

# Santa Monica MELANOMA SYMPOSIUM

Saturday, September 13th, 2025

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Presented by  
Saint John's  
Cancer Institute  
Saint John's Health Center  
Providence

**Borstein Family  
Melanoma Program**  
at Saint John's Cancer Institute

Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows  
From 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM  
101 Wilshire Blvd, Santa Monica, CA 90401

## Program

**8:00-8:50 AM**  
Breakfast

**8:50-9:00 AM**  
Opening Remarks/Intro

## Morning Session

**9:00-9:45 AM**  
"The Approach to Regionally Advanced Metastatic Melanoma"  
Jonathan Zager, MD - Surgical Oncologist, Moffitt Cancer Center, Tampa, FL

**9:45-10:10 AM**  
"Highlights of Molecular Melanomagenesis"  
Roger Lo, MD, PhD - Dermatologist, UCLA Health, Los Angeles, CA

**10:10-10:35 AM**  
"Non-cutaneous and Acral Melanoma"  
Inderjit Mehmi, MD - Medical Oncology, Cutaneous Malignancy, The Angeles Clinic and Research Institute, Cedar-Sinai Affiliate, Los Angeles, CA

**10:35-11:00 AM**  
"Liquid Biopsy in Cutaneous Oncology and its Implications in Melanoma"  
Matthew Hedberg, MD, PhD - Dermatopathologist, City of Hope, Duarte, CA

**11:00-11:15 AM**  
Morning Break

## Midday Session

**11:15 AM-11:35 AM**  
"Promising Data on Vaccines and Other Novel Immunotherapies"  
Kim Margolin MD, FASCO - Medical Oncologist, Providence Saint John's Health Center, Santa Monica, CA

**11:35-11:55 AM**  
"MicroRNA and Other Bio Markers in Melanoma"  
Richard Essner, MD - Surgical Oncologist, Providence Saint John's Health Center, Santa Monica, CA

**11:55 AM-1:00 PM**  
Lunch Break

## Afternoon Session

**1:00-1:25 PM**  
"Role of Mohs Surgery in the Management of Cutaneous Malignancies"  
Nima Gharavi, MD, PhD - Dermatologist, Cedars Sinai, Los Angeles, CA

**1:25-1:50 PM**  
"Management of Skin Cancer in Head and Neck"  
Vivian Wu, MD, MPH - Head and Neck Surgeon, Providence Saint John's Health Center, Santa Monica, CA

**1:50-2:15 PM**  
"Diet and Microbiome in Melanoma and Tumor Immunity"  
Jennifer Leigh McQuade, MD, MS, MA - Medical Oncologist, MD Anderson, Houston, TX

## Closing Remarks/Adjourn 2:15-2:20 pm

Topics and speakers are subject to change.



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