



**Cancer: Pathophysiology, Current Therapies,  
Clinical Trials and Drug Development**  
Virtual Training Program  
March 12 – 14, 2025

**Wednesday, March 12, 2025 – Program Day 1**

All Times Listed ET

**Session  
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10:00 – 10:15 AM

**PERI Welcome and Course Overview**

Jo Ann Zoul, Course Manager  
The Pharmaceutical Education and Research Institute, Inc.

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

**Considerations for Clinical Trial Design and Endpoints Toward  
U.S. Drug Approval**

Steven Clark Cunningham, MD, MLA, FACS  
Medical Officer, Division of Oncology III  
Office of Oncologic Diseases  
Center for Drug Evaluation & Research  
U.S. Food and Drug Administration

*Planned Topics*

- Safety and Efficacy requirements for approval
- Clinical Trial Endpoints, trial designs, types of approval
- Expedited Review Procedures

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***Morning Break***

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

**Improved Strategies for Selecting Recommended Phase 2 Dosing:  
Moving Beyond Maximum Tolerated Dose**

Justin S. Collazo, Pharm.D., M.S.  
Clinical Pharmacology Reviewer  
Division of Cancer Pharmacology I  
Office of Clinical Pharmacology  
U.S. Food and Drug Administration

*Planned Topics*

- Learnings from “toxic” examples
- Clinical Pharmacology driven decision making
  - Dose-response and exposure-response
- Non-oncology learnings
- Dose Selection
  - Importance and process
  - Alternatives to toxicity driving RP2D
  - Pharmacodynamic endpoints in early drug development

12:30 – 1:30 PM

***Lunch Break***

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**Design and Analysis of Oncology Studies**

Malini Iyengar, PhD

Biometrics Team Leader, Hematology-Oncology Statistics

AstraZeneca

*Planned Topics*

- Study Design
- Trials with Objective Response Rates
- Trials with PFS, OS

2:30– 2:45 PM

***Afternoon Break***

2:45 – 3:45 PM

**Nonclinical Development of Oncologic Agents**

Melanie T. Hartsough, PhD

Independent Consultant

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**End of Day One**

**Thursday, March 13, 2025 – Program Day 2**

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**Session  
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10:00 – 10:15 AM

**Day Two Overview, Welcome**

Jo Ann Zoul, Course Manager  
The Pharmaceutical Education and Research Institute, Inc.

10:15 – 11:15 AM

**Drug Development in Gynecologic Malignancies**

Gwynn Ison, MD  
Medical Officer  
Division of Oncology 1  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research  
U.S. Food and Drug Administration

*Planned Topics*

- Ovarian, cervical, and endometrial cancers

11:15 – 11:30 AM

***Stretch Break***

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

**Topic to be Announced**

12:30 – 1:30 PM

***Lunch Break***

1:30 – 2:30 PM

**Breast Cancer Clinical Update**

Melanie Royce, MD, PhD  
Senior Physician / Clinical Reviewer, Division of Oncology I  
Office of Oncologic Diseases  
Center for Drug Evaluation & Research  
U.S. Food and Drug Administration

*Planned Topics*

- Background
- Diagnosis & Staging  
Treatment

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***Afternoon Break***

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**Prostate Cancer Clinical Update**

Marijo Bilusic, MD, PhD

Medical Oncology/GU Site Disease Group Lead

Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center/University of Miami Health System

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*Planned Topics*

- Current treatment landscape for metastatic prostate cancer
- Immunotherapy for prostate cancer
- Novel treatment options

3:45 – 4:00 PM

**End of Day Two**

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**Friday, March 14, 2025 – Program Day 3**

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10:00 – 10:15 AM

**Day Three Overview, Welcome**

Jo Ann Zoul, Course Manager  
The Pharmaceutical Education and Research Institute, Inc.

10:15 AM – 11:15 PM

**Pancreatic Cancer: Clinical Update**

Benjamin A. Weinberg, MD  
Associate Professor of Medicine, Division of Hematology and Oncology  
Gastrointestinal Medical Oncologist, Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer  
Center Georgetown University Medical Center

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*Planned Topics*

- Review current standards-of-care for adjuvant therapy and data on neoadjuvant therapy
- Review standards for advanced disease
- Discuss novel therapeutic options and ongoing clinical trials for patients with advanced disease

11:15 – 11:30 AM

***Morning Break***

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**Lung Cancer Clinical Update**

Chul Kim, MD, MPH  
Assistant Professor, Thoracic Oncology  
MedStar Georgetown University Hospital

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*Planned Topics*

- Overview of molecular pathogenesis of lung cancer
- Staging and treatment of lung cancer

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***Lunch Break***

1:30 – 2:45 PM

**Regulatory Actions and Outcomes for NDAs and BLAs**

Florence Houn, MD, MPH, FACP  
Consultant, Drug Development & Regulatory Capacity Building

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*Planned Topics*

- Refuse to file, filing over protest, withdrawal
- PDUFA VII Interactions
- Complete Response, Approval, Appeals
- PMR/PMC, REMS

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2:45 – 3:00 PM

***Afternoon Break***

3:00 – 4:00 PM

**Pediatric Regulations and FDA Initiatives Supporting Development for Pediatrics**

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Caitlin Tydings, MD  
Division of Oncology 3  
Office of Oncologic Diseases  
Center for Drug Evaluation & Research  
U.S. Food and Drug Administration

***Planned Topics***

- Challenges and Opportunities in Pediatric Oncology Trials
- Legislation Impacting Drug Development in Pediatric Oncology
- Pediatric Oncology at FDA
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4:00 PM

**End of Course**