



# Early-stage Lung cancer International eXpert Retreat 2025

## Tentative Program

### DAY ONE: Thursday, June 19, 2025

**8:30 am** Breakfast and Registration

**9:00 am** Welcome Message

**9:40 am – 11:40 am**

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

**Moderators:** Drs. *Normand Blais and Jonathan Spicer*

**9:40 am** History of lung cancer staging and a vision for the future  
Dr. Philippe Joubert, IUCPQ, Quebec, QC

**10:00 am** 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 am** Is %RVT the new ypTNM?  
Dr. Sanja Dacic, Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, CT

**10:40 am** 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 am** 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 am** Questions and Panel Discussion



11:40 am

Break

12:00 pm

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1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

SECTION II

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

1:30 pm

**Workshop breakout**

Drs. 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

2:30 pm

Share back session moderated by Drs. Jon Spicer and Normand Blais

3:00 pm

Frenemies: Neoadjuvant vs Perioperative IO for resectable stage II and III NSCLC

Moderators: Drs. Houda Bahig and Sara Najmeh

Pro Perioperative: Dr. Tina Cascone 15 min

Pro Neoadjuvant: Dr. Patrick Forde 15 min

Panel Discussion 30 min

4:00 pm

Closing words for Day 1

7:00 pm

Closed Faculty Dinner

DAY TWO: Friday, June 20, 2025



**7:00 am – 10:00 am CLOSED ASTRAZENECA ADVISORY BOARD**

**SECTION III: Focus on the patient experience**

**10:30 am – 12:00 pm**

Moderators: Drs. Paul Wheatley-Price and Stephanie Snow

**10:30 am** A patient's perspective on what matters  
Mr. Duncan Preece, ALK + Canada

**11:00 am** 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 am** The long-term impact of systemic treatment for patients with early-stage lung cancer  
Dr. Jarushka Naidoo, Royal College of Surgeons Ireland, Dublin, Ireland

**11:40 am** Panel Discussion

**12:00 pm** **BMS SPONSORED LUNCH SYMPOSIUM**

**SECTION IV: New concepts in early-stage lung cancer**

**1:30 pm – 2:20 pm**

**Moderators:** *Moderators: Drs. Kevin Jao and Barb Melosky*

**1:30 pm** How to create synergy between radiation and systemic therapy?  
Dr. Henning Willers, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

**1:50 pm** AI applications in thoracic surgery and the future of systemic/surgery combo from China!  
Dr. Wenzhao Zhong, Guangdong Lung Institute, Guangdong, China



2:10 pm

Advanced prognostication via AI models for early-stage lung cancer patients  
Dr. Logan Walsh, McGill University, Montreal, Canada

2:30 pm

Panel Discussion

**SECTION V: New science from young talent!**

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Moderators: Drs. Ariel ElKrief and Bertrand Routy

3:00 pm

Presentations from abstract submissions

4:00 pm

**Tumour board Olympics  
(Team Canada, Team USA, Team Europe, Audience)**

Series of Jeopardy style questions on early-stage lung cancer moderated by Drs. Normand Blais and Jonathan Spicer

5:00 pm

**Closing words #ELIXR25**

6:00 pm  
Cocktail & Dinner

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