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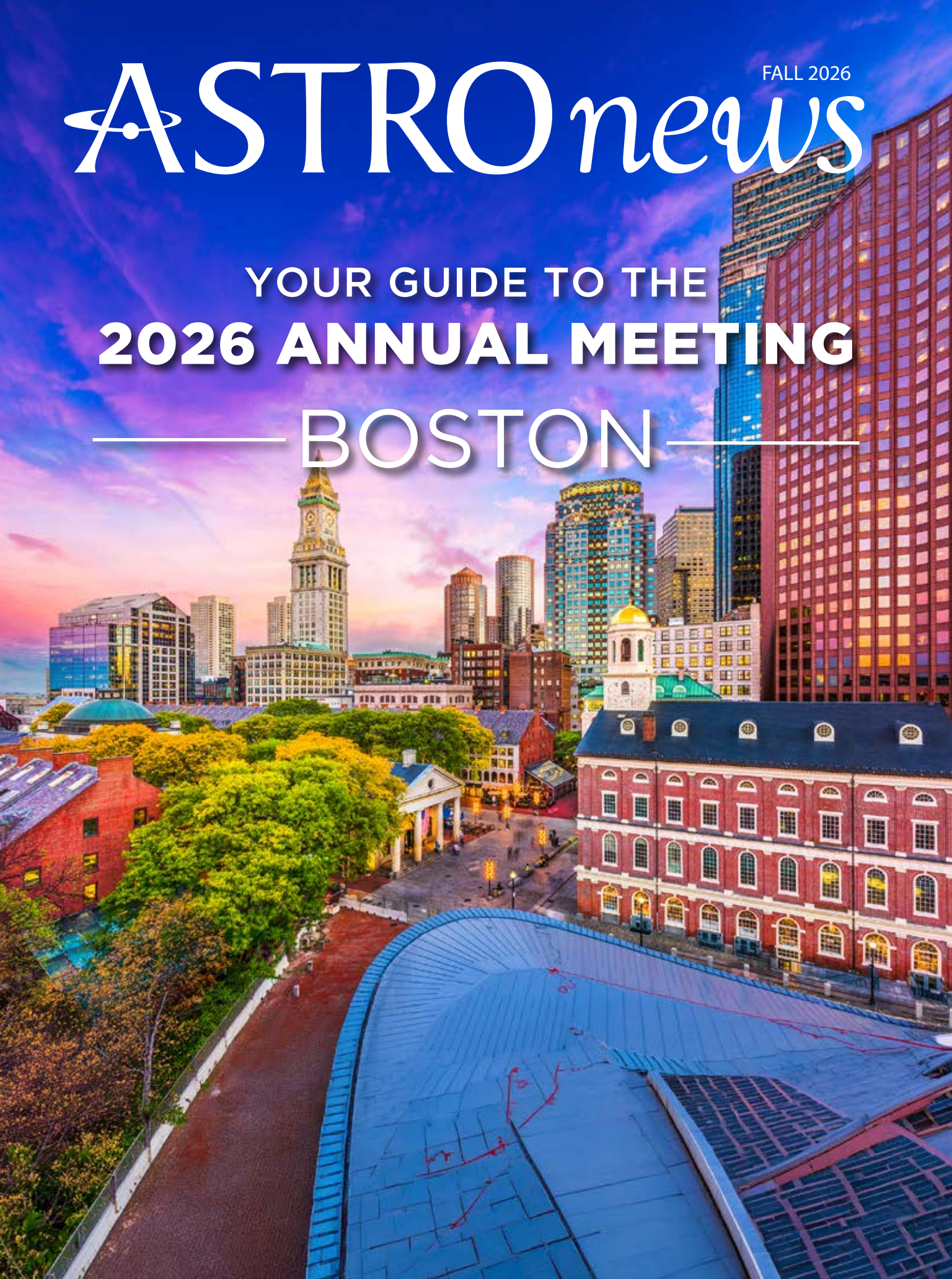

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Editor's Notes

BY BRIAN KAVANAGH, MD, MPH, FASTRO

Code-switching and Revolutions in Communications

THIS YEAR'S MEETING THEME, Data to Dialogue..., covers lessons in code-switching, defined as adapting speech and behavior to a situational context. Radiation oncologists talk among themselves in their own argot replete with clinical trial name acronyms and long medical words. But patients often want to know in simple terms what are their chances of living a long time, how likely will they need treatment for side effects, and what will happen if the cancer comes back. And so we all need to know how and when to switch codes to communicate clearly with individual patients or the lay public in general.

The city of Boston, our host for the meeting, was the epicenter of the American Revolution, that little skirmish 250 years ago with our on-again, off-again national BFF, England. Wartime espionage calls for codes and other secretive forms of communication, and there was much cleverness giving the colonists advantages over the Lobsterbacks. But progress in communications technology achieved in and around Boston did not stop in 1776... And so, this high-speed jaunt through history to look at major milestones in messaging that happened in and around The City by the Bay…

18th Century Spyware

The most famous moment of communication in U.S. history is the "one if by land, two if by sea" lantern signal sent to Paul Revere, who then stormed off on his wild midnight ride through Massachusetts to warn the New England Minuteman of the direction of imminent attack by British soldiers. Not exactly a complicated semaphore, but quite useful.

The bothers Jay, John and James, appreciated the importance of not letting the enemy gain intel about military operations. The more famous John, future co-author of "The Federalist Papers" and Chief Justice of the United States, served as commander of the Second Regiment of the New York City militia and exchanged letters with high-ranking fellow Patriots[1] written in an odd cipher based on pages and line numbers of a popular dictionary. Alphanumeric symbols mapped to individual words. James, a physician, invented an invisible ink called the "sympathetic stain" that was favored by George Washington, who thought it would "not only render... communications less exposed to detection, but relieve the fears of such persons as may be entrusted in its conveyance."[2]

19th Century Acoustics

A century later the Professor of Vocal Physiology and Elocution at the Boston University School of Oratory, Alexander Graham Bell, patented "the method of, and apparatus for, transmitting vocal or other sounds telegraphically ... by causing electrical undulations, similar in form to the vibrations of the air accompanying the said vocal or other sound."[3] It is hard to imagine modern life without the telephone, and Bell's invention is among the most valuable patents in history.[4]

20th Century Digital Communication

MIT grad Ray Tomlinson is credited/blamed for inventing the first email program in the early 1970s. To be fair, the guy who gave the @ symbol eternal life as a celebrity glyph didn't intend for email to be a nonstop phishing rodeo or wearying cause of mental fatigue. As he once noted, "I'm often asked, did I know what I was doing? And the answer is, yes, I knew exactly what I was doing. I just had no notion whatsoever of what the ultimate impact would be. What I was doing was providing a way for people to communicate with other people."[5] At least some of the 400 billion emails sent daily[6] are "Happy Birthday" wishes, so it has that going for it.

21st Century Virtual Communities

Early 2000s. Zuckerberg. Facebook.
Uluru in the Northern Territory of Australia is considered the world's biggest rock. It is still not large

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Chair's Update

BY SAMEER KEOLE, MD, FASTRO

Looking Ahead to Boston and the Future of Radiation Oncology

AS WE APPROACH THE 2026 ANNUAL MEETING, we are also nearing the conclusion of another ASTRO year. The Annual Meeting is always a fitting moment to reflect on what we have accomplished, the challenges facing our specialty, and where we are headed next.

Each Annual Meeting represents nearly two years of planning by the Society's president, volunteers and ASTRO staff. This year's meeting reflects the vision of ASTRO President Neha Vapiwala, MD, FASTRO and is supported by an extraordinary team of volunteers and staff who have devoted countless hours to developing the programming that brings our community together each year. I am grateful to everyone who has contributed, and I look forward to seeing the results of that work in Boston.

This year's meeting theme, Data to Dialogue: Communicating Radiotherapy's Value to Advance Cancer Care, is particularly timely. Radiation oncology is generating more data than ever before, but data alone do not improve patient care. Our challenge is to translate evidence into meaningful conversations with patients, colleagues, payers and policymakers, and ultimately into better care. That concept dovetails nicely with several of ASTRO's major priorities.

Building the Future of Radiation Oncology

One example is ASTRO's continued effort to expand the role of radiation therapy beyond cancer. What has traditionally been referred to as the treatment of nonmalignant disease is increasingly being described as functional radiation medicine, reflecting the broad range of conditions in which radiation therapy can improve function, reduce pain and enhance quality of life.

Functional radiation medicine is not a one-time initiative or meeting theme. It has been a strategic priority for ASTRO for several years and represents a coordinated, multi-year effort. The 2025 Annual Meeting theme, Rediscovering Radiation Medicine: Expanding Indications, highlighted this work, but it was only one component of a much broader strategy.

ASTRO has developed a comprehensive educational and advocacy effort that includes a six-part series available through ASTRO Academy, dedicated coverage in *ASTROnews*, and multidisciplinary working groups focused on musculoskeletal and inflammatory conditions, cardiovascular applications, and neurologic indications. These groups are helping identify research priorities, educational needs and opportunities for future clinical guidance.

We also recognize that generating evidence alone is not enough. Broader adoption will require engagement with payers and policymakers. ASTRO is working to develop clinical guidance and advocacy strategies aimed at improving appropriate coverage so that patients who may benefit from these treatments have meaningful access to them.

Creating a More Sustainable Payment System

Another major focus continues to be reimbursement. The recently released Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) proposed rule again underscores the uncertainty facing radiation oncology practices. While many specialties face similar challenges under the MPFS, we recognize the particular impact on radiation oncology practices, especially those providing care in community settings.

ASTRO will continue to advocate on the annual MPFS and Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System rules. But annual advocacy alone cannot solve the underlying structural problems in the current payment system.

That is why ASTRO has spent years pursuing a longer-term solution through the Radiation Oncology Case Rate (ROCR). Unlike simply advocating for higher annual payments, ASTRO has focused on developing a fundamentally different payment framework that better reflects how radiation therapy is delivered and supports long-term stability for patients and practices alike.

Payment reform is difficult and requires sustained engagement with our members, Congress, CMS and other stakeholders. We will continue to advocate vigorously on the annual Medicare rules while simultaneously pursuing a longer-term solution that better serves patients and our specialty. We're

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President's Update

BY NEHA VAPIWALA, MD, FASTRO

Join Us for ASTRO 2026 in Boston

I AM EXCITED TO WELCOME YOU to the 68th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO), taking place September 26-30 in historic Boston. Boston offers a rich and stimulating environment for this year's meeting, and we've worked closely with the city council and mayor's office to ensure a welcoming and safe experience for all attendees.

I'm especially looking forward to reconnecting with colleagues from across the globe, and to learning from an impressive roster of speakers, presenters and researchers who will be featured in nearly 200 sessions. We also have several special events and new opportunities to make the most of your ASTRO 2026 experience, including:

- **Welcome Kickoff** at Citizens House of Blues Boston on Saturday night
- **Presidential Science Poster Session Showcase** featuring expert faculty and **Exhibit Hall Networking Reception**
- **Quick Pitch Research Highlights from Around the Globe**
- **Gold Medal Gala** to benefit Speed of Light – The ASTRO Foundation

Critical Conversations – Data to Dialogue: Communicating Radiotherapy's Value to Advance Cancer Care

Numerous developments are impacting our field and the delivery of care, and we need to be proactive in shaping the future we want rather than reacting to it. This meeting offers opportunities to discuss developing areas and how to prepare for them, including using AI technology for data-driven and personalized radiotherapy and optimizing social media and other messaging platforms to demystify and deliver accurate information on radiation science. Here are a couple sessions on these topics:

- **International 02** – ASTRO/ESTRO Session: Adoption of AI Tools and Technologies: Present and Future Impact on Clinical Care Delivery
- **EDU 51** – Mythbusting Radiation Oncology: Communicating the Truth and Value of Radiotherapy to the Public, Patients, Providers and Policymakers
- **EDU 12** - Measuring and Communicating the Value of Radiation Oncology

Presidential Symposium: Delving into various areas of the meeting theme

This year's Presidential Symposium embodies the meeting's theme examining the critical steps to communicating the value of what we do, including: highlighting unique aspects of the treatment we offer our patients; leveraging the various means of information dissemination in the modern era; appreciating the perspectives of patients and caregivers; and understanding how various stakeholders view our specialty.

The four-part symposium will tackle each of the above with a star-studded line-up of speakers:

I. **Organ-Preservation: The Undersung Value of RT** *Moderator:* Vivek S. Kavadi, MD, MBA, FASTRO, ASTRO CEO
II. **Challenges and Opportunities in Scientific Knowledge Creation and Dissemination** *Moderator:* Sue Yom, MD, FASTRO, University of California San Francisco
III. **Patients' Perceptions of Radiation Therapy** *Moderator:* Drew Moghanaki, MD, MPH, FASTRO, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
IV. **Stakeholder Perspectives** *Moderators:* Casey Chollet-Lipscomb, MD, FASTRO, Tennessee Oncology; Curtiland Deville, MD, FASTRO, Johns Hopkins University

View the full schedule and lineup of speakers on page 17.

Keynote Addresses from visionary and stalwart leaders of healthcare

We are thrilled to feature two extraordinary keynote speakers whose perspectives will help inform us on the broader healthcare environment and various issues impacting health policy today and in the future.

- **Monday, September 28:** From his extensive experience as an oncologist, health policy advisor, bioethicist, author, and renowned educator, Ezekiel Emanuel, MD, PhD, will share his perspectives in an engaging talk entitled "The American Care Compact: Goals for Future American Healthcare Reform".

- **Tuesday, September 29:** Scott Gottlieb, MD, will offer insights from his unique expertise, most notably, former commissioner of the FDA, in a lively moderated dialogue exploring the economic drivers, technological forces, and current and emerging trends driving transformation in healthcare.

Consistent with the ASTRO 2026 theme of "Data to Dialogue", our two dynamic keynote speakers are healthcare visionaries whose careers have shaped — and continue to define — the concept of value in modern healthcare. I am hopeful that hearing from voices outside of our field will serve to strengthen and inform each of our roles within radiation oncology.

We're counting the days to seeing you all in Boston! Each of your contributions matter, whether you're presenting, attending, mentoring, and/or connecting with colleagues and friends. We know it's not easy to travel and take time away from work, so thank you for making the time to be part of ASTRO 2026 — it will be a highly engaging, educational and enjoyable experience!

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enough for anyone over the age of 12 to hide under in a way that would prevent them from knowing that last name or that social networking service, which since its inception has grown to engage over 3 billion frequent users worldwide and spawned numerous competitors in the social media space.

Oh, by the way, when posting about the meeting on Instagram or LinkedIn or whatever online platform you prefer, don't forget to add #ASTRO26 so the team can share your comments even more widely around cyberspace.

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excited about the momentum around ROCR, which is approaching support from 50 bipartisan cosponsors in Congress.

Taking Our Message to Capitol Hill

That work also requires policymakers to understand the value radiation oncology brings to the healthcare system.

On July 14, ASTRO brought that message directly to Capitol Hill through a congressional briefing focused on the value of radiation therapy. Hosted in conjunction with the House Cancer Caucus and featuring Representatives Debbie Dingell and Brian Fitzpatrick, the briefing provided an opportunity to explain how radiation therapy delivers highly effective cancer care, often at a fraction of the cost of many other cancer treatments. For more on the briefing, see page 10.

Our advocacy efforts also included meetings with congressional offices and key committees involved in healthcare policy. These conversations matter. Decisions about reimbursement, prior authorization, access to care and the future structure of Medicare are shaped by policymakers who may have limited familiarity with radiation oncology. ASTRO has an important responsibility to ensure they understand both the challenges facing our specialty and the extraordinary value radiation therapy provides to patients and the healthcare system.

Looking Ahead

As my term as Chair comes to a close, I remain optimistic about the future of our specialty. Radiation oncology continues to innovate, expand its role in cancer care and improve the lives of patients.

None of this happens without the dedication of our volunteers, committee members, Board and ASTRO staff. Thank you for everything you have done this year.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Boston as we celebrate another outstanding Annual Meeting, reconnect with colleagues and friends, and continue moving our specialty forward together.

SOCIETY NEWS

ASTRO elects new leadership for 2026-2027

EIGHT NEW OFFICERS WERE ELECTED to serve on the ASTRO Board of Directors and the ASTRO Nominating Committee. The new officers' terms will begin on September 29, 2026. The new members of the Board are:

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Beth Erickson, MD, FASTRO
Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

CLINICAL AFFAIRS AND QUALITY COUNCIL VICE CHAIR

Indrin Chetty, PhD, MS, FASTRO
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles

EDUCATION COUNCIL VICE CHAIR

Kenneth Rosenzweig, MD, FASTRO
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COUNCIL VICE CHAIR

John Suh, MD, FASTRO
Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland

HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COUNCIL VICE CHAIR

Gita Suneja, MD, MS, FASTRO
University of Utah Huntsman Cancer Institute, Salt Lake City

Nominating Committee:

ACADEMIC PHYSICIAN

Karen Hoffman, MD, FASTRO
MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston

COMMUNITY PRACTICE PHYSICIAN

Virginia Diavolitsis, MD
Riverside Radiation Oncology, Columbus, Ohio

RADIATION OR CANCER BIOLOGIST

Carmen Bergom, MD, PhD
Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis

Learn more about the newly elected officers at www.astro.org/elections.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

I AM PLEASED TO PRESENT the Treasurer's Annual Report for the American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO) for the year ended on December 31, 2025. The year reflected strong investment performance with deliberate investments in strategic programs.

Operating Performance and Program Services

Total operating revenue and support reached $25.5 million, driven by ASTRO's core activities. Educational programs remained the primary driver, generating $13.2 million, followed by membership dues of $4.5 million and journals income of $3.4 million.

Total operating expenses were $25.7 million. The organization allocated $19.1 million (74.1%) of total expenditures toward program services, reflecting a continued focus on mission-driven activities that support members and the broader radiation oncology community. Key programmatic investments included Educational Programs ($7.7 million), Membership and Communications ($4.7 million), and Quality Programs ($2.9 million). Supporting services were closely managed, with G&A expenses totaling $4.9 million.

Nonoperating Activities and Investment Portfolio

ASTRO's long-term investment portfolio delivered strong returns during the year. Net investment income of $7.0 million, primarily driven by realized and unrealized gains, more than offset the operating deficit. As a result, total net assets increased by $6.8 million for the year.

The Finance/Audit Committee continues to monitor investment performance and asset allocation to ensure alignment with ASTRO's long-term financial strategy and risk tolerance.

Balance Sheet Strength and Liquidity Position

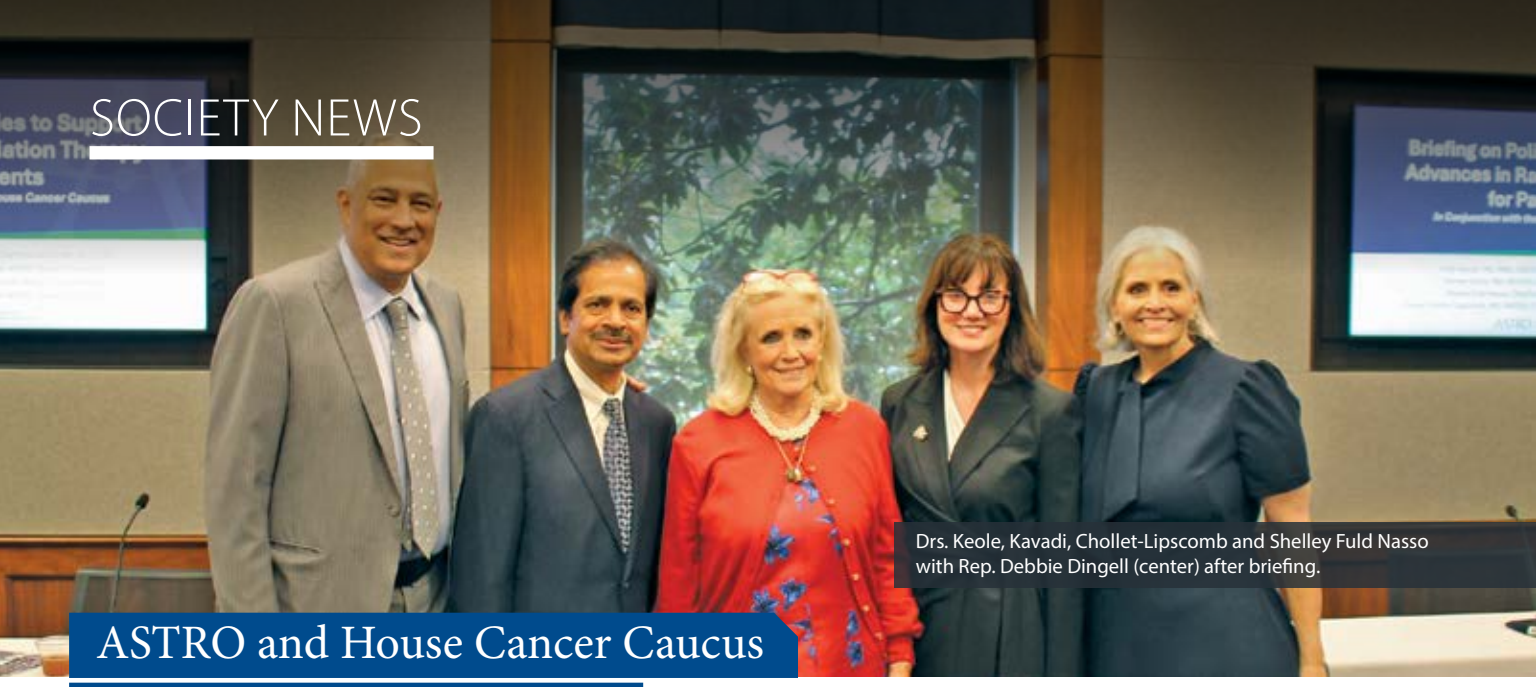
As of December 31, 2025, ASTRO maintained a strong financial position with a solid liquidity profile and no outstanding debt. Total assets were $59.5 million, consisting primarily of long-term investments totaling $53.7 million. Total liabilities were $8.7 million, consisting primarily of deferred revenue of $4.8 million related to advance program and membership payments.

Summary

In summary, fiscal year 2025 reflects a balanced financial strategy, combining targeted programmatic investments with strong investment performance. ASTRO remains well-positioned to sustain its mission, respond to evolving member needs, and pursue long-term strategic opportunities from a position of financial strength.

Michael Kuettel, MD, PhD, MBA, FASTRO
ASTRO Secretary/Treasurer

View the **2025 Summary Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement** for additional details.



Drs. Keole, Kavadi, Chollet-Lipscomb and Shelley Fuld Nasso with Rep. Debbie Dingell (center) after briefing.

ASTRO and House Cancer Caucus host congressional briefing

ON JULY 14, ASTRO HOSTED a congressional lunch briefing in conjunction with House Cancer Caucus leadership. The event brought together congressional staff, policymakers, physicians and radiation oncology stakeholders to discuss key issues affecting cancer care.

Twenty-six congressional offices were represented and House Cancer Caucus Co-chairs Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) and Debbie Dingell (D-MI) also served as guest speakers providing remarks.

The briefing highlighted the growing challenges facing radiation oncology practices and patients as a result of the current Medicare billing code crisis. Panelists showcased the significant role that radiation therapy plays in modern cancer care and the ongoing innovations in the field. The briefing concluded with a discussion of the Radiation Oncology Case Rate Act (ROCR) and how the legislation would provide much-needed reimbursement stability in the long term.

"Cancer care should be driven by the best science, the best outcomes and the needs of the patient — not by an outdated payment system, said Rep. Fitzpatrick. "I introduced the ROCR Act to modernize Medicare's reimbursement model for radiation therapy by aligning incentives with high-quality, evidence-based care, protecting access for seniors and underserved communities, and giving providers the stability they need to deliver cutting-edge treatment."

Shelley Fuld Nasso, MPP, Chief Executive Officer, Cancer Nation

Casey Chollet-Lipscomb, MD, FASTRO, Chair of ASTRO's Government Relations Council

Representative Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

Vivek Kavadi, MD, MBA, FASTRO, Chief Executive Officer, ASTRO

Sameer Keole, MD, FASTRO, Chair, ASTRO Board of Directors

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

WELCOME TO BOSTON

WELCOME TO THE 2026 ASTRO ANNUAL MEETING, located at the Thomas M. Menino Convention & Exhibition Center in South Boston!

Rich with history and culture, Boston boasts a dynamic blend of history and modern innovation. We are delighted to welcome you and hope you enjoy the city's iconic attractions, beautiful sightseeing, and local experiences during your visit.

As one of the oldest cities in the United States, Boston's landmarks tell the story of America's founding, from the Freedom Trail and Boston Common to Fanueil Hall and Old North Church. Beyond its historical significance, Boston is also home to world-renowned museums, a vibrant art scene, and exceptional dining experiences. Whether you are strolling through the Public Garden, trying Boston's famous seafood dishes, or immersing yourself in the history of the city, you will find endless opportunities to explore at every turn!

As we gather in Boston for ASTRO's 68th Annual Meeting, we hope you will take the time to extend your stay and explore one of the most iconic cities in the United States.

Boston Common and Boston Public Garden

Located in the heart of Boston, visit the oldest public park in the United States and its serene neighboring garden, the first public botanical garden in the United States, famous for its Swan Boats.

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

Open since 1903, this museum was designed to resemble a 15th-century Venetian palace, with 7,500 pieces of art from around the world. Additionally, it was also the victim of the largest unsolved art heist in history.

Freedom Trail

Walk this 2.5-mile red-brick path that connects 16 iconic Boston sites, including the Boston Common, Paul Revere House and Old North Church.

Rose Kennedy Greenway

This 1.5-mile public park features gardens, fountains, and public art, offering beautiful views of the city's modern landscape as well as historic landmarks.

Castle Island and Fort Independence

A scenic waterfront park boasting historic Fort Independence, which has stood since 1634 and played a pivotal role in the defense of the Boston Harbor during the Revolutionary War.

Boston Seafood Tour

A great way to combine sightseeing and sampling Boston cuisine, this tour is an introduction to Boston's rich maritime history and famous local seafood specialties such as clam chowder, lobster rolls, oysters and fried clams.

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Boston Duck Boat Sightseeing City Tour

This unique way to explore Boston utilizes restored World War II amphibious vehicles to tour the city's most famous landmarks such as the State House and Newbury Street.

Fenway Park

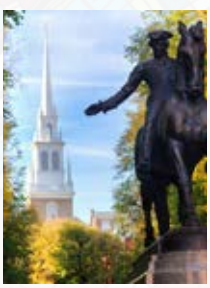
Catch a Red Sox game at Fenway Park, the oldest Major League Baseball stadium still in use, or take a guided tour to explore this important symbol of Boston's sports history. They're in town against the Cubs during ASTRO 2026!

Museum of Ice Cream

A family-friendly interactive attraction that celebrates all things ice cream, enjoy colorful exhibits, art installations, and as many ice cream samples as you can eat!

Quincy Market

Opening in 1826, Quincy Market is one of Boston's busiest tourist destinations, with dozens of food vendors, specialty shops and street performances.



Old North Church

The oldest surviving church building in Boston, the Old North Church is most famously known for its lantern signal used to warn colonial militias during Paul Revere's midnight ride: "One if by land, two if by sea."

Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum

Visit this interactive museum commemorating the Boston Tea Party. Board replica 18th-century ships, participate in historical reenactments, and see historical artifacts from one of the key events that led to the American Revolution.

Haunted Boston Ghost Tours

Explore Boston's oldest neighborhoods while sharing stories of hauntings. This is a spooky way to experience Boston's colonial past while guides tell tales of local legends and unsolved mysteries.

Paul Revere House

The oldest remaining house in downtown Boston, this historic house was once home to Paul Revere during his famous midnight ride in 1775 and now serves as an insight into colonial life.

Faneuil Hall

Built in 1742 and known as the "Cradle of Liberty," Fanueil Hall is one of Boston's most important historical landmarks and played a large role in the events leading to the Revolutionary War.

North End

Boston's oldest residential neighborhood, often called "Little Italy," is known for its narrow streets, historic architecture and Italian-American culture. Don't miss out on pasta and cannolis!

WHAT'S NEW AT ASTRO 2026

As you make your plans for Boston, take note of the following events and workshops newly added this year!

INAUGURAL Welcome KICKOFF

Presented by MEVION medical systems
in partnership with ASTRO

Don't miss ASTRO's Welcome Kickoff at the Citizens House of Blues on Saturday night!

Add a ticket to your registration to have all-access entry to an unforgettable night with a live band, plentiful hors d'oeuvres and two drink tickets.

ASTRO GOLD MEDAL Gala

ASTRO's Gold Medal Dinner has evolved into the Gold Medal Gala, a premier black-tie event that is open to all attendees who wish to purchase a ticket!

Purchase your ticket through registration for an evening of philanthropy and celebration. Ticket proceeds directly benefit Speed of Light – The ASTRO Foundation.

Presidential Science Poster Session Showcase

Monday, September 28 | 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

A new, high visibility Presidential poster experience will take place during the Exhibit Hall Networking Reception. Interact with expert faculty and view the highly curated science posters of 30 hand-selected studies.

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New Workshops for 2026

See additional workshops on page 20.

Physics Insights for Advanced Clinical Practice: Adaptive, Re-irradiation, AI, and Trials

Saturday, September 26 | 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Seven leaders in medical physics will moderate a full day workshop curated for medical physicists, focused on some of the most critical scientific and clinical challenges facing the field. The Physics Workshop is included with your meeting registration at no additional cost. Attendees will hear discussions covering adaptive therapy, re-irradiation, AI, and advanced technologies in clinical trials.

TICKETED EVENT

Functional Radiation Medicine

Saturday, September 26 | 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Step beyond the traditional boundaries of oncology and into the future of Functional Radiation Medicine. This workshop explores the transformative potential of low-dose radiotherapy for nonmalignant conditions. Attendees will gain knowledge in the science of low-dose efficacy, safety data, and multidisciplinary practice-building, providing the essential roadmap for any clinician looking to lead at the frontier of functional treatment.

Brachytherapy – Open to all attendees

Saturday, September 26 | 10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Building on ARRO's successful Brachytherapy Workshop for residents, ASTRO is pleased to offer an additional workshop open to *all* attendees, no matter your career stage. Workshop 03 – Brachytherapy is focused on prostate treatments with experts presenting first, followed by hands-on demonstrations with vendors.

Radiopharmaceutical Therapies Hands-on Experience

Monday, September 28 | 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. ***(Residents only)***
Tuesday, September 29 | 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Don't miss ASTRO's RPT Hands-on Experience. Join us for an interactive, small-group learning experience featuring expert-led demonstrations and opportunities to engage directly with RPT clinicians and equipment. Gain valuable insights into the clinical, operational and safety considerations of delivering radiopharmaceutical therapy.

2026 ASTRO ANNUAL MEETING

KEY SESSIONS AND HIGHLIGHTS

ASTRO's 68th Annual Meeting brings the radiation oncology community together in Boston to present world-class educational sessions and the latest scientific advancements shaping the field. Whether you join us in person or virtually, all participants will benefit from a top-tier program. Use this guide to explore key sessions, special events and meeting highlights to help you make the most of your time at ASTRO 2026 and in the historic city of Boston.

CLINICAL TRIALS AND PLENARY SESSIONS

The Annual Meeting Scientific Committee has curated an outstanding program for 2026. The scientific program will encompass more than 2,000 abstracts presented in a variety of formats, including the popular Science Highlights, Quick Pitch sessions and many opportunities to explore the more than 1,700 posters.

The **Clinical Trials session is held on Sunday, September 27 at 1:30 p.m.** and moderated by Kenneth Rosenzweig, MD, FASTRO, and Farzan Siddiqui, MD, PhD, FASTRO, chair and co-chair respectively of the Annual Meeting Scientific Committee.

The **Plenary Session**, also moderated by Drs. Rosenzweig and Siddiqui, features potentially practice-changing studies and **will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, September 28**, directly following the Presidential Address from Neha Vapiwala, MD, FASTRO.

The Clinical Trials and Plenary sessions showcase abstracts of scientific significance deemed to have the highest merit and greatest impact on radiation oncology research and practice. Learn more about such advancements through these sessions in addition to interactive Oral Scientific and Quick Pitch sessions, Science Highlight sessions, Digital Posters, and Cancer Breakthrough sessions. Use the QR code to explore the schedule on the Annual Meeting Portal.

KEYNOTES

Keynote speakers give attendees an opportunity to hear from high-profile individuals whose breadth and vision extend beyond our specialty and inform us on the broader healthcare environment.

With a leading bioethicist and policymaker in the room, we're thrilled to welcome this year's speakers, Ezekiel Emanuel, MD, PhD, and Scott Gottlieb, MD.

Keynote 01: The American Care Compact: Goals for Future American Healthcare Reform

Monday, September 28
9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

With a vast background as both an oncologist and bioethicist, Ezekiel Emanuel, MD, PhD, will speak on The American Care Compact: Goals for Future American Healthcare Reform. For context, the American healthcare system is currently unaffordable, overcomplicated and unsustainable. The U.S. spends about $4,000 more per person than the next highest country — Switzerland. Because the defect is structural, partial reforms will not solve healthcare's problems. There must be comprehensive, systemic reform.

Dr. Emanuel will preview five goals of a well-functioning healthcare system as: 1) Universal coverage, 2) Reasonable and sustainable costs, 3) Consistent, high-quality care 4) Reducing disparities, and 5) Satisfaction of the public, patients and providers. Meanwhile, he will

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discuss how reform needs to ensure that providers have the three Is — information, incentives and infrastructure.

Dr. Emanuel's perspective is derived from his many roles including Vice Provost for Global Initiatives and as a professor at the University of Pennsylvania, an oncologist and the most widely cited bioethicist. He is a Special Advisor to the Director General of the World Health Organization, Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress, and was founding chair of the Department of Bioethics at the National Institutes of Health and held that position until August 2011. He has served as a Special Advisor on Health Policy to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and National Economic Council and was instrumental in drafting the Affordable Care Act (ACA). He also served on the Biden-Harris Transition COVID Advisory Board.

With over 350 publications and having authored or edited 16 books, Dr. Emanuel's most recent books include "Eat Your Ice Cream" (2026) and "Which Country Has the World's Best Healthcare" (2020). He has received numerous awards including election to the Institute of Medicine (IOM) of the National Academy of Science, the Royal College of Medicine (UK) and is currently a Guggenheim Fellow. He is a graduate of Amherst College, holds a MSc from Oxford University in Biochemistry and received his MD from Harvard Medical School and his PhD in political philosophy from Harvard University.

Keynote 02: A Conversation with Dr. Scott Gottlieb

Tuesday, September 29
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Scott Gottlieb, MD, will lead a keynote that will take place as a moderated conversation exploring current trends in healthcare. Dr. Gottlieb offers expertise from numerous roles he has held, most notably as Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration. A former practicing hospitalist and current leading expert in health policy, Dr. Gottlieb's work focuses on providing insights into the economic and technological forces driving the transformation of healthcare. He is currently a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research and a partner at the venture capital firm New Enterprise Associates.

Under Dr. Gottlieb's leadership, the FDA advanced new frameworks for the modern oversight of gene therapies, cell-based medicines and digital health devices. He promoted policies to reduce death and disease from tobacco, improve food safety, and aggressively confront addiction crises. The agency's prolific advances in new policy distinguished his tenure as FDA Commissioner, along with a record-setting number of approvals for novel drugs, medical devices, and generic medicines.

Dr. Gottlieb is the author of the New York Times bestselling book "Uncontrolled Spread: Why COVID-19 Crushed Us and How We Can Defeat the Next Pandemic" and is a regular contributor to CNBC and CBS News' Face the Nation. In 2018 and again in 2019, Dr. Gottlieb was recognized by Fortune Magazine as one of "The World's 50 Greatest Leaders" and by Time Magazine as one of the "50 People Transforming Healthcare." Dr. Gottlieb is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine and completed medical school and a residency in internal medicine at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, and before that, graduated from Wesleyan University, majoring in economics.

CANCER BREAKTHROUGHS

Tuesday, September 29 | 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Carve out time to hear summaries of the year's groundbreaking cancer studies from their respective oncologic organizations. Kicking off the day on Tuesday morning, Cancer Breakthroughs: A Collaborative Review of the Year's Most Impactful Studies will be moderated by ASTRO President-elect Catheryn Yashar, MD, FASTRO, and feature discussants from ASCO and ESTRO.

AWARDS CEREMONY

Tuesday, September 29 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Honor your colleagues directly following the second keynote in this longstanding Annual Meeting tradition. The ASTRO Awards Ceremony will bestow 39 distinguished ASTRO members as ASTRO Fellows and award the 2026 Mentorship Award recipients, Honorary Member and Gold Medal recipients as well as the new Corporate Partner Award. Read more on these awardees starting on page 44.

INTERNATIONAL BREAKFAST

Monday, September 28 | 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

International attendees are invited to gather with colleagues from around the world to connect, hear updates from ASTRO leadership, and celebrate the newly appointed class of International Ambassadors.

PRESIDENTIAL SYMPOSIUM

Sunday, September 27 | 8:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

This year's Presidential Symposium, led by ASTRO President Neha Vapiwala, MD, FASTRO, consists of four sessions that will highlight varying facets of the meeting theme Data to Dialogue: Communicating Radiotherapy's Value to Advance Care.

Session I - Organ-Preservation: The Undersung Value of RT

8:20 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.

Moderator: Vivek S. Kavadi, MD, MBA, FASTRO, ASTRO CEO

This session will examine the critical role of radiation therapy in organ-sparing treatment paradigms, focusing on three to four disease sites, looking at both medical and surgical perspectives.

Speakers include:

- Lori Pierce, MD, FASTRO, University of Michigan
- Thomas DeLaney, MD, FASTRO, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center
- Steven Frank, MD, FASTRO, MD Anderson Cancer Center
- Najjia Mahmoud, MD, University of Pennsylvania

Session II - Challenges and Opportunities in Scientific Knowledge Creation and Dissemination

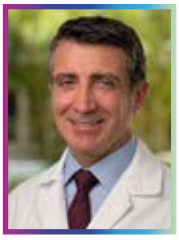
9:40 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Moderator: Sue Yom, MD, PhD, MAS, FASTRO, University of California San Francisco

This session will explore how today's science and healthcare information will be disseminated tomorrow, and look at the roles of journals, websites, online platforms and AI-powered content.

Speakers include:

- Mandy Hill, Cambridge University Press and Assessment
- John Halamka, MD, MS, Mayo Clinic
- Travis Zack, MD, PhD, University of California San Francisco



Session III - Patients' Perceptions of Radiation Therapy

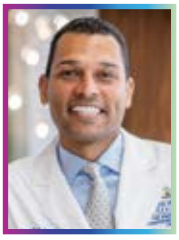
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Moderator: Drew Moghanaki, MD, MPH, FASTRO, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

This session will explore what clinician attributes patients appreciate the most while understanding patient influences in communicating the value of RT to others and strategizing how to partner with advocacy groups to improve public perceptions of radiation therapy.

Speakers include:

- Benjamin Corn, MD, FASTRO, Hebrew University Faculty of Medicine
- Shelley Fuld Nasso, MPP, Cancer Nation
- Andrea Ferris, LUNGevity Foundation



Session IV - Stakeholder Perspectives

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Moderators: Casey Chollet-Lipscomb, MD, FASTRO, Tennessee Oncology; Curtiland Deville, MD, FASTRO, Johns Hopkins University

This session will delve into multiple stakeholder perspectives, including government, foundation, cancer center administrator/non radiation oncology colleagues, media, industry, insurance (specifically prior authorization), and policy/legislative.

Panel 1 speakers include:

- Michael Kolodziej, MD, Canopy
- Fahad Tahir, MAS, MBA, Ascension Saint Thomas

Panel 2 speakers include:

- Karen Knudsen, MBA, PhD, Parker Institute for Cancer Immunotherapy
- Yun Liu, PhD, Google
- Mallika Marshall, MD, CBS News/WBZ-TV News

Listen to a recent episode of the Rad Onc Report podcast about the symposium featuring PICI's Karen Knudsen and Drs. Neha Vapiwala and Vivek Kavadi.

SESSIONS OF INTEREST

Use the Annual Meeting (AM) Portal at www.astro.org/AMportal to view the full schedule and build your ASTRO 2026 experience. Here we highlight some of the many sessions based on special interest topics.

TOP SCORED EDUCATION SESSIONS

Sunday, September 27, 5:00 p.m.
Radiotherapy Treatment Planning for Anal Cancer: Personalized Radiation and Modern Techniques
EDU 05

Sunday, September 27, 5:00 p.m.
Diagnosis to Decision: Distinguishing and Managing Radiation Necrosis vs. Recurrent Brain Metastases
EDU 06

Monday, September 28, 8:00 a.m.
Challenging Cases in Pediatric/AYA Sarcomas: Contemporary Approaches and Novel Technologies (SBRT/PULSAR, GRID/SFRT, Adaptive Radiotherapy)
EDU 11

Monday, September 28, 3:00 p.m.
At a Crossroads: A Multidisciplinary Perspective on the Management of Esophageal Adenocarcinoma
EDU 26

Monday, September 28, 5:00 p.m.
Data to Dialogue: Techniques and Outcomes for Optimizing Mircroboosting in Prostate Cancer
EDU 32

Monday, September 28, 5:00 p.m.
Evolving Paradigms in Axillary Nodal Management: Precision Medicine Refining Regional Breast Cancer Care
EDU 33

Tuesday, September 29, 2:15 p.m.
Photon-Counting CT in Radiotherapy: From Imaging Innovation to Clinical Impact
EDU 45

Tuesday, September 29, 2:15 p.m.
Perioperative Immunotherapy in Head and Neck Cancer: Trial Data, Real-World Practice and Radiation Oncology Implications
EDU 46

Wednesday, September 30, 8:00 a.m.
The Biology of Radiopharmaceuticals (RPTs): Beyond the Physical Properties
EDU 57

GUIDELINES

These sessions go in-depth on recently published ASTRO guidelines:

Monday, September 28, 10:45 a.m.
Integrating Postmastectomy Radiotherapy (PMRT) with Breast Reconstruction: Insights from Plastic Reconstructive Surgery and the Role of the Radiation Oncologist
EDU 18

Monday, September 28, 10:45 a.m.
ASTRO GU Guideline Session: Radiation Therapy for Bladder Cancer and Localized Prostate Cancer: A Case-Based Interactive Discussion
EDU 19

Tuesday, September 29, 12:30 p.m.
ASTRO GI Guideline Session: Radiation Therapy for Gastric Cancer and Pancreatic Cancer: A Case-Based Interactive Discussion
EDU 37

INTERNATIONAL

ASTRO is pleased to offer a variety of sessions for attendees with an interest in global oncology, including:

Sunday, September 27, 3:00 p.m.
Radiotherapy Under Debate: Defending the Indication in Latin America through Evidence, Value, and Access
(Session presented in Spanish)
INTER-NATIONAL

Sunday, September 27, 3:15 p.m.
ASTRO/ESTRO Session: Adoption of AI Tools and Technologies: Present and Future Impact on Clinical Care Delivery
INTER-NATIONAL

Tuesday, September 29, 2:00 p.m.
Reirradiation in Radiation Oncology: A Latin American Perspective on Biology, Technology and Clinical Decision Making (Session presented in Spanish)
INTER-NATIONAL

Tuesday, September 29, 2:15 p.m.
CT-Guided, MRI-Guided, or Offline Adaptive Radiation Therapy? A Structured, Case-Based Debate on Value, Efficiency, and Use Across Global Resource Settings
INTER-NATIONAL

Tuesday, September 29, 3:45 p.m.
Challenges of Developing a Radiation Oncology Program in a LMIC Country: The Tale of Four Centers
INTER-NATIONAL

Tuesday, September 29, 5:15 p.m.
ASTRO/CSCO Joint Session: AI-Enabled Radiation Therapy for Global Oncology: Practical Implementation for Cost Reduction
INTER-NATIONAL

PATIENT SAFETY AND QUALITY

With a focus on patient safety, processes and quality improvement, these sessions highlight approaches that support the delivery of high-quality care to patients.

WORKSHOP 07
Sunday, September 27, 2:30 p.m.
When Disaster Strikes: Safeguarding Radiotherapy's Value and Continuity Across Catastrophic Events
(see more on page 20)

EDU 21
Monday, September 28, 10:45 a.m.
Improving Communication to Enhance Patient Care in the Palliative Setting

PQA 03
Monday, September 28, 10:45 a.m.
Digital Health Innovation and Informatics, Patient Safety & Quality, and Radiation and Cancer Biology

EDU 25
Monday, September 28, 3:00 p.m.
Closing the Safety Loop: Translating RO-ILS Lessons into Practical QA Safeguards, Workflow Guardrails and Safer Software

SS 44
Tuesday, September 29, 2:15 p.m.
Using AI and Other Software to Elevate Patient Safety and Quality

EDU 50
Tuesday, September 29, 3:45 p.m.
Establishing a National Quality Assurance Framework for Brachytherapy Trials: An Unmet Need

QP 21
Tuesday, September 29, 3:45 p.m.
Innovating with Software to Drive Patient Safety & Quality

SS 45
Tuesday, September 29, 3:45 p.m.
Novel Treatment and Safety

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WORKSHOPS AND SPECIALTY PROGRAMMING

PRACTICAL RADIATION ONCOLOGY (PRO) PROGRAM

Tailored for community practitioners, the PRO Program delivers evidence-based, real-world guidance on managing diverse cancers over a two-day period. Sessions cover topics such as advanced gynecologic and breast cancer, brain tumor re-irradiation, liver and pancreatic malignancies, lymphomas, cSCCa, bone metastases, and more — along with insights on liquid biopsies and the economics of radiation oncology. In addition to being available as part of the Weekender registration package, the PRO Program is also included in the full registration package allowing all attendees access to these sessions.

WORKSHOPS

In addition to the new Functional Radiation Medicine and Physics workshops (see page 14), we're pleased to bring back the following focused, interactive sessions that explore critical topics in cancer care, professional development, and healthcare program implementation.

Workshop 05: ACGME Workshop – Review Committee Update and Accreditation Info You Need for Your Program

Saturday, September 26 | 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

This session will provide an update to radiation oncology residency program directors and program coordinators on the work of the Review Committee for Radiation Oncology in the Next Accreditation System, including program updates, changes in program requirements and NAS accreditation reviews. It will also provide an opportunity for attendees to discuss their own challenges and local solutions.

Workshop 06: Implementing Best Practices for Clinical, Operations and Research Care in a Radiopharmaceutical Therapy Program

TICKETED EVENT

Saturday, September 26 | 1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

*Please note that this workshop is an additional cost.
$150 - Member/Nonmember
$0 - Student/Resident/Fellows/Members-in-training/Patient Advocates

This session will focus on strategies to accelerate the development and expansion of radiopharmaceutical therapy programs through effective clinical integration and operational best practices. Key topics include patient selection and clinical indications of PSMA therapy, implementation of SPECT, reimbursement and billing strategies, and enhanced operational recommendations.

Workshop 07: When Disaster Strikes: Safeguarding Radiotherapy's Value and Continuity Across Catastrophic Events

Sunday, September 27 | 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 pm.

This session provides a comprehensive, action-oriented framework for safeguarding radiotherapy continuity across catastrophic events. Speakers with expertise in climate-related operational disruptions, cybersecurity/RIS-EHR failures, and health-system disaster planning will examine both external system threats and the internal quality mechanisms that can serve as universal lines of defense when disruptions occur.

Workshop 08: Grant Writing Workshop

Tuesday, September 29 | 2:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

The session is designed to equip residents, trainees and junior faculty clinician researchers with information on the critical skill of grant writing. After presentations on review criteria, crafting specific aims, developing a research strategy, and revising and resubmitting grants, attendees will breakout into small groups to get specific feedback on their interests.

ENGAGE WITH ASTRO'S JOURNALS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, September 27
Meet the Editors: A Conversation with ASTRO Journals' Editors-in-Chief
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Room 155

Tuesday, September 29
A Dose of Art: The Art, Poetry and Humanity of The Red Journal and Radiation Oncology
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Communities Lounge

Publisher Office Hours: Discuss the Publishing Process, Available Resources and More
12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Room 155
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. | Room 155

Stay attuned to the daily publication of meeting-related journal articles, available through ASTRO's Daily News emails, on the journal websites and on social media.

ASTRO COMMUNITIES LOUNGE

Northwest Lobby B1, Level 1
A welcoming space for networking, connection and community. Attendees are invited to stop by to meet colleagues, recharge, or join informal educational sessions and group gatherings in an environment that values diverse experiences and perspectives.

The lounge is open daily, Sunday, September 27 – Tuesday, September 29, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. with additional programming:

Sunday, September 27
Perspective, Experiences and Methods to Enable Residents as Principal Investigators of Clinical Trials
12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Seen, Heard and Included: Building Intersectional SGM Cancer Care from Clinic to Community
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 29
A Dose of Art: The Art, Poetry and Humanity of The Red Journal and Radiation Oncology
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Beyond Eligibility: Real-World Strategies to Broaden Clinical Trial Enrollment
1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

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EARLY CAREER AND MENTORING LOUNGE

Northeast Lobby B1 and Room 155

Sponsored by Bristol Myers Squibb

Stop by the Early Career and Mentoring Lounge to relax, network with others, and view programming specifically tailored for those in their first eight years out of residency. Additionally, Speed Mentoring Sessions will be offered in Room 155 to give attendees the opportunity to learn more about topics of interest.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Open all day for 1:1 mentoring sessions

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Open all day for 1:1 mentoring sessions

7:45 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Early Career Committee Meeting, Open to all Early Career attendees

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Speed Mentoring for Medical Students Attendees

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Speed Mentoring for Physicist Attendees

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Financial Planning for Radiation Oncologists

2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Epic MyChart Care Companion Demos

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
ASTRO Journal Editors-in-Chief Roundtable: Ask Them Anything!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Open all day for 1:1 mentoring sessions

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Epic MyChart Care Companion Demos

10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Speed Mentoring for International Attendees

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Plenary Session Livestreamed

3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Plenary Session Debrief

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Building a Successful Professional Network in Radiation Oncology session

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Early Career and ARRO Mentoring and Networking Reception

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Open all day for one-on-one mentoring

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Epic MyChart Care Companion Demos

12:30 pm. - 1:00 p.m.
Elsevier Publisher Office Hours

3:00 pm. - 3:30 p.m.
Elsevier Publisher Office Hours

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Open for 1:1 mentoring

ARRO DAY 2026

The Association of Residents in Radiation Oncology (ARRO) highlights programming from its Annual Seminar

The Association of Residents in Radiation Oncology (ARRO) Executive Committee is excited to announce the upcoming ARRO Day 2026 taking place on Saturday, September 26, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. in Room 156 at the Thomas M. Menino Convention & Exhibition Center in Boston. Held in conjunction with the ASTRO Annual Meeting, ARRO Day offers programming tailored specifically for members-in-training, covering topics central to resident education, career development and the future of radiation oncology.

This year's program will be moderated by ARRO Chair Alden D'Souza, MD, MPHS, and will include career panels, mentorship, a new session on artificial intelligence, a keynote address on financial toxicity and direct opportunities to hear from ASTRO and ARRO leadership.

Broadening Horizons: Leadership and Career Opportunities Beyond the Clinic

The day will commence at 11:00 a.m. with opening remarks and an awards presentation. From 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., ARRO Day will feature the "Jobs Panel: Career Opportunities and Leadership Outside of the Clinic," designed to help residents consider the many ways radiation oncologists can apply their training beyond traditional clinical practice.

Engaging Jobs Panels and Discussions

The "Jobs Panel: Community Practice" will take place from 12:20 p.m. to 1:05 p.m. Attendees will hear from prominent community practice physicians, including Beant Gill, MD, and Christopher Corso, MD, PhD. This discussion will explore the opportunities, challenges and practical considerations associated with community practice.

The "Jobs Panel: Academic Practice" will take place from 1:10 p.m. to 1:55 p.m. This session will focus on academic career paths and the skills, mentorship and opportunities that can help residents prepare for academic medicine.

Mentorship Meet and Greet

Attendees will then participate in a "Mentorship Meet and Greet" from 2:00 p.m. to 2:50 p.m. This informal networking session is designed to facilitate low-friction conversation between residents and attending physicians interested in mentorship. The session gives trainees an opportunity to ask questions, build professional relationships and connect with faculty across a variety of practice settings.

New for 2026: AI and Residency

This new panel discussion "AI and Residency" from 3:10 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., will focus on how artificial intelligence is shaping radiation oncology training, including resident education, contouring, planning and workflow. Panelists include Mark Waddle, MD, and Houda Bahig, MD, PhD.

Keynote Address on Financial Toxicity

Fumiko Chino, MD, will present the keynote address from 4:05 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., presenting on financial

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toxicity. This is a timely and important topic for trainees as they consider the broader patient experience, access to care and the ways radiation oncologists can help address barriers that affect patients and families.

ARRO Chair Address and Graduating Resident Survey Results

The final sessions include the ASTRO Chair Address to residents and medical students by Sameer Keole, MD, FASTRO, from 4:35 p.m. to 4:50 p.m., and to culminate the day's activities, Alden D'Souza, MD, MPHS, will deliver the ARRO Chair Address and present the annual ARRO Graduating Resident Survey results from 4:50 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. The survey offers timely insight from recent PGY-5 graduates about the job market, career preparation and the transition from residency into practice.

Additional Events

- **ARRO Brachytherapy Workshop for Residents: Saturday, September 26, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**
  The workshop includes expert-led brief lectures on brachytherapy techniques for prostate and GYN cancers from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., followed by hands-on demonstrations with vendors from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

- **Medical Student Workshop: Saturday, September 26, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**
  This workshop is designed exclusively for medical students by ARRO and includes resident- and program-focused guidance on entering and preparing for radiation oncology training. Medical students are then invited to the remaining ARRO Day presentations at 4:00 p.m.

- **ASTRO Welcome Kickoff Party: Saturday, September 26, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**
  ARRO members (ASTRO members-in-training) and medical students receive complimentary admission. ARRO will have its own space within the event. Plan to attend to enjoy networking, live music and more!

- **Radiopharmaceutical Therapies Hands-on Experience for Residents: Monday, September 28, 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.**
  Join us for an interactive, small-group learning experience featuring expert-led demonstrations and opportunities to engage directly with RPT clinicians and equipment. Gain valuable insights into the clinical, operational, and safety considerations of delivering radiopharmaceutical therapy.

ARRO Day 2026 is set to be an inspiring gathering, packed with fresh perspectives on career growth, mentorship, artificial intelligence and the evolving future of radiation oncology. A huge thank you to the dedicated residents, faculty mentors and ASTRO colleagues whose passion and support bring this event to life. We can't wait to reunite with familiar faces and meet new ones from across the country!

SPEED OF Light
The ASTRO Foundation

GRANTS AWARDED

$2.4 million awarded in 2026

This summer, Speed of Light – The ASTRO Foundation awarded $2.4 million to support 14 scientists launching new research projects. And during this year's ASTRO Annual Meeting, 11 presentations will feature research supported by ASTRO and its Foundation – work that started, in earlier years, exactly the way this year's 14 projects are starting now.

Every grant, every presentation and every step forward started because someone dared to think bigger and dig deeper. When you support Speed of Light, you are giving investigators the tools to transform ideas into impact.

Meet the 14 scientists who received a 2026 research grant, and make a gift to support future awards at SpeedofLightFoundation.org.

Speed of Light - The ASTRO Foundation is ASTRO's reimagined hub for scientific advancement in radiation medicine. By investing in research, fostering innovation, and supporting the next generation of investigators, Speed of Light is driving progress and improving patient care.

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RESEARCH IMPACT

Grant-Supported Researchers Presenting at #ASTRO26

See our momentum in action – discover the grant-supported researchers presenting at #ASTRO26:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
Functional Radiation Medicine Workshop
4:25 p.m.

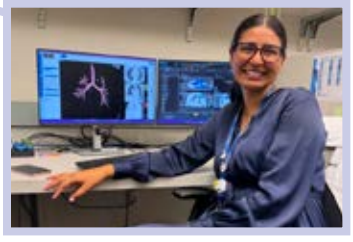
PI: Michelle Iocolano, MD | Presenter: John Plastaras, MD, PhD, FASTRO
Rapid Fire: Emerging Clinical Trials - Arthropathy on AI

PI & Presenter: Sue Yom, MD, PhD, MAS, FASTRO
Rapid Fire: Emerging Clinical Trials – Speed of Light Grant

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
PQA 04 | 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
PI & Presenter: Khashayar Fattah, MD
2734: Early Ventricular Tachycardia Suppression after Cardiac Radioablation using SABR Suggests Electrical Conduction Remodeling Rather Than Fibrosis: Clinical Timeline Outcomes and Dosimetric Correlates

"Cardiac Radioablation for arrhythmia is prominently among the growing list of indications for RT in non-cancerous conditions; our project attempts to guide the ablative RT prudently to the smallest, most critical target location."

Presidential Science Poster Showcase
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
PI & Presenter: Harkiran Kooner, PhD
3041: One Year Post-SBRT: Discovering the Effects on CT Airway Structure



"This first-of-its-kind study maps how airways change on CT after SBRT for central lung tumors, offering new insight into airway injury that could directly improve safer treatment planning. Come see how these data may help define the future of thoracic SBRT toxicity prediction!"

PI & Presenter: Baozhou Sun, PhD, MBA
2619: Same-Day Simulation-Free Radiotherapy Using Diagnostic CT: Feasibility and Dosimetric Validation in a Low-Resource Radiation Oncology Setting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
SS 30 | 12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.
PI: Ryan Hughes, MD
Presenter: Jacob Johnson, BS
259: Baseline Carotid Artery Calcium Score Is Associated with High-Risk Carotid Ultrasound Findings in Head and Neck Cancer Survivors after Radiation Therapy: Secondary Analysis of a Prospective Study

SS 32 | 12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.
PI: Joseph Harms, PhD
Presenter: Roman Vasyltsiv, PhD
270: Scintillator Array In Vivo 3D Surface Dosimetry: Development and Clinical Translation for Photon, Proton and FLASH Radiotherapy

PQA 06 | 2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
PI: Tyler Seibert, MD, PhD
Presenter: Mariluz Rojo Domingo, MS
3362: Androgen Deprivation Therapy (ADT) and Radiotherapy (RT) with Imaging Evaluation Longitudinally (ARIEL): Implications of Neoadjuvant ADT for Focal RT Boost in Prostate Cancer

PI: Rohini Bhatia, MD
Presenter: Kgosi Hughes, BS
3774: A Prospective Observational Cohort Study of Hypofractionated Palliative Radiotherapy (10 Gy x 3) For Advanced Cervical Cancer in Sub-Saharan Africa

PQA 07 | 3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
PI: Adam Grippin, MD, PhD
Presenter: Sage Copling, BS
3447: Systemic Immune Activation by mRNA Vaccination Synergizes with Immune Checkpoint Inhibition and Radiotherapy: A Single-Institution Analysis

PI: Adam Grippin, MD, PhD
Presenter: Kylie Morgan, BS
3565: COVID-19 Vaccination Timing Prior to Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Initiation and Survival Outcomes in Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

ANNUAL MEETING

GENERAL INFORMATION

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ATTENDEE REGISTRATION

North Lobby

Attendee Registration Hours:

Friday, September 25	2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 26	7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 27	6:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Monday, September 28	6:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 29	7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION

North Lobby

Exhibitor Registration Hours:

Thursday, September 24	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday, September 25	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 26	7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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ABSTRACTS AND EMBARGO POLICY

All abstracts to be presented and posters are embargoed until 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on Friday, September 25, 2026. For abstracts selected for oral presentation, information beyond what is included in the abstract, such as updated or additional results, is embargoed until the date and time of the scientific presentation or presentation at an ASTRO news briefing, whichever occurs first. The embargo policy applies to all abstracts regardless of whether information is obtained from another source.

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The full text of the abstracts selected for oral and poster presentation will be available online in the Annual Meeting Portal when the embargo lifts. Abstracts will also be published in the *International Journal of Radiation Oncology • Biology • Physics* (Red Journal) at that time.

IMPORTANT!

Online registration will be open and available throughout the meeting. We encourage registrants who will be attending the meeting in person to register online in advance prior to arriving to the Thomas M. Menino Convention & Exhibition Center. This will save time and expedite your badge and registration material pick up on site. Once you have registered online, please proceed to the registration area, located in the North Lobby at the Thomas M. Menino Convention & Exhibition Center, to obtain your meeting credentials. Please note that the Thomas M. Menino Convention & Exhibition Center is a contactless payment facility, and no cash will be accepted for registration fees on site.

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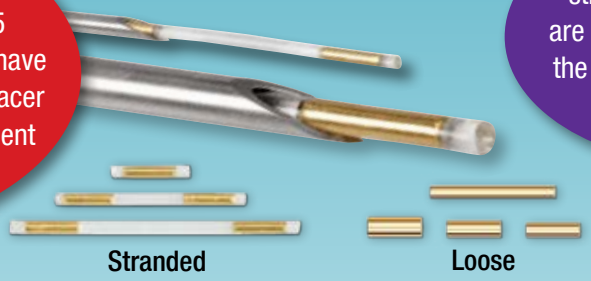

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ASTRO ANNUAL MEETING CAREER CENTER

Employers and job seekers: Check out the ASTRO Career Center! Employers attending the Annual Meeting will want to take advantage of the updated Annual Meeting job posting and appointment scheduling features. Job seekers, be sure to post your résumé on the Career Center. Whether attending the Annual Meeting as an employer or a job seeker, don't miss the opportunity to connect with potential candidates or your new employer.

ASTRO Bistro

Hall B

Sunday, September 27 – Tuesday, September 29
11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

The ASTRO Bistro will be offered in the Exhibit Hall. The Bistro menu includes buffet-style meals with different cuisine options offered each day. The ASTRO Bistro provides a comfortable place to eat, meet and network with colleagues and exhibitors. View a sample menu at www.astro.org/astrobistro. ASTRO Bistro tickets are valid for lunch only on the day requested and are only redeemable at the ASTRO Bistro and cannot be used at other concessions within the Thomas M. Menino Convention & Exhibition Center. Unredeemed ASTRO Bistro tickets cannot be used on the following day and are nonrefundable. ASTRO Bistro tickets can be purchased online via the attendee registration process until Friday, September 8, at www.astro.org/amregister.

ASTRO Bistro Ticket (per person/day): $45

ASTRO COMMUNITIES LOUNGE

Northwest Lobby B1, Level 1

Sunday, September 27 – Tuesday, September 29
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The ASTRO Communities Lounge is a welcoming space for networking, connection, and community. Attendees are invited to stop by to meet colleagues, recharge, or join informal educational sessions and group gatherings in an environment that values diverse experiences and perspectives. See page 21 or search the Annual Meeting portal to view the Communities Lounge program schedule.

ASTRO EARLY CAREER AND MENTORING LOUNGE

Northeast Lobby B1 and Room 155

Saturday, September 26 – Wednesday, September 30
Sponsored by Bristol-Myers Squibb

Saturday, September 26	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 27	7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Monday, September 28	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 29	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 30	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Discover the Early Career and Mentoring Lounge at the 2026 Annual Meeting — a welcoming space to unwind, connect with peers and engage in one on one mentoring. Don't miss the dynamic programming and meaningful conversations happening all week. See page 22 for details on the programming and the schedule of sessions taking place in this lounge.

ASTRO EVENT CODE OF CONDUCT

ASTRO is committed to providing a professional, collegial, safe and respectful environment for all aspects of the Annual Meeting.

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To view ASTRO's Attendee Policies, please visit our website at www.astro.org/policies.

ASTRO JOB BOARD

North Lobby

A job board is available near the ASTRO Resource Center. Employers can flag job postings online prior to the meeting and connect with job seekers on site. Copies of job postings will be available on site. Job seekers may bring copies of their résumé to post on the job board, in addition to posting them online.

ASTRO PAC POD

ASTRO Resource Center, North Lobby

ASTRO's political action committee (PAC) pod allows members to find information on ASTRO's advocacy and political giving, contribute on site and charge their electronic devices. ASTRO PAC provides ASTRO with the opportunity to more fully participate in the political process and ensure our members' voices are heard by key policymakers on Capitol Hill. Stop by the ASTRO PAC pod to receive the most recent legislative updates. For more information, email Jacob McIntosh (Jacob.McIntosh@astro.org) or visit www.astro.org/astropac.

Hours of operation:

Sunday, September 27	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday, September 28	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 29	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

ASTRO PAW ZONE

Halls A/B, Booth 1563, Exhibit Hall

Take a session break and enjoy some cuddle time with our lovable canine companions. Just a wag away, the Paw Zone is the perfect pick-me-up! Research shows that petting dogs lowers stress and anxiety, offering lasting health benefits. Stop by the Paw Zone to experience the ultimate blend of work and well-being.

Hours of operation:

Sunday, September 27	2:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Monday, September 28	12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 29	11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

ASTRO PRIVATE AND SEMI-PRIVATE INTERVIEW ROOMS

Private interview rooms are available for rent. These rooms are ideal if you have multiple interviews to conduct or prefer to interview applicants in a private setting. A limited number of private interview rooms are available for three-hour periods. For more information, email Todd Karstaedt (todd.karstaedt@astro.org). When on site, stop by the ASTRO Resource Center located in the North Lobby to check availability.

ASTRO RESOURCE CENTER

North Lobby

ASTRO representatives will be available to answer questions about the Annual Meeting, ASTRO membership, continuing education, session and meeting evaluations and provide information on ASTRO's products and services. They can also offer assistance with the Annual Meeting Portal.

Hours of operation:

Saturday, September 26	7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 27	6:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday, September 28	7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 29	7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 30	7:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

ASTRO STORE

North Lobby

New ASTRO apparel and promotional items are for sale at the ASTRO Store near the ASTRO Resource Center.

ASTRO SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE

ASTRO is committed to doing its part to mitigate the effects of climate change on patient care and promote environmental sustainability practices within our field. While we recognize that face-to-face events offer a valuable way for our specialty to connect and network in person, we also understand the importance of organizing an Annual Meeting that is environmentally and socially responsible. Learn more about ASTRO's green initiatives and how you can help lessen your environmental footprint while attending ASTRO 2026 at www.astro.org/AMGoGreen.

ATTENDEE GENERAL SAFETY TIPS

All attendees are encouraged to follow general safety guidelines when traveling.

- Share your travel itinerary with someone you trust.
- Travel with a buddy throughout the city.
- Stay aware of your surroundings.
- Remove your Annual Meeting badge when away from the convention center.
- In case of an emergency, dial 911. For convention center security and first aid, dial 617-954-2222 or extension 2222 from a house phone.

BUSINESS CENTER

A FedEx Office is located on the first floor inside the Thomas M. Menino Convention & Exhibition Center that provides a one-stop shop for printing and shipping needs.

Hours of operation:

Saturday, September 26	12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 27	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Monday, September 28	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 29	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 30	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The FedEx Office inside the Thomas M. Menino Convention & Exhibition Center operates on limited hours on Saturdays and Sundays, and there are additional FedEx Office locations at the Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport and the Westin Boston Seaport District Hotel, both approximately a 9 minute walk away. View the On-site Services section of the Annual Meeting Portal for hours of operation.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

Credit amounts are subject to change with changes in the program.

Physicians

The American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Live Meeting (In-person/Virtual): ASTRO designates this live course activity for a maximum of 34.25 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*™. The deadline to claim credits in the ASTRO Academy is Monday, November 2, 2026. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Meeting onDemand: ASTRO designates this enduring material activity for a maximum of 232.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*™. The deadline to claim credits in the ASTRO Academy is June 1, 2027. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Dosimetrists

An application will be submitted to the Medical Dosimetrist Certification Board (MDCB) for MDCB credits. MDCB credits will only be available for the in-person meeting in Boston. Credits will not be available for sessions watched via the livestream or onDemand. The deadline to claim credits in the ASTRO Academy is November 2, 2026. Credit information will be sent to MDCB 45 days after the meeting. A certificate of credit can be obtained from MDCB.

Physicists

An application will be submitted to the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Physics Education Programs (CAMPEP) for Medical Physics Continuing Education Credits (MPCEC).

CAMPEP credits will only be available for the in-person meeting in Boston and the live virtual meeting. Credits will not be available for sessions watched onDemand. The deadline to claim credits in the ASTRO Academy is November 2, 2026. Credit information will be sent to CAMPEP 45 days after the meeting. A certificate of credit can be obtained from CAMPEP.

Advanced Practice Providers
ASTRO will provide a certificate with the meeting name and dates, attendee name, ASTRO accreditation statement and approved *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* amount for sessions attended. This certificate can be submitted to credentialing bodies for credit. To receive the certificate, attendees must complete the credit evaluation in the ASTRO Academy by November 2, 2026.

The American Nurses Credentialing Center, the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board accept continuing medical education approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* from organizations accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). ASTRO is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

EXHIBIT HALL

Halls A-B

Learn more about the latest products in cancer treatment and care in the Exhibit Hall.

Hours of operation:

Sunday, September 27	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday, September 28	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 29	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

EXHIBIT HALL NETWORKING RECEPTION

Halls A-B

Monday, September 28 | 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

All registered attendees are invited to the Exhibit Hall Networking Reception hosted by ASTRO. This is a great opportunity for you to meet with industry partners over a beverage and refreshments while learning about the latest products, technology and services in cancer treatment and care. In-person Full Conference, Exhibit Hall Only and Guest registrants will receive a beverage ticket upon check in with their registration materials.

EXHIBITOR PRODUCT INFORMATION

Your registration badge will include a scan code that contains your contact information. This code can be scanned by exhibitors in the Exhibit Hall, so that you may request information on products and services offered by the company. Your contact information will include your email address. Please stop by Attendee Registration, located in the North Lobby, if you would like to change your contact information.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY SERVICES

ASTRO welcomes parents and caregivers along with their children to the Annual Meeting. We compiled the following resources and information to assist with your family's plans. Scan the QR code for more information and disclaimer.

Resources at Hotels
Most official ASTRO hotels offer complimentary cribs which are subject to availability. Please be sure to select the "crib" preference option when securing your reservation online. To confirm availability, email the ASTRO Housing Center at astrohousing@spargoinc.com and provide your reservation ID. Our dedicated housing team will be happy to confirm requests directly with our hotel partners to ensure a smooth hotel stay for you and your family. In addition to cribs, the majority of hotels in the ASTRO room block have in-room refrigerators. For a complete list of official ASTRO hotels that offer cribs and in-room refrigerators, view the ASTRO 2026 hotel map at www.astro.org/childcare.

At the Meeting
Because of the nature of the programs and forums, no one under the age of 18 will be admitted to any official ASTRO function without first being registered by their parent or guardian. Children and caregivers will need to be registered and have a waiver signed. All attendees must adhere to the Annual Meeting Attendee Policies available online at www.astro.org/policies.

Strollers, baby carriers or similar devices are permitted in meeting rooms and the Exhibit Hall (during regular Exhibit Hall show hours only) as long as they do not block aisles or emergency exits. Parents/guardians who bring children into meeting sessions, Posters or Exhibit Hall (during regular Poster and Exhibit Hall hours) or any other meeting functions or areas are asked to help maintain a professional, disturbance-free environment. Children must be supervised at all times.

Nursing Lounge
Room 150

The Nursing Lounge provides a dedicated space with three private nursing rooms and a refrigerator. Access to the Nursing Lounge will be available Saturday through Wednesday on a first-come, first-served basis.

FACULTY/VIP OFFICE

Room 103

Faculty members and VIPs should check in at the Faculty/VIP Office to pick up registration materials and receive last-minute updates and program changes. The Faculty/VIP Office is conveniently located next to the Speaker Ready Room. Faculty and VIPs are welcome in the Faculty/VIP Office throughout the meeting. Faculty and VIPs include:

- Education session moderators and speakers
- Scientific program moderators and discussants
- Presidential Symposium speakers
- Keynote speakers and introducers
- International session speakers
- 2026 ASTRO Fellows
- 2026 ASTRO Gold Medalists

Note: Presenters of abstracts, including poster presenters, are not classified as faculty and should follow attendee registration instructions.

Hours of operation:

Saturday, September 26	7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
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Monday, September 28	7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 29	7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 30	7:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

FIRST AID

Room 101

In an emergency, please dial 617-954-2222 or extension 2222 from a house phone to contact First Aid or go to ASTRO Registration, located in North Lobby, and have a staff person contact security.

Hours of operation:

Monday, September 21	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 22	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 23	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 24	8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday, September 25	8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 26	7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
Sunday, September 27	6:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Monday, September 28	6:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 29	7:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.
Wednesday, September 30	7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 1	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

LOST AND FOUND

ASTRO Resource Center, North Lobby

Stop by the ASTRO Resource Center located in the North Lobby to report a missing item, check if an item has been turned into security or turn in a lost item.

Hours of operation:

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Monday, September 28	7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 29	7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 30	7:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

LUGGAGE/COAT CHECK

Room 105

Hours of operation:

Saturday, September 26	7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 27	7:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Monday, September 28	7:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, September 29	7:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 30	7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

MEETING ONDEMAND

The Meeting onDemand gives you access to session recordings to extend your learning beyond the live meeting dates with vast educational and scientific content by leading experts. Both In-person Full Conference and Virtual Full Conference registration include onDemand access with continuing education credit for most meeting sessions. Session recordings will be available within 24 hours of the end of the live session. Access the recordings and claim CME credit until June 1, 2027. Learn more at www.astro.org/amondemand.

NEWS BRIEFINGS AND PRESS OFFICE

Rooms 104B and 104C

ASTRO news briefings will highlight noteworthy and high-impact research presented at the Annual Meeting. News briefings and the press office are open to registered reporters. For more information about ASTRO's press program, news briefings and press policies, visit www.astro.org/annualmeetingpress or email press@astro.org.

ORAL SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS

There are 49 Oral Scientific Sessions, labeled as SS 01 – SS 49. These are 60-minute or 75-minute sessions where abstract presenters have seven minutes to discuss their study, followed by three minutes of Q&A with the audience. Oral Scientific Sessions are organized by disease site and include radiation physics, radiation biology, palliative care, patient reported outcomes/quality of life/survivorship, pediatrics and digital health innovation and informatics. Oral Scientific Sessions are scheduled throughout the meeting and run concurrently with the other session types.

PARKING

There is on-site parking offered at the Thomas M. Menino Convention & Exhibition Center in the South Lot. This lot is self parking and parking is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Parking rates are $35 for regular sized vehicles and $70 for oversized vehicles. In the event the South Lot is full, parking may be available at the Boston Marine Industrial Park (BMIP) Garage or various parking lots on the Waterfront.

Please note that ASTRO does not validate for parking. Parking rates are subject to change at any time.

POSTERS

Front of Hall A

More than 1,700 posters will be presented in person at digital poster kiosk screens within seven scheduled poster Q&A sessions. Presenters will have five minutes for individual presentations and Q&A followed by open Q&A time for all presenters. Posters will be available for browsing during the hours below. Abstracts and posters will be available online beginning Friday, September 25, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the Annual Meeting Portal.

Sunday, September 27	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday, September 28	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 29	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

POSTER Q&A SESSIONS

Front of Hall A

Sunday, September 27

Poster Q&A Session 1
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Gastrointestinal Cancer; Central Nervous System

Poster Q&A Session 2
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Pediatric Cancer; Sarcoma and Cutaneous Tumors; Medical Education & Professional Development; Health Services Research

Monday, September 28

Poster Q&A Session 3
10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Digital Health Innovation & Informatics; Patient Safety & Quality; Radiation and Cancer Biology

Poster Q&A Session 4
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Breast Cancer; Patient Reported Outcomes/QoL/Survivorship; Functional Radiation Medicine; Hematologic Malignancies; Palliative Care; International/Global Oncology

Poster Q&A Session 5
12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.
Physics

Poster Q&A Session 6
2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Genitourinary Cancer; Gynecological Cancer; Health Care Access and Engagement

Tuesday, September 29

Poster Q&A Session 7
3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Head and Neck Cancer; Lung Cancer/Thoracic Malignancies; Nursing and Supportive Care

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Staff will be available to assist presenters with uploading any last-minute changes and to help presenters find their assigned station.

QUICK PITCH SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS

Quick Pitch Scientific Sessions, labeled as QP 01 – QP 46, are oral scientific presentation sessions formatted with an introduction by the session moderator and short presentations by abstract presenters followed by a moderated Q&A period between presenters and the audience, ending with a brief closing by the moderator. Abstract presentations will be quick — five minutes with five slides — including any important take-aways.

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Speed of Light – The ASTRO Foundation

ASTRO Resource Center, North Lobby

Speed of Light – The ASTRO Foundation is the charity foundation of ASTRO, accelerating science, research, and patient education to help every person live a longer, healthier life.

Learn more about research grants, fellowships, patient education, the Foundation 5k, and how you can support our work as a volunteer or annual donor, by visiting the Speed of Light Pod at the Resource Center.

Hours of operation:

Sunday, September 27	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday, September 28	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 29	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

SCIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

These sessions will highlight important abstracts in 12 disease site tracks. Expert discussants will provide an overview of three to five of the top-rated abstracts, highlighting clinically applicable information and comparing the abstracts with similar studies.

Wednesday, September 30 | 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Science Highlights 1: Breast Cancer
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Science Highlights 2: Central Nervous System
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Science Highlights 3: Digital Health Innovation and Informatics
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Science Highlights 5: Genitourinary Cancer
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Wednesday, September 30 | 9:15 a.m. - 9:45a.m.

Science Highlights 6: Gynecological Cancer
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Science Highlights 7: Head and Neck Cancer
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Science Highlights 8: Hematologic Malignancies
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Science Highlights 9: Lung Cancer/Thoracic Malignancies
Room 162

Wednesday, September 30 | 10:45 a.m. - 11:15a.m.

Science Highlights 10: Functional Radiation Medicine
Room 162

Science Highlights 11: Pediatric Cancer
Room 109

Science Highlights 12: Sarcoma and Cutaneous Tumors
Room 157

SMOKING

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Room 102

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Hours of operation:

Saturday, September 26	7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 27	7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Monday, September 28	7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 29	7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 30	7:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

SURVIVOR CIRCLE

ASTRO Resource Center, North Lobby

Stop by the Survivor Circle booth to learn more about this year's Survivor Circle Grant recipients: Boston Medical Center Corporation and Lovebus. Learn more about these two amazing organizations, and while there, take a few minutes to relax and recharge.

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Shuttle Buses

Shuttle buses will operate between official ASTRO hotels and the Thomas M. Menino Exhibition & Convention Center. The service will be provided continuously throughout the day starting on Saturday, September 26, 2026, and ending on Wednesday, September 30, 2026, for anyone who has booked a room through the ASTRO Housing Center. View the shuttle bus schedule on page 40.

To and From the Airport

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Ride Sharing

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VIRTUAL MEETING

For those unable to attend in person, the Virtual Meeting offers online access to the top science and education in the field of radiation oncology. The Virtual Meeting provides access to most meeting sessions livestreamed in real time September 26-30, 2026, 8:00 a.m. - 6:15 p.m. Eastern time. Watch engaging sessions live with the opportunity to submit questions for presenters. Learn more at www.astro.org/amvirtual. If you can't watch live, the Meeting onDemand is included with Virtual Full Conference registration.

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Lace up your running (or walking!) shoes for the Foundation 5k, powered by Varian, a Siemens Healthineers company. With your race registration, you'll receive awesome swag, an invite to our group run on Monday, September 28, and access to multiple scenic routes via Strava, a free app. This year you're invited to run at your convenience and log your time or join us for the group run to see iconic Boston sites at sunrise. All funds raised will benefit Speed of Light - The ASTRO Foundation. Learn more or register additional participants at SpeedofLightFoundation.org/5k.

AFFILIATED MEETINGS

2026 ASRT Radiation Therapy Conference (RTC)

September 27-29 | Boston Marriott Copley Place

The American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) Radiation Therapy Conference will take place at the Boston Marriott Copley Place. ASTRO-registered attendees may attend the ASRT Radiation Therapy Conference by paying a reduced registration fee. Proof of ASTRO Annual Meeting registration (registration confirmation or badge) is required to receive this reduced rate. For more information about the ASRT Radiation Therapy Conference and registration rates, visit www.asrt.org.

2026 SROA Annual Meeting

September 27-30 | Boston Park Plaza

The 2026 Annual Meeting of the Society for Radiation Oncology Administrators (SROA) will take place at the Boston Park Plaza. ASTRO-registered attendees may attend SROA general sessions by paying a reduced registration fee. Proof of ASTRO Annual Meeting registration (registration confirmation or badge) is required to receive this reduced rate. For more information about the SROA Annual Meeting and registration rates, visit www.sroa.org.

Survivor Circle

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2026 Survivor Circle Grant Award Recipients

Congratulations to the 2026 ASTRO Survivor Circle Grant recipients Boston Medical Center Corporation and Lovebus. The two organizations will be recognized on Sunday, September 27, at the ASTRO Annual Meeting in Boston and each receive $12,500 to support their cancer support efforts.

SHUTTLE SERVICE TO THOMAS M. MENINO CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTER

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Hours of operation: Service will operate every 20 minutes.

Saturday, September 26	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 27	6:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, September 28	6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
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Hotels and Boarding Locations

All travel times are approximate pending time of day, day of week and traffic conditions.

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	Hilton Boston Park Plaza	Curbside Columbus St Entrance	
	Hotel AKA Back Bay	At Hilton Boston Stop	
	Moxy Boston Downtown	At Courtyard Boston Stop	
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2	Boston Marriott Copley Place	Curbside Lobby Entrance	20 minutes
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	Sheraton Boston Hotel	Curbside Lobby Entrance	
	Westin Copley Place, Boston	Curbside Lobby Entrance	
3	Boston Marriott Long Wharf	Curbside State St.	20 minutes
	Hotel AKA Boston Common	At Omni Parker House Stop	
	Omni Parker House	School St. Entrance	
4	Boston Harbor Hotel	Curbside Lobby Entrance	20 minutes
	Dagny Boston	Curbside Franklin St. near Lobby	
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Green Theater	Blue Theater	Room 206, Meeting Level 2
GammaTile *Improved Local Control and Survival: Phase 3 Evidence for Tile-Based Radiation in Brain Metastases*	**Blue Earth Diagnostics, Inc.** *Precision in PSMA: Why Agent Selection Matters More Than Ever*	**Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation** *Advancing Radioligand Therapy Earlier in the Treatment Journey*

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Green Theater	Blue Theater	Room 206, Meeting Level 2
Regeneron *Adjuvant Treatment with LIBTAYO for Patients with Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma (CSCC) at High Risk of Recurrence After Surgery and Radiation*	**Lantheus** *FDA APPROVED: PYLARIFY TruVu. What Comes Next? Insights for Radiation Oncologists from a Multidisciplinary Working Group*	**Jazz Pharmaceuticals** *Biomarker-Driven Treatment Strategies in High-Grade Glioma*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Green Theater	Blue Theater	Room 206, Meeting Level 2
Interventional Oncology at Johnson & Johnson *Next Gen Intratumoral Therapy: Defining the Future Role of Radiation Oncology*	**BioProtect** *Rethinking Rectal Spacing: How Advances in Spacer Technology Are Expanding Our Understanding of Spacer Quality, Treatment Precision and Patient Outcomes*	**Merck & Co., Inc.** *Selected Treatment Options for Certain Patients With Resectable Locally Advanced HNSCC*

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

	Blue Theater	Room 206, Meeting Level 2
	NavDx *Leveraging ctHPVDNA Testing to See Through Ambiguous Findings in Anal Cancer*	**Novocure** *MAXPOINT: The Evolution of Personalized Treatment Planning for TTFields Therapy in Glioblastoma Through Tissue Specific Segmentation*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2026

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Green Theater	Blue Theater	Room 206, Meeting Level 2
Natera *See Beyond the Scan: Signatera MRD-informed patient management in radiation oncology*	**GE HealthCare** *Theranostics in Radiation Oncology: A Clinical Experience*	**Telix Pharmaceuticals** *PSMA PET/CT in Radiation Oncology: How imaging guides treatment*

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.: Dinner and Hybrid Symposium
Westin Boston Seaport District • Harbor Ballroom I

Cases and Conversations – Evolving Radiation Strategies in HER2-Positive Breast Cancer: Early-Stage Through Metastatic Disease

CME Credits: 1.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*™ and 1.5 contact hours for nurses.
This activity is independently supported through educational grants from AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP and Daiichi Sankyo, Inc.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.: Dinner and Hybrid Symposium
Westin Boston Seaport District • Grand Ballroom C

RPT Dosimetry: Why What Was Inherited from EBRT May Not Be Enough

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.: Dinner and Registration | 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.: Hybrid Symposium
Westin Boston Seaport District • Harbor Ballroom I

Show Me the Data™: Redefining Extensive-Stage SCLC — Emerging Therapies, CNS Considerations, and the Radiation Oncologist's Evolving Role

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ASTRO congratulates the 2026 ASTRO Gold Medalists

BY JENNIFER JANG, MHS, ASTRO COMMUNICATIONS

ASTRO HOLDS IN HIGH ESTEEM the four exceptional leaders selected to receive the 2026 ASTRO Gold Medal Award, the Society's highest honor:

- **Theodore DeWeese, MD, FASTRO**, CEO, Johns Hopkins Medicine, Dean of the Medical Faculty, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
- **Daniel Low, PhD, FASTRO**, Professor and Vice Chair of Medical Physics Research and Innovation, Radiation Oncology, Professor of Radiological Sciences, UCLA
- **Alvaro Martinez, MD, FASTRO**, Senior Vice President of Scientific and Clinical Strategy, MHP Radiation Oncology Institute
- **Bruce Minsky, MD, FASTRO**, Professor Emeritus of Radiation Oncology, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Read more to travel the path of each recipient's journey to this remarkable designation.

Theodore DeWeese, MD, FASTRO

CEO, Johns Hopkins Medicine, Dean of the Medical Faculty, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Dr. DeWeese's path to radiation oncology began during his third year of medical school at the University of Colorado. While on the surgery service, he saw a patient with what he now recognizes was a bleeding lung cancer obstruction. The patient was referred for radiation treatment, and within days, there was a remarkable change. The bleeding stopped, the patient was breathing more comfortably, and his overall condition improved dramatically.

As a medical student, witnessing that kind of rapid transformation had a powerful impact. It sparked Dr. DeWeese's curiosity to learn more and became a defining moment that shaped his future in the field, including roles as President of ASTRO, and culminating to a position of tremendous influence as CEO of Johns Hopkins Medicine.

Looking back several decades later, Dr. DeWeese says the most meaningful part of his career has been the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of patients and their families — whether by helping to cure disease or by providing hope and comfort during some of life's most vulnerable and challenging moments.

He counts among his proudest accomplishments the chance to train and work alongside so many medical students, graduate students, residents and fellows over the years, many of whom have gone on to make important contributions of their own.

Research has also been a deeply gratifying part of his career. Dr. DeWeese takes great pride in having contributed to advances that have helped shape how others think about cancer treatment and, ultimately, improved patient care.

Underlying all of these accomplishments is a deep sense of responsibility to others and a commitment to doing his very best in every role he serves.

That sense of purpose was shaped early in life. Dr. DeWeese's father died when he was just three years old, leaving his mother to raise him and his two sisters. His family relied on public housing in Colorado and was fortunate to live in a neighborhood where many families faced similar challenges and looked out for one another.

"It's not an exaggeration to say that their kindness made a real difference for our family," he says.

Those experiences gave him an early appreciation for how hard many people work simply to get by and for the profound impact that even small acts of compassion can have.

"I think it's important to remember that even when we can't cure someone, we still have a great deal to offer," says Dr. DeWeese. "Sometimes the smallest acts — being present, offering a word of support, or holding someone's hand in a difficult moment — can provide comfort and help ease pain and suffering."

Whether caring for patients, mentoring trainees or helping lead an organization, Dr. DeWeese remains motivated by the opportunity to genuinely improve people's lives. "There's tremendous fulfillment in being part of something that has a lasting, positive impact on people," he says.

As he reflects on the future of radiation oncology, his optimism is unmistakable.

"The future is extremely bright because the opportunities within the field continue to expand. Radiation therapy is increasingly being integrated with other therapeutic modalities, from immunotherapy to novel targeted radiation therapy approaches and new radiopharmaceutical options. These advances are creating entirely new possibilities for how we treat cancer and improve outcomes for patients."

Dr. DeWeese also points to emerging opportunities to impact nonmalignant diseases in ways that historically were not possible. He believes the potential to broaden the reach of these treatments, all to the betterment of human health, is incredibly promising.

Looking to the next generation, Dr. DeWeese shares this advice: "If you deeply respect this profession, you quickly learn that you need to a be a great physician first — then a great oncologist, followed by a great radiation oncologist. That order matters. Everything else is built on the foundation of being a great physician."

Throughout his career, Dr. DeWeese has embodied a spirit of optimism and a deep belief in the future of medicine, science, and the field. He hopes to inspire patients, colleagues and future radiation oncologists to share that same sense of possibility. More than anything, he hopes his work has helped move the field forward in ways that improve human health and the human experience and has encouraged others to continue building on that progress.

Receiving the Gold Medal, he says, is almost beyond belief.

"I feel deeply humbled and honored to be considered worthy of this award — especially when I think about the individuals receiving it alongside me, and those who have received it in past years" he says. "It's a true privilege to be included in that group."

It is a sentiment echoed throughout the stories of this year's Gold Medalists.

"If you deeply respect this profession, you quickly learn that you need to a be a great physician first — then a great oncologist, followed by a great radiation oncologist. That order matters. Everything else is built on the foundation of being a great physician."

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Daniel Low, PhD, FASTRO
Professor and Vice Chair of Medical Physics Research and Innovation, Professor of Radiological Sciences, UCLA

Dr. Low obtained his PhD in Nuclear Physics at Indiana University. In spite of this degree, he was not interested in staying in that field after graduation and struggled with what career suited his interests. During this period of searching, while on a flight, Dr. Low asked his seatmate why he was going to Indianapolis and learned that he was installing a new radiation therapy system in a hospital. Upon further inquiry, Dr. Low discovered that his seatmate was a medical physicist and his interest was piqued. Soon after, Dr. Low went to his advisor and spoke to him about the subject. With no medical school nearby, his advisor connected Dr. Low with a student that had graduated years earlier that had gone into medical physics, and thus, he received his introduction to radiation oncology. Soon after, it became clear that this career was an outstanding opportunity for not only his training but also his interest in working in academia on more practical problems that pure physics tackled.

Many years later, Dr. Low now considers tenure both at Washington University in St. Louis, and now at the University of California, Los Angeles, as one of his greatest career achievements, ensuring career security and stability that was personally important. A second was developing a series of conceptual frameworks and paradigm changes that ultimately led to the development of 5DCT. Finally, authoring the "Gamma paper," the highest cited paper in the history of the journal Medical Physics, stands out.

Dr. Low continues to be driven by his work to generate sufficient evidence, exposure, interest and understanding of the perils and limitations of 4DCT and the potential for model-based CT, or, 5DCT. Because of the limitations of 4DCT, a number of treatment planning quality improvements, adaptive opportunities and patient

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– Daniel Low, PhD, FASTRO

positioning protocols have not been available.

When considering the future of RO, Dr. Low has been impressed by the nearly continuous and significant technical developments in this field since before he entered it in 1988 as a postdoctoral fellow. Before every significant transition, Dr. Low and his colleagues thought that RO had stabilized and that technological improvement would be limited, and yet, in every case found themselves to be wrong. Now he views the field as one that innovates and moves forward with enthusiasm and momentum. He acknowledges that he is still bullish on MR-Guided RT and is excited about the further personalization of RO as ART is more broadly adopted. The potential of AI for modeling and predicting and the possibility that FLASH could be the next generation RO modality is also exciting. More recently, the ability of some LLMs to aid in software development will broaden the reach of physicists to make an impact via software tools and through improved research bandwidth and productivity.

Dr. Low's guidance to younger physicists is: "Be a team player, understand that you are working with a highly heterogeneous team in terms of backgrounds and education, but that each and every one of them is a professional and deserves your respect. Also, be of service; make it clear to others that you are there for them and volunteer your expertise." He notes that physicists have a unique niche, that their expertise and talents are useful in more than their direct jobs, so offering that to others goes a long way toward building an effective and satisfied team.

Dr. Low eyes his best chance for leaving a legacy is to get model-based CT into clinics. He believes that once it is there, then both physicists and companies will push forward, improving its accuracy and developing the potential workflow improvements that he does not have the bandwidth to do, and that this will improve RO for many patients with lung and upper abdominal cancer.

When Dr. Low started as a junior medical physicist, his boss and mentor James Purdy, PhD, FASTRO, who led the RO Medical Physics team at Washington University (when the department was called the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology), had built and was committed to their being a true academic program. This meant that those on the tenure track were responsible for excellence in their clinical, education, research and service careers. Regarding service, he was very active in both AAPM and ASTRO, and Dr. Low was able to see through his participation what ASTRO meant to medical physicists. He was impressed to find that ASTRO allows medical physicists to be full members, so he joined as a full member from the outset. Dr. Low's initial experience with ASTRO was through Advocacy Day, which he found engaging and fascinating and where he was impressed by the commitment of ASTRO to support the scope of RO, from small private practice clinics to large academic programs, and to not only RO providers but also its patients. From his start volunteering, he has continued to support ASTRO and hopes to do so for many years to come. And today, Dr. Low joins his mentor Dr. Purdy as a Gold Medal winner too.

Alvaro Martinez, MD, FASTRO
Senior Vice President of Scientific and Clinical Strategy, MHP Radiation Oncology Institute

Originally from Bogota, Colombia, Dr. Martinez attended medical school and residency in general surgery in his homeland. A fellowship in surgical oncology brought him to New York, to Memorial Sloan Kettering. Over a few months, he noted that the radiation oncologists would be called in when a cancer tumor could not be resected. They'd insert a radioactive implant, and not having heard of radiation oncology prior to coming to the U.S., his interest was piqued. Needless to say, Dr. Martinez did not complete the original surgical fellowship and subsequently trained for four years at MSK in radiation oncology.

The first resident ever to request a rotation for a radiation biology laboratory, Dr. Martinez had an innate need to understand tumor biology as it related to radiation oncology. At first, fellow staff looked at him like he was crazy, but his enthusiasm was noticeable, and after that, those who had the power to do so offered him opportunities directly. He focused on the interaction between tumors and radiation. He became chief resident, followed by an assistant professorship at Stanford. In the midst of such career highlights, Dr. Martinez considers teaching and mentoring residents and fellows globally as his greatest. He appreciates having enabled them to

benefit from new ideas and innovations — sending his mentees into the practices of the world globally. He appreciates the multiplicative impact of his guidance, as each physician further represents manifold patients he's touched.

Reflecting upon his childhood, Dr. Martinez observes that who he is today originates especially from his physician father. Around the age of 7, he accompanied his father to visit patients who might be classified as charity cases. The consistent care his dad gave patients regardless of their economic status deeply impressed Dr. Martinez and shaped how he viewed his patients as well. Combined with the influence of his family, his Colombian and Montessori education really formed who he is, as it encouraged critical judgment and prepared him for innovation, especially in his strong suits of radiation biology and medical physics.

When pressed for what drives him today, Dr. Martinez said, "What continues to drive me is the desire to give patients access to innovation, and that is done through clinical trials. Clinical trials provide access to something more, or something less — from the current standard of care." He expressed the need for residents and patients to understand what research is — that it is not experimenting on human beings — rather, trials are granting access to a treatment or method for which access is otherwise unavailable. He views "access to innovation through clinical trials and the constant pursuit of truth" as motivators. "After all, science is the pursuit of truth. The combination of pursuing truth with access to innovation can elevate medicine."

Dr. Martinez envisions a great future. With all the innovations that have happened in the past few decades, such as image guided radiation therapy (patented by him), he looks at today's imaging — his concept in 1990 has progressed tremendously to what it is today. He has contributed to ongoing advances, for example, by 2000 the first machine was developed with the cone beam, pioneering both image guided radiation therapy (IGRT), and then intensity modulated radiation therapy (IMRT) for pinpoint accuracy. Dr. Martinez published the first paper on the adaptive process, that is, the adaptation of treatment, where if a tumor is this big, information is collected to assess its response to treatment, which contributes to more replanning and more appropriate treatment. He reiterates the importance of reviewing tumor response: correct, measure, verify that the correction was appropriate. Combining these skills holds great promise for the future. For example, today when a tumor is imaged, we deliver hypofractionation. In the past, patients with prostate cancer required 45 visits, today that's improved to say, 20 visits or even five for special cases. Meanwhile, the human body is constantly changing and adapting to that constant change is necessary to deliver proper treatment. Blood pressure, blood sugar, etc. change. "We must be able to assess the change, correct for change, and improve what we do."

In this spirit, Dr. Martinez acknowledges that the incorporation of AI is exciting but has to be done in a controlled manner, with proper design and a properly designed platform. It is a tool that can enhance other tools used in the diagnostic or therapeutic environments, but must be controlled. "We can't just run with it because it's there. It must be properly designed." Meanwhile, Dr. Martinez warns of the critical need to respect one's patients in the midst of technological advances. He has seen one too many times when a colleague gives too much attention to the computer screen with the patients seated right there. The most important signs patients give are immediate and important to take in first. He urges physicians to listen carefully, to take in a patient's signals. He has observed the tendency to patronize the elderly, and while they might take more time to process, he encourages colleagues to sit down at eye level, listen, pay attention.

Dr. Martinez had a few messages to share: encouraging colleagues young and old to be yourself, don't try to be someone else, apply yourself because we have a very meaningful place in the setting of patient care to spend our energy, and to not be afraid to question what is the standard of care. "If we don't question standard of care, then it'll stay the same for decades, and that's the way we'll advance the field. If you develop intellectual curiosity and critical judgment, then your mind will move into looking at the scientific truth." Not surprisingly, Dr. Martinez' kids have at times observed, "Dad, you work too hard." To which he replies: "I have never worked a day in my life, I love what I do."

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– Alvaro Martinez, MD, FASTRO

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Bruce Minsky, MD, FASTRO
Professor Emeritus of Radiation Oncology, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Bruce Minsky, MD, FASTRO, received his MD from the University of Massachusetts. But it was a few years prior, during his junior year of college, that an ACS summer fellowship at the Harvard Joint Center for Radiation Therapy set him forward on the radiation oncology path, working on a lab project. The blend of biology, physics and clinical care impressed him to the point that he knew radiation oncology was his calling.

Furthermore, after med school, his residency at the Joint Center cemented his interest in GI malignancies, and he made early important contributions including analyzing failure patterns in colon cancer and the influence of biological factors such as vascular invasion. After residency, Dr. Minsky left Boston to lead the GI radiation oncology program at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) where, along with colleagues from surgical and medical oncology, he produced influential papers that helped set the standards for treatment of locally advanced rectal cancer. Over the years, he achieved national and international stature in the treatment of patients with GI cancer while contributing extensively on multidisciplinary disease-site teams at MSKCC, University of Chicago, and since 2012, at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, all institutions where he has served as Professor and in other leadership roles. He oversaw key efforts to define the optimal adjuvant and neoadjuvant therapy of rectal cancer and influenced the sequencing of radiation therapy with surgery and chemotherapy in the management of rectal cancer along with use of novel agents, the role of organ preservation, the influence of dose escalation in esophageal cancer and more.

Looking back, Dr. Minsky considers his career highlights. Driven by the concept of "Tikkun Olam," loosely meaning, repairing the world and leaving it better than we found it, Dr. Minsky is proud of having helped change the standard treatment of rectal cancer from postoperative to preoperative combined modality therapy and limit the standard dose for esophageal cancer treatment (he acknowledges opinions are still mixed on this) to 50.4 Gy. Regarding roles, he has advocated for radiation oncologists to "leave the basement" and be present in tumor boards, on the hospital floors, and administrative positions.

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> *– Bruce Minsky, MD, FASTRO*

As a former president of ASTRO, Dr. Minsky's most significant accomplishments for the Society have included enhancing radiation oncology's reputation and visibility beyond ASTRO. He fostered closer relationships and joint initiatives with related associations, increased the visibility and presence of radiation oncology among other oncology societies and government entities including the FDA, NCI and NRC, and improved ASTRO's international footprint via the Best of ASTRO program.

A common thread among the Gold Medal awardees is an instinctive yet deliberate prioritizing of mentoring. Dr. Minsky is no exception, and has supported many junior radiation oncologists over decades, many who have gone on to become leaders in radiation oncology. From personal experience and observations, he has cleared the path for junior oncologists to have opportunities to shine. As such, he proudly shares that he follows the dictum "do no harm," and asks senior colleagues to step aside and allow the next generation to become the new leaders. He sums this mindset up: "We do not own the chair — we just occupy it."

Dr. Minsky shared an anecdote of his medical school advisor asking him why he would join a specialty that depends on one modality which will likely become obsolete. After reminding him that surgery was more than a scalpel, he smiled and was pleased to write his recommendation letter. As such, he said, "Radiation has always had and continues to have a bright future. It just needs to continuously evolve with the other oncology disciplines. For example, as systemic therapy improves, so must the role of radiation in treating metastatic disease increase."

When asked about legacy, Dr. Minsky was quite straightforward. He summarized, "For patients, please ask questions; for colleagues, let's collaborate; and for the next generation of radiation oncologists — listen to your patients and do no harm." Dr. Minsky views the Gold Medal as "the ultimate way to thank my mentors for their dedication and belief in me."

Please join in the celebration to honor this year's awardees at the Awards Ceremony Tuesday morning, September 29, and at the ASTRO Gold Medal Gala: A Legacy of Excellence, Tuesday evening, with proceeds benefiting Speed of Light – The ASTRO Foundation.

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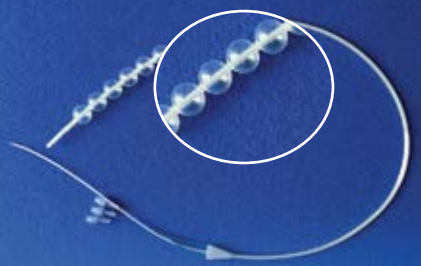

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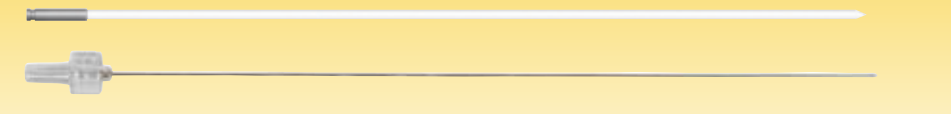

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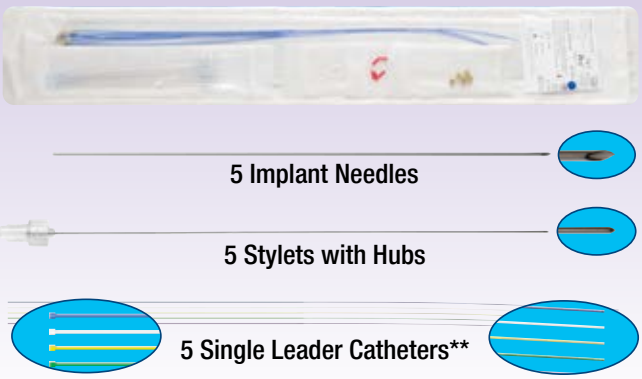

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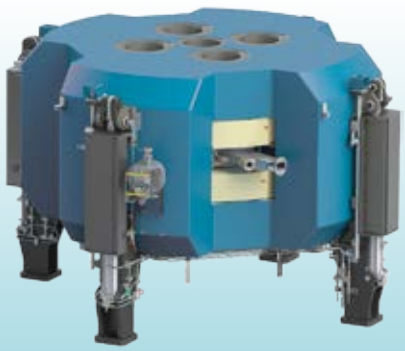

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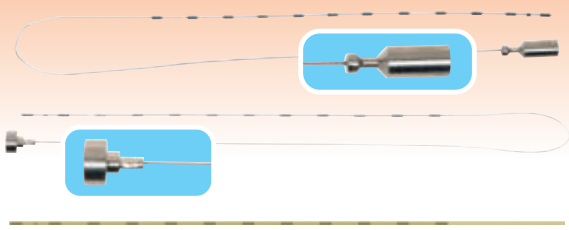

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2026 ASTRO Honorary Member

ASTRO is proud to award Freddie Hamdy, CBE, FMedSci, MD, FRCS, with the 2026 Honorary Member award. Dr. Hamdy serves as the Nuffield Professor of Surgery, Professor of Urology, and Head of the Nuffield Department of Surgical Sciences at the University of Oxford, as well as Editor-in-Chief of BJU International.

When asked about the origins of his interest in prostate cancer, Dr. Hamdy reflected, "I have always been fascinated by the ubiquitous nature of prostate cancer and how it behaves in different patients. I was also staggered that for decades there were two major radical treatment options for localized prostate cancer with no randomized studies to compare their effectiveness as well as that of active surveillance."

That initial fascination fueled over 35 years of research in prostate cancer, one of the most commonly treated diseases with radiation therapy, and Dr. Hamdy consequently led some of the most widely impactful and critical studies for prostate RT. For example, he is the Chief Investigator of the Prostate testing for cancer and Treatment (ProtecT) study, a randomized controlled trial (RCT) involving over 1,600 patients. During a period when PSA testing became available, and subsequently, a wave of diagnoses occurred, Dr. Hamdy challenged the existing standard of care to employ radical therapy, and instead, demonstrated the safety of delaying treatment. What followed was "active surveillance as a strategy to markedly mitigate the harms of screening and allow safe early detection." The study also demonstrated radiation therapy with ADT, an alternative to radical prostatectomy, to reduce the risk of metastasis, and he continues to lead this trial, with 20-year outcomes to be assessed next year.

Simultaneously, Dr. Hamdy collected outcomes that helped establish both the short- and long-term safety of radiation therapy. Study findings have been significant in allowing for patients to have more informed treatment options.

ProtecT was part of an even larger effort, including a cohort of over 80,000 participants, many of whom were followed longitudinally for many years. The contribution of his studies, both basic and translational, on mechanisms of metastasis and biomarkers to predict occurrence, have been significant. He is also coprincipal investigator of the Cluster Randomized Trial of PSA Testing for Prostate Cancer (CAP), a massive RCT with over 400,000 participants that demonstrated that screening with PSA reduces the long-term risk of prostate cancer mortality.

And yet, in the midst of these incredible contributions, when asked what career achievements he considers most significant, Dr. Hamdy replied first, "The most rewarding achievements have been to help young talented people to develop their career as strong and credible clinical academics, by creating appropriate environments to foster them." He also appreciates "the privileged positions [he has] held in driving and completing practice changing research and clinical trials." The field is grateful for both advancing the standard of care, and doing so in such a way that others can multiply his work and apply his approach to research.

Regarding the future of medicine, Dr. Hamdy is most excited about ongoing innovation, and "continuing to defend the bastion of evidence-based clinical practice, informed by robust science, translational research and well conducted clinical trials."

Colleague Tyler Seibert, MD, PhD, observes: "It is fair to say that no scientist has done more to establish the safety and efficacy of prostate RT than Freddie Hamdy. His contributions are of such great importance and uniqueness that I am not sure they would have happened without him personally championing those studies. He is a true friend to our field, and it would be an honor for ASTRO to welcome him as an Honorary Member."

"On a personal note, Freddie is an extraordinarily thoughtful and compassionate physician with the utmost dedication to patient-centered science and care."

Join us in congratulating Dr. Hamdy at the Annual Meeting Awards Ceremony on September 29!

ASTRO congratulates the 2026 Mentorship Award recipients

BY JENNIFER JANG, MHS, ASTRO COMMUNICATIONS

ASTRO CONGRATULATES THE RECIPIENTS OF the 2026 Mentorship Award: **Beth Erickson, MD, FASTRO**, The Medical College of Wisconsin; **Clifton (Dave) Fuller, MD, PhD, FASTRO**, The University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center; **Meredith Giuliani, MBBS, MEd, PhD**, University of Toronto and Princess Margaret Cancer Centre. The ASTRO Mentorship Award recognizes mentors in radiation oncology who demonstrate outstanding commitment to the professional development of their mentees as clinicians, educators and researchers. We look forward to celebrating them during the Awards Ceremony at the Annual Meeting.

Beth Erickson, MD, FASTRO, is a Professor of Radiation Oncology and surgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Dr. Erickson has shared her infectious joy with students in every phase, from high school and college to medical students, residents, fellows, and faculty at many phases in their careers. She models paying it forward, acknowledging the inspiring and generous mentorship that she herself received. Whether the mentor or mentee, she is exhilarated by the process of sharing an idea and watching a project evolve and reach completion or spurring on a new project. She has continually been amazed with the ingenuity and talents of those who have surrounded her and is grateful for the generous exchange of ideas that occur in a mentoring exchange. She believes that mentorship overflows to helping patients, stimulating much needed innovation in the field, and enriching careers along the way.

Dr. Erickson views being a mentor as a position of opportunity, making mentees feel welcome, especially at the start of a relationship, not wanting them to fear failure or disappointment. She acknowledges that not every mentee will go on to produce something pivotal, nor is that the point. Her generous spirit is evident: "Showing an interest in someone can be just the impetus they need to believe in themselves. Great things will follow. Sometimes you provide that pivotal spark that ignites a career and sometimes you simply help someone to realize that they matter."

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Dr. Erickson has multiplied the support toward others that she initially received from colleagues and family. Their support in tandem with a willingness to work hard, seize opportunities to gain and share expertise, and collaborate with others around patient care, research ideas, and clinical program development have made for a meaningful and impactful career. She views her achievements as the culmination of the efforts of many generous and talented individuals.

Clifton (Dave) Fuller, MD, PhD, FASTRO, professor at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, cites his greatest career achievement as having worked with trainees. He proudly cites mentees including medical student mentee, Emma Holiday, MD, now a leader in education and GI oncology, and his first post-docs, Musaddiq Awan, MD, and Abdallah Mohamed, MD, PhD, who have gone on to be successful head and neck radiation oncologists. He considers it his good fortune to have walked alongside a host of talented and innovative individuals who make him excited to see where they will take the field in the decades ahead.

Dr. Fuller shares that his career has been shaped by mentorship since very early in medical school. He recognizes individuals who have made "indelible impacts on his career," including Charles R. Thomas, Jr., MD, FASTRO, David I. Rosenthal, MD, and the late David H. Hussey, MD, FASTRO. As one of the last

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radiology-trained radiation oncologists, Dr. Hussey was an instrumental part of Dr. Fuller's love for imaging science and inspired him to acquire a PhD in Human Imaging. Still viewing himself as under the mentorship and tutelage of Drs. Thomas and Rosenthal, he thinks at some level everything he does as mentor and educator is an attempt to live out the support "CRT" and "DIR" have dedicated to him as examples for over a quarter century.

Dr. Hussey once shared, speaking of his own mentor, Howard Latourette, MD, "Nobody's manuscripts show up to their funeral, but the people you helped will be the story of your life." Dr. Fuller recalls times in his career where he felt that he was actively failing, on the precipice of quitting, losing hope in himself. In those moments, his mentors were more than just intellectual guides or exemplars of clinical acumen, they were a source of belief and sustaining values. Recalling this, Dr. Fuller encourages others to "realize that their mentorship investment will bear fruit for our patients and ensures the best future for the next generation of radiation oncologists."

Meredith Giuliani, MBBS, MEd, PhD, is an Associate Professor at the University of Toronto, Department of Radiation Oncology, and a radiation oncologist at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre. Whether working with learners, colleagues or patients and caregivers, Dr. Guiliani has always believed that meaningful change begins by listening, learning from others and helping them realize their potential.

Throughout her career, Dr. Giuliani has had the privilege of mentoring medical students, residents, fellows, junior faculty and colleagues at every stage of their professional development. Watching individuals grow in confidence, discover their own strengths, and become compassionate clinicians, educators, researchers, and leaders has been most rewarding. Just as importantly, she reveals that she has learned as much, if not more, from her mentees, as their perspectives, experiences and ideas have continually challenged her to rethink how to teach, lead and deliver care.

With growing leadership responsibilities, Dr. Giuliani has become increasingly focused on creating sustainable systems that enable others to succeed. In addition to mentoring individuals, she has sought to improve the structures that support them. This includes developing educational programs, leadership opportunities and more inclusive pathways for career development. She shares: "Mentorship has shaped not only my career, but also the way I approach leadership, education, and patient care. I have been fortunate to learn from mentors who challenged me to think beyond my immediate role, encouraged me to pursue opportunities that felt beyond my reach, and demonstrated that leadership is ultimately about creating opportunities for others to succeed."

Equally important, she notes, is the reciprocal relationship: "Every interaction has reinforced that mentorship is not a one-way exchange of knowledge, but a collaborative relationship built on curiosity, trust and mutual growth." She details that the questions learners ask, the perspectives colleagues bring, and the experiences patients share have continually challenged her. These experiences have shaped her philosophy that mentorship extends beyond supporting individual career development, to creating environments where people can thrive. "The most enduring impact is not measured by achievements, but by the people they support and the systems left stronger for others."

Dr. Giuliani encourages others to think broadly about the opportunities to mentor: "It does not require a formal title or an established program. It begins with curiosity about another person's goals, a willingness to listen and a commitment to helping others grow while remaining open to learning from them in return." She has witnessed a ripple effect that extends far beyond any one relationship. Each person encouraged, every opportunity created and system improved can impact countless future learners, colleagues and patients.

Join us as we celebrate the 2026 Mentorship Award winners on Tuesday, September 29, during the ASTRO Awards Ceremony.

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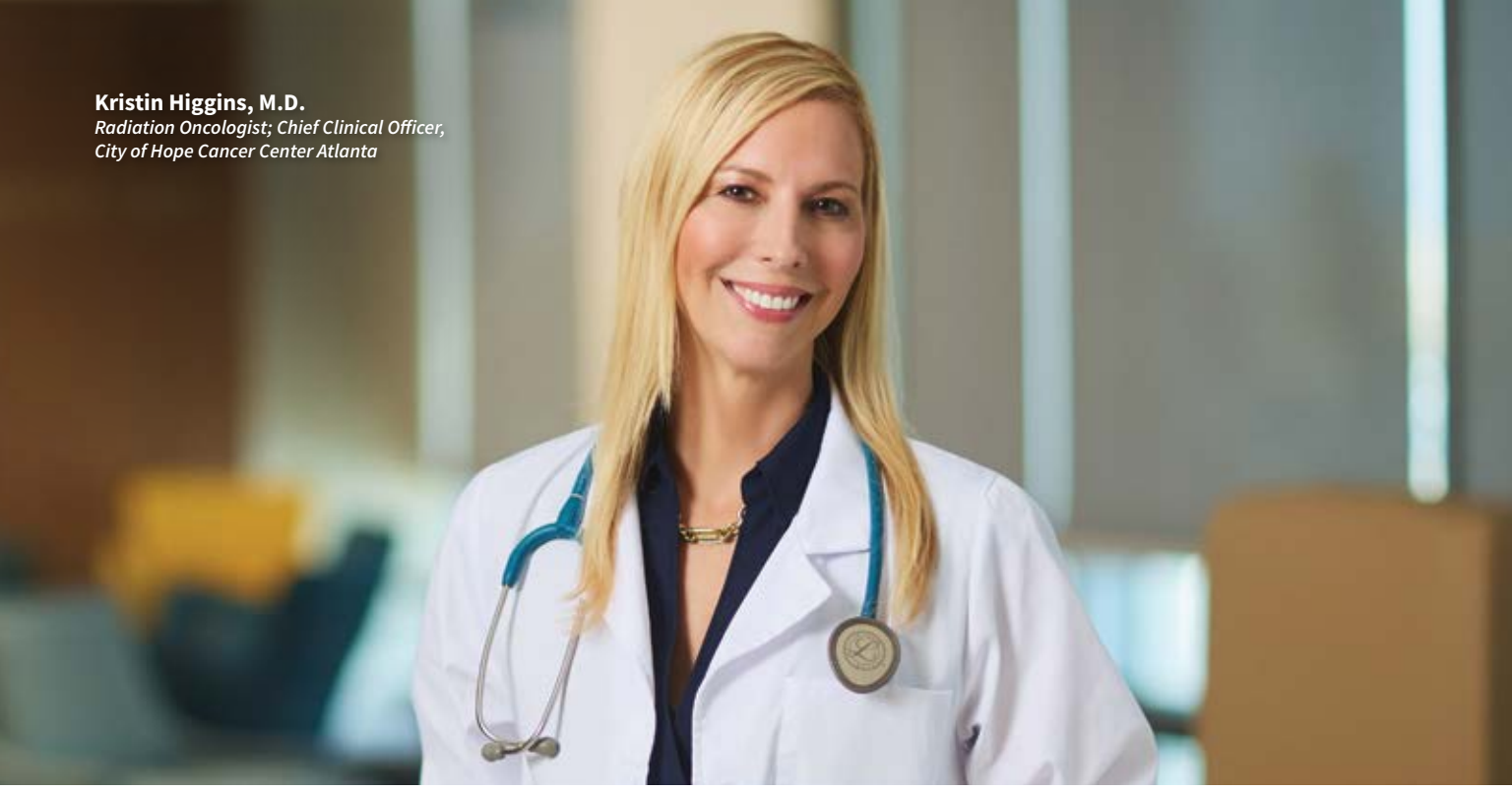

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