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Inaugural **STOMACH CANCER
PATIENT EMPOWERMENT SUMMIT**



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**NOVEMBER
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Hope for Stomach Cancer is always working to provide patients and caregivers solace – through education and awareness, advocacy, linkages to top-notch resources, and an inclusive community.

A gastric cancer diagnosis is terrifying and the stress, physical pain and unknowns are tremendous emotional burdens. Therefore, our vision is for this to become the go-to retreat for all those impacted by a stomach cancer diagnosis to build navigational tools, support, community, and empowerment.

We hope this becomes an annual signature event for those facing stomach cancer. *Thank you for joining us.*



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We are committed to making your experience as informative and comfortable as possible. Here are some key highlights that we've added to ensure your time with us is exceptional.

ON-SITE MEDICAL SUPPORT

Your well-being is our priority. We're pleased to inform you that we'll have an EMT on-site throughout the event to provide immediate medical assistance should you require it.

EXCLUSIVE PATIENT INTERVIEWS

We have the pleasure of introducing you to our talented producer, Kristi, who will be conducting engaging patient interviews. These interviews will offer valuable insights and a chance to connect with fellow patients. Please schedule your interview in our penthouse suite.

WELLNESS ROOM (BAY ROOM)

We understand that taking breaks and finding a quiet space can be essential during events like this. That's why we've created a Wellness Room for your comfort and relaxation, with Julie Kotiw and Cinamon Kimbrough.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM DR. ZEV WAINBERG AT UCLA GI ONCOLOGY PROGRAM

While Dr. Wainberg couldn't join us live due to prior commitments, he's excited to share insights on Clinical Trials. We'll be featuring a recording from him in the near future.

NUTRITIONIST Q&A SESSIONS:

Although we didn't secure a Nutritionist for the event, we've got plans! Stay tuned for 2x Q&A Zoom Meetings in the near future. We're dedicated to providing you with valuable information about nutrition and its impact on your health.

SHARE HOPE

Follow (and share) us on social:

Facebook: StomachCancerAwarenessNetwork

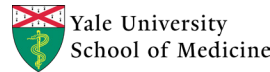
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We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to our esteemed speakers who have graciously joined us to share their expertise. Your commitment to our cause and your willingness to empower patients with your knowledge is truly appreciated. Thank you for being an integral part of the Patient Empowerment Summit.





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FRIDAY, NOV 10 | WELCOME!

2pm – 5pm FOYER	Attendee Check-In
2pm – 4pm CATALINA	Focus Group - <i>by invitation only</i>
5pm – 7:30pm SEASCAPE	Welcome Reception Opening remarks, and discuss the program
7:30pm – 10:30pm REDONDO	ScART – Painting your scars on canvas helps you look at your story differently. There is hidden and powerful beauty in your scars.

SATURDAY, NOV 11 | SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS

7:30am – 9:30am SEASCAPE	Networking Breakfast
7:30am – 8:15am TERRACE	Optional Early Exercise on the Terrace. Morning Qigong and Acupressure – 5 element nurturing exercises for the abdomen. Assists in Increasing circulation, decreasing food and digestive stagnation, Improving lymph drainage, decreasing anxiety. Led by Cinamon Kimbrough, LAc, LMT
9am – 9:15am SEASCAPE	Welcome, Meet the Chairs Irasema Chavez, Stage 2 Patient Camilla Row, Stage 4 Patient Yanghee Woo, M.D., City of Hope Surgical Oncologist + Scientist
9:15am – 10:15am SEASCAPE	Town Hall Moderated by Susan Berhane, BMS <i>Tentative</i> Question: Unmet needs and areas to bridge the gap?



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10:15am – 10:30am Water Break
SEASCAPE

10:30am – 11:15am **Keynote Presentation: Integrative Oncology for Patients with Gastric Cancer.** Presented by Richard Lee, M.D., at City of Hope
SEASCAPE

11:15 am – 11:30 am **Customized Individual self-care sessions** through safe non-invasive Asian Medicine modalities. Presented by Julie Kotiw, DC, BS, CMT, RYT
SEASCAPE

11:30am – 11:50am **BMS Patient Advocacy Groups and Stomach Cancer Portfolio**
Presented by Susan Berhane, Boas Park, Morgan Smith at BMS
SEASCAPE

11:50am – 1:00pm **Lunch + Learn: Patient/Caregiver Experiences:** Lauren Kim, Teen Support, Daughter to a Stomach Cancer Patient
SEASCAPE

** WATCH LIVE ON ZOOM **

1pm – 1:45pm
REDONDO
Patient Stories:
Camilla Row, Stage 4
Rachel Orth, Stage 4
Q and A Moderated by Yanghee Woo, M.D., City of Hope Surgical Oncologist + Scientist

1:45pm – 2:20 pm
REDONDO
Shared Decision Making: What does it mean to be treated for a stomach? Presented by Yanghee Woo, M.D., City of Hope Surgical Oncologist + Scientist

2:20pm – 2:55pm
REDONDO
Biomarker Testing in Stomach Cancer: *What should I know?* Presented by Matthew Strickland, M.D., MGH GI Oncologist

2:55pm – 3:05pm
REDONDO
Coffee Break



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** WATCH LIVE ON ZOOM **

3:10pm – 3:30pm
REDONDO
Clinical Trials in Biomarker Directed Systemic Therapy for Stomach Cancer. Presented by Dani Castillo, M.D., City of Hope, Medical Oncology & Therapeutics Research

3:30pm – 4pm
REDONDO
Management of Peritoneal Metastases – Guidelines from a Consortium Group The management of peritoneal metastases remains controversial and poorly understood. Recognizing the need for appropriate treatment, we are framing guidelines with contributions from a national multidisciplinary group using consensus and evidence-based approaches. Presented by Varun Bansal, Research Associate (Surgical Oncology), Yale School of Medicine

4pm – 4:20pm
REDONDO
Travera Testing: Summary of the clinical applications, opportunities, and limitations. Presented by Dennis Watson, VP of Business Development, Travera

4:20pm – 4:40pm
REDONDO
Leal Health | Clinical trial finder. Presented by Diana Abehssera, Patient Experience Lead at Leal Health and 18-year Stage 3 Breast Cancer Survivor

4:40pm – 5pm
REDONDO
Panel Discussion, Q and A, and Wrap Up

6pm – 9:30pm
SEASCAPE
Reception

SUNDAY, NOV 12 | SUPPORTIVE CARE

7:30am – 9:30am
SEASCAPE
Networking Breakfast



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7:30am – 8:15am TERRACE	Early Exercise –Morning Qigong and Acupressure 5 element nurturing exercises to help strengthen the immune system. Assists in energizing the lungs, opening the rib cage front and back. Releasing tension in the diaphragm. Increase circulation in the Wind Gates (Back of neck and upper back) and Face to promote sinus health. Led by Cinamon Kimbrough, LAc, LMT
8:30am – 9:30am REDONDO	Travera in more detail. Presented by Dennis Watson, VP of Business Development, Travera
8:30am – 9:30am SEASCAPE	Leal Health Clinical trial finder in more details. Presented by Diana Abehssera, Patient Experience Lead at Leal Health and 18-year Stage 3 Breast Cancer Survivor
9:30am – 10:30am REDONDO	Make Sense of your Senses: Julie Kotiw, DC, BS, CMT, RYT and Cinamon Kimbrough, LAc, LMT
10:30am – 11:30am REDONDO	Triage Cancer: Navigating health insurance & managing medical bills. Presented by Joanna Doran, Esq.

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Speaker: **Cinamon Kimbrough, LAc, LMT**

Practicing in Truckee, California and Scottsdale, Arizona. As an Artist and a health practitioner listening to the body and holding space for healing is key. Cinamon has been walking this wellness journey with her patients and collaborating with health practitioners for over 15 years. Blending cranio-sacral, Asian medicine and nurturing somatic exercises. In these somatic exercises there is a combination of breath work, yoga, qi gong, tai-chi and self-care acupressure. The joy comes from bringing this blended work of harmony and balance to the community and empower patients in their wellness journey and self-care. Moving together is healing.



Speaker: **Julie Kotiw, DC, BS, CMT, RYT, Board Certified Chiropractic Neurologist**

Julie Kotiw, DIBCN, DC, BS, CMT, RYT is Board Certified Chiropractic Neurologist and yoga teacher. Dr. Kotiw is currently the Neuroscience Professor at Los Angeles Chiropractic College (LACC) at Southern California University of Health Sciences (SCUHS). She also sees patients at Your Health in Motion wellness clinic in Pasadena, Ca.



Speaker: **Diana Abehssera, Patient Experience Lead, Leal Health**

Diana Abehssera is an 18-year stage 3 breast cancer survivor and the Patient Experience Lead for Leal Health, a health tech company that clinically matches patients to all available advanced cancer treatment options using a precision-based, revolutionary, award-winning AI technology. Diana is a former entertainment industry and television executive who spent twenty-five years building brands at MTV Television Networks, A+E Television Networks, Lifetime, and The History Channel. Diana has her Master's Degree in Global Marketing & Advertising from Emerson College.





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Speaker: **Joanna Fawzy Doran, Esq**

Joanna Fawzy Doran, Esq. is a cancer rights attorney, author, speaker, and CEO of Triage Cancer, a national, nonprofit organization providing free education on practical and legal issues that may impact individuals coping with cancer and their caregivers, through events, materials, and resources.

Ms. Doran has spent nearly thirty years working on behalf of individuals with cancer, including five as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Loyola Law School, teaching a seminar in Cancer Rights Law, and eight at the John Wayne Cancer Institute's Psychosocial Care Program and Positive Appearance Center. She has also taught a Community Advocacy Clinic, as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Wayne State University Law School.

Ms. Doran co-authored the book, *Cancer Rights Law*, for the American Bar Association – the first and only book of its kind. In 2020, she wrote a chapter *Cancer-Related Legal Issues*, for the Oncology Nursing Society's book, *Oncology Nurse Navigation: Delivering Patient-Centered Care Across the Continuum*. In 2017, she wrote *Preventing or Minimizing Financial Toxicity Across the Continuum of Cancer Care*, a chapter for the Oncology Nursing Society's book, *Cancer Survivorship: Transdisciplinary, Patient-Centered Approaches to the Season of Survival*. In 2009, she also contributed to a book entitled, *Work and Cancer Survivors*. And, her work has appeared in a variety of other publications, such as *Psycho-Oncology*, *Heal, Cure, Coping with Cancer*, *Women*, and *Ability Magazine*.

Ms. Doran has presented nearly one thousand educational seminars on employment, insurance, health care, and advocacy issues throughout the country for individuals diagnosed with cancer, caregivers, health care professionals, advocates, lawyers, employers, and the general public.

In addition, she has served on numerous cancer community committees and boards, including as Chair of the Board of Directors for the California Division of the American Cancer Society, ZERO Prostate Cancer's Medical Advisory Board, the National Advisory Board of CancerForward, the Stupid Cancer Survivorship Advisory Council, and the Executive Committee of the American Bar Association's Breast Cancer Task Force.

Ms. Doran has received several awards and recognition for her service to the cancer community and her work in the area of legislative advocacy, including the 2009 Susan G. Komen for the Cure® Public Policy Advocate of the Year and the 2015 Legacy Advocate Award from Stupid Cancer. In 2010, she was recognized by the Los Angeles Daily Journal as one of the Top 20 Attorneys in California Under the Age of 40.

Ms. Doran earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with an emphasis in International Relations from the University of California Los Angeles and a Juris Doctor from Loyola Law School Los Angeles.

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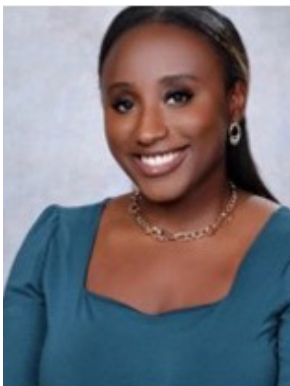


Speaker: **Dani Castillo, M.D., Hematology-Oncology, Gastric & Esophageal Cancers**

Hematologist/oncologist Dani Castillo, M.D., was inspired to become a physician by the experience of a family member diagnosed with cancer. City of Hope’s patient-centered culture and ample research opportunities drew her to join the faculty. In her view, she and each of her patients form a team. Her goal is to understand their values and to enable them to make well-informed decisions about their care.

After her medical training, Dr. Castillo conducted stem cell transplantation research as a postdoctoral fellow at University of California San Diego and lung cancer investigations as a research associate at University of Southern California. She has been recognized with a Merit Award at the 2023 American Society of Clinical Oncology Annual Meeting and an Abstract Achievement Award at the 2012 American Society of Hematology Annual Meeting and Exposition. When she came on board at City of Hope in 2023, she had a dozen peer-reviewed scientific publications to her credit, including studies in the Journal of Clinical Oncology, and Blood.

Away from the lab and the clinic, Dr. Castillo enjoys Zumba, traveling and watching NBA games.



Speaker: **Susan Berhane**

Susan is a part of the Global Patient Advocacy team at Bristol Myers Squibb where she leads patient engagement with GI cancer patients. She brings experience from both public and private sectors where she has built her career around advocacy, policy, and community engagement. Prior to joining Bristol Myers Squibb, she worked on Capitol Hill, at the Japanese Embassy as a Public Affairs Officer, and spent time as a volunteer English teacher in South Korea. She earned a M.P.A. from George Mason University and a B.A. in International Relations from Old Dominion University. She enjoys learning about other cultures and languages and currently speaks English, Akan, Korean and Japanese. In her free time Susan enjoys staying active, spending time with her dogs Jojo and Mika, and reading alongside her book club members of 9 years.

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Speaker: **Richard T. Lee, M.D.**

Richard T. Lee, MD is a Clinical Professor in the Departments of Supportive Care Medicine and Medical Oncology at City of Hope National Medical Center. Dr. Lee serves as the inaugural Director and endowed Chair of the Cherng Family Center for Integrative Oncology and oversees this national program that involves clinical, research and educational programs. As a medical oncologist, he provides routine oncologic care with a focus on gastrointestinal cancers. Additionally, he provides broad consultative services regarding supportive and integrative cancer approaches.

Dr. Lee earned his both his B.A. in anthropology and M.D. at George Washington University as part of the Seven-Year B.A./M.D. Combined Degree Program. He then completed his internal medicine residency at Stanford, his fellowship in hematology/ oncology at the University of Chicago, where he served as chief fellow, and lastly his palliative care fellowship at Northwestern University. Between residency and fellowship, Dr. Lee became a Fulbright Scholar to Taiwan and China. There he attended China Medical University in Taichung, Taiwan to study Traditional Chinese Medicine with a focus on acupuncture. This time abroad helped to cultivate his interest in integrative oncology.

From 2009 until 2015, Dr. Lee served as the Director for the Integrative Medicine Center at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, TX. There he led the transformation of the clinical program into an evidence-based clinical service and helped establish an inpatient integrative consultation service – one of the first in the nation. Prior to City of Hope, he was the inaugural chair of the Helen Moss Foundation-Schoff Family Professor of Integrative Oncology at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. He served as Director of Supportive and Integrative Oncology at the University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Center, and as Director of the Case Center for Integrative Oncology from 2016-2021. He has been an active member of the Society for Integrative Oncology and the American Society for Clinical Oncology. He is the recipient of multiple research grants including from ASCO and the NIH/NCI. His work has led to over 70 publications including in peer reviewed cancer journals and book chapters and has been an invited speaker to both national and international meetings.

Currently, Dr. Lee is currently building integrative oncology services at the City of Hope in Southern California with plans for expansion to the entire enterprise. His research includes health services research utilizing survey studies exploring both patients' and clinicians' perspectives about supportive and integrative services. He also has been exploring the anticancer activities of natural plants, specifically mistletoe and mushrooms, in order to develop new cancer treatments. Dr. Lee has ongoing clinical research evaluating the benefits of acupuncture and meditation.



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Speaker: **Yanghee Woo, M.D.**

Yanghee Woo, M.D., is an internationally recognized surgeon scientist with expertise in robotic surgery and gastric cancer. She is sought by patients for her surgical talent, candid bedside manner and compassionate care. As a leader in her field, Dr. Woo has dedicated her unique perspective, training, and expertise to bring the best of surgical innovation and medical discoveries to transform cancer care of her patients and cancer patients worldwide. Dr. Woo has been awarded the “Illuminator Award” by Hope for Stomach Cancer for her visionary work in stomach cancer and the “Community Leader in Medicine Award” by the Korean American Federation of LA for her efforts to eliminate disparities in cancer care in our communities.

Dr. Woo’s education, training and experiences have equipped her well as an exemplary cancer surgeon. She graduated from Princeton University with a B.A. in political science, received her M.D. from Drexel University Medical School, completed the general surgery residency at Columbia University Medical Center (CUMC), the research fellowship at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (mentored by Yuman Fong, M.D., the Sangiacomo Family Chair in Surgical Oncology) and a clinical fellowship at Severance Hospital, Yonsei University, Seoul (mentored by Woo Jin Hyung, M.D., Ph.D.). She began her career as faculty at CUMC in the Division of GI and Endocrine Surgery where she initiated the robotic surgery program for complex abdominal cancers and established the Center for Global Excellence in Gastric Cancer Care. Subsequently, she was recruited to the Department of Surgery at City of Hope in 2015.

Armed with the trifecta of clinical, research and teaching capabilities, Dr. Woo is an unstoppable force spearheading our transformative programs in robotic cancer surgery and gastric cancer at City of Hope. She is an associate professor of surgery, director of international surgery and director of the Gastroenterology Minimally Invasive Therapy Program in the Division of Surgical Oncology, Department of Surgery. In collaboration with her national and international colleagues, her multidisciplinary team of clinicians, scientists, immunologists, bioinformaticians at City of Hope investigates immune biomarkers for earlier detection of gastrointestinal cancers, translates novel targeted agents, such as oncolytic viruses, into effective diagnostic and therapeutic tools for cancer patients, and safely integrates advancements in surgical technologies to improve patient outcomes. Funded by the Department of Defense Idea Award, AACR’s first SU2C Stomach Cancer Interception Award, the Ohr Foundation, and other generous donations to City of Hope, her ongoing contributions to the field are reflected in the growing number of publications in peer-reviewed manuscripts, authored textbook chapters and invited lectures.

Dr. Woo’s visionary insights and collaborative leadership is empowering multidisciplinary teamwork to speed the delivery of transformative cancer cures to our patients at City of Hope. Dr. Woo will continue to bring us closer to a cancer free society as she strives to live up to her name which means bright (YANG) hope (HEE).



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Speaker: **Varun Bansal, Research Associate, Yale School of Medicine**

Varun Bansal, MBBS, is a research associate in the Division of Surgical Oncology at the Yale School of Medicine. He joined Yale from the University of Chicago, where he began his postdoctoral research training under Dr. Kiran Turaga after completing medical school. His research focuses on outcomes following Cytoreductive Surgery and Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy for peritoneal surface malignancies (PSMs) and investigating plasma-based biomarkers. Currently, he is actively involved in coordinating a consortium initiative aimed at developing guidelines and a curriculum for the management of PSMs.



Speaker: **Matthew Strickland, M.D., Oncologist**

Dr. Strickland is a medical oncologist at Massachusetts General Hospital and an Instructor in Medicine at Harvard Medical School. He completed his internal medicine training at Boston Medical Center followed by Hematology and Oncology fellowship training at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women's hospital. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology and belongs to several oncology research organizations including American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) and American Association of Cancer Research (AACR). His work has been published in multiple journals including Cancer Discovery, Nature Communications and Clinical Cancer Research.

As a medical oncologist within the multidisciplinary gastrointestinal oncology group at MGH, Dr. Strickland works with other specialists such as surgeons, radiation oncologists and others to develop personalized, cutting edge therapeutic plans for patients. His research focus includes developing clinical trials to discover better therapies and improve outcomes for patients with GI cancers. Originally from Alberta, Canada, he is an avid ice hockey fan, enjoys flying as a private pilot and diving as a certified SCUBA diver.

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Speaker: Dennis Watson, VP of Business Development, Travera

Dennis Watson joined Travera in July of 2022 as the Vice President of Business Development. He brings 15 years of extensive sales and management experience in the oncology molecular diagnostic space.

Dennis spent nearly 10 years with Agendia, beginning as a field-based sales professional, working his way up to gain experience in multiple facets of the business, receiving top-tier awards and recognition throughout his tenure. He served 4 years as a Regional Director in the Central US, before moving on to lead the US commercial sales organization in January of 2018. During his 4-year tenure as the VP of US Sales over the US and PR, he led Agendia to record-breaking years of growth and expansion resulting from a shifted strategic focus and relaunch of key product lines through enhanced product positioning.

Prior to his work with Agendia, Dennis spent 5 years with the Breast Oncology division of Myriad Genetics. Before Myriad Genetics, he also held positions in the pharmaceutical, industrial services, and web services industries.

Dennis has a Bachelor of Science degree from Ball State University, where he graduated with honors and was a National Honor Society member.



Speaker: Aki Smith, Caregiver and Advocate, Creator of Hope for Stomach Cancer

Aki Smith is a caregiver and patient advocate for her father, who was diagnosed with advanced stomach cancer in 2013 and given 6 months to live. She needed "Hope" and was extremely disappointed in the lack of relevant information available for stomach cancer patients. After hearing the word remission in 2016, she founded Hope for Stomach Cancer, a nonprofit organization that provides resources to patients, caregivers, and loved ones facing stomach cancer while promoting early detection and prevention to the general and medical communities. Her vision is to bridge the gap between research and care by: 1) educating people about stomach cancer to improve health outcomes and increase their quality of life. 2) Strengthening the community of patients and their loved ones to alleviate their suffering by providing hope and connection. 3) Empowering and uniting all for advancing research and care protocols, for increasing enrollment in clinical trials, and patient care access for diverse populations. She is also a patient advocate on the SU2C Gastric Cancer Interception Research Team: Early Detection and Interception of Diffuse and Intestinal Gastric Cancer; an international, interdisciplinary team of experts in gastric cancer, advanced imaging and molecular biomarkers.

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