

# 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**

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