Dr. Salma Jabbour, Rutgers Cancer Institute, New Jersey
- 11:20** Questions and panel discussion
- 12:00** **MERCK Sponsored lunch symposium**

Section 2: One case, many solutions! The stochastic nature of the multi-disciplinary team.

13:30 Workshop breakout. Need to determine 2 co-chairs for each group. (likely mostly Canadian faculty)

Potential faculty list:

- Nicole Ezer, McGill, Montreal
- Jason Agulnik, McGill, Montreal
- Bassam Abdulkarim, McGill, Montreal
- Pierre Fiset, McGill, Montreal
- Houda Bahig, Udm, Montreal
- Nathalie Daaboul, Sherbrooke, Montreal
- Mathieu Rousseau, McGill, Montreal
- Ariel ElKrief, Udm, Montreal

14:30 Shareback session moderated by J. Spicer and N. Blais

15:00 Frenemies: Neoadj vs Periop IO for resectable stage II and III NSCLC

Moderators: Drs. Houda Bahig and Sara Najmeh

Pro Periop: Dr. Tina Cascone 15 min

Pro Neoadj: Dr. Patrick Forde 15 min

Panel Discussion 30 min

16:00 Closing words for Day 1 Spicer/Blais

19:00 FACULTY DINNER

SYMPOSIUM DAY TWO

Friday June 19th, 2025

AZ Adboard 7:00 am – 10:00 am

Section 3: Focus on the patient experience

Moderators: Drs. Paul Wheatley-Price and Stephanie Snow

10:30 A patient's perspective on what matters

Mr. Duncan Preece, ALK + Canada

11:00 How do we build assessment tools to capture the impact of care in early-stage lung cancer?

Dr. Cecilia Pompili, Leeds University, UK

11:20 The long-term impact of systemic treatment for patients with early-stage lung cancer

Dr. Jarushka Naido, Royal College of Surgeons Ireland, Dublin, Ireland

11:40 Panel discussion

12:00 BMS Sponsored Lunch symposium

Section 4: New concepts in early-stage lung cancer

Moderators: Drs. Kevin Jao and Barb Melosky

13:30 How to create synergy between radiation and systemic therapy?

Henning Willers, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

13:50 AI applications in thoracic surgery and the future of systemic/surgery combos from China!

Dr. Wenzhao Zhong, Guangdong Lung Institute, Guangdong, China (Need live translation services)

14:10 Advanced prognostication via AI models for early-stage lung cancer patients

Dr. Logan Walsh, McGill University, Montreal, Canada

14:30 Panel discussion

Section 5: New science from young talent!

Moderators: Drs. Ariel ElKrief and Bertrand Routy

15:00 Series of 5-7 minutes quick shot presentations from abstract submissions

16:00 Tumor Board Olympics

3 teams (Team Canada, Team USA, Team Europe, Team audience) TBD

Series of Jeopardy style questions on early-stage lung cancer moderated by Blais/Spicer

17:00 Closing words Blais/Spicer

18 :00 ELIXR CLOSING DINNER