Annual Meeting Session Types

Oral Scientific Sessions (e.g., SS 01)

Oral abstract sessions provide pedagogic presentations of scientific research. These sessions are 60- or 75-minutes long, and include five to seven abstracts. Each abstract author is given seven minutes to present his or her paper immediately followed by a three-minute question and answer period. Abstracts are grouped together by track. Experts in the field (discussants) are sometimes chosen to provide comprehensive themed discussions of the findings from selected abstracts in a session.

Quick Pitch Sessions (e.g., QP 01)

Quick pitch sessions are 60 minutes long, including more fast-paced presentation of scientific research, allowing extra time for discussion. Each presenter is given five minutes to present his or her paper. Thirty minutes of Q&A follows these presentations, moderated by a Discussant. Abstracts are grouped together by track.

Education Sessions (e.g., EDU 01)

Education sessions are 60- or 75-minutes long that focus on what we know and what we are currently doing. They are evidence-based sessions, and there is general agreement in the field that this is the standard of care.

Panel Sessions (e.g., Panel 01)

Panel sessions are 60- or 75-minute-long sessions that are often more controversial and focus on newer treatment modalities and/or topics that require various perspectives.

Poster Q&A Sessions (e.g., PQA 01)

During these sessions, abstract authors are assigned a time to present their scientific studies to an audience, using large touchscreens to display the posters. Each poster author has five minutes to present, followed by three minutes of Q&A. Each poster session ends with open Q&A time, giving meeting attendees additional time to speak with poster authors.

Practical Radiation Oncology (PRO) Program

The PRO Program is a two-day program specifically designed for the community practice radiation oncologist. This program takes place Saturday and Sunday. Program content is curated to address the needs of a community practice physician and will include disease site reviews, interactive case-based discussions, a coding update and a scientific overview. New this year, in addition to being available at a discounted rate as a weekend-only event, the PRO Program will also be included in the full registration package allowing all attendees access.

Expert Theater Session (e.g., ET 01)

The ASTRO Expert Theater sessions will highlight new technologies, digital health innovation and informatics, artificial intelligence, entrepreneurship and more. This space will be used by attendees and industry representatives for interactive idea sharing, networking, imaginative business solutions and brainstorming sessions that will transform the industry.

Storytelling Session (e.g., ST 01)

These sessions allow those affected by cancer and experts in the field of treating cancer to reflect on their experiences through the art of storytelling. Attendees will listen to interesting and compelling stories that are not traditionally covered. The program will include stories that touch on policy, engagement, adverse experiences, triumph and diversity and inclusion. All stories contribute to a better means of understanding and treating patients and to providing resident education for the next generation.

Science Highlights Session (e.g., SH 01)

Science Highlights sessions spotlight four to six of the most clinically relevant abstracts within each track. Each session will feature a Discussant to present the abstracts. The Discussant will compare and contrast the current data to help attendees digest the latest science, place the study into context and describe how the study can be put into clinical practice, if recommended.

Master Classes

Master Classes are deeper dives into a particular topic that require additional time and instruction. This year we will hold four Master Classes on Radiopharmaceutical Therapy, Non-Inferiority Trials, Professional Development and Early Career and Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Health. These sessions require a separate ticket and are not included as part of your registration.