

11th ANNUAL ONCOLOGY EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM 2026

Conference Agenda

MORNING SESSIONS	
7:00 AM – 7:30 AM	Registration & Breakfast
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Breakfast Product Theater Emily Chew Sr. Institutional Sales Manager La Roche Posay
8:30 AM – 8:40 AM	Welcome & Opening Remarks <i>President NVONS: Daniel Wixom</i> <i>Conference Chair: Precious Alviar Rivera</i> ★ Raffle — must be present to win
8:40 AM – 9:40 AM	SESSION 1 Palliative Care in the Era of Immunotherapy Speaker: Quy Tran, MD Oncology and Palliative Care at VA Northern California HCS ★ Raffle — must be present to win
9:40 AM – 10:40 AM	SESSION 2 Empowering Oncology Nurses in HER2-Positive GEA and BTC: Practical Strategies for Safe and Effective Targeted Therapy Management Speaker: Kristy Rostocil, AGACNP-BC ★ Raffle — must be present to win
10:40 AM – 11:05 AM	Exhibit Hall Visit & Networking Break
11:05 AM – 12:05 PM	SESSION 3 Holistic Nutritional Support Options for Cancer Patients and Healthcare Professionals Speakers: Ashlee Fowler, RDN Daniel Wixom, MBA, BSN, OCN ★ Raffle — must be present to win
12:05 PM – 12:30 PM	Exhibit Hall Visit & Networking Break

LUNCH SESSION	
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch Product Theater Gail Otten Oncology/GI/Allergy/Surgery/Critical Care/Wounds Nestle
1:30 PM – 1:45 PM	Exhibit Hall Visit & Afternoon Break
AFTERNOON SESSIONS	
1:45 PM – 2:45 PM	SESSION 4 From Target to Tolerability: Nurse-Led Strategies for Optimizing Bispecific Antibody Therapy in Multiple Myeloma Speaker: Samantha Shenoy, MS, MSN, ACNP-BC (University of California, San Francisco Medical Center) <i>★ Raffle — must be present to win</i>
2:45 PM – 3:10 PM	Exhibit Hall Visit & Networking Break
3:10 PM – 4:10 PM	SESSION 5 Advances in Personalized TKI Therapy for CP-CML; Nursing Considerations to Enhance Patient Education, Tolerability, and Adherence Speaker: Stephany Rodriguez, RN, MS, NP <i>★ Raffle — must be present to win</i>
4:10 PM – 5:10 PM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS Finding Light in Difficult Work: Humor, Resilience, and Connection in Oncology Nursing Speaker: Liz Grant, Stand Up Comedian <i>★ Raffle — must be present to win</i>
5:10 PM	Closing Remarks & CE Information <i>Conference Chair: Precious Alviar Rivera</i>  Fill out evaluation. Please note that to generate a certificate, the license number and name entered in the registration form MUST MATCH your evaluation form .

6 CE- In person BRN Provider# CEP 18265

10+ CE-Online CE BRN Provider # CEP 11366. Code for online access will be emailed to attendees on Sept 13, 2026

Exhibit Hall Open: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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SESSION 1

Topic: Palliative care in the Era of Immunotherapy

Speaker: Quy Tran, MD

Objectives:

1. Gain a basic understanding of the pharmacology of immunotherapy.
2. Learn how to identify, grade, and manage common side effects of immunotherapy.
3. Appreciate the prognostic challenges with immunotherapy and how to effectively communicate that uncertainty.

ILNA point categories: 1 point max towards either of the following subject areas:

- treatment modalities
- symptom management OR
- psychosocial dimension of care

SESSION 2

Topic: Empowering Oncology Nurses in HER2-Positive GEA and BTC: Practical Strategies for Safe and Effective Targeted Therapy Management

Speaker: Kristy Rostocil, AGACNP-BC

Objectives:

102342 - HER2 GEA BTC ONS

1. Summarize the relevance of recent, practice-changing clinical evidence on HER2-targeted therapies for patients with HER2-positive GEA and BTC to current nursing practice.
2. Implement evidence-based strategies for assessing, preventing, and managing toxicities associated with HER2-targeted therapies used in the treatment of HER2-positive GEA and BTC.
3. Employ effective communication techniques and patient-education tools to counsel patients with HER2-positive GEA and BTC on the benefits, risks, and expectations of HER2-targeted treatment, and to facilitate coordinated care within the multidisciplinary team.

ILNA point categories: 1 point max towards either of the following subject areas:

- treatment modalities
- symptom management OR
- psychosocial dimension of care

SESSION 3

Topic: Holistic Nutritional Support Options for Cancer Patients and Healthcare Professionals

Speaker: Ashlee Fowler, RDN

Case presentation: Daniel Wixom, MBA, BSN, OCN

Objectives:

1. Understand individualized nutrition throughout the cancer continuum.
2. Recognize nutrition's role in treatment tolerance, recovery, body composition, cardiovascular health, and quality of life.
3. Explore mindset, behavior change, and sustainable habits.

ILNA point categories: 1 point max towards either of the following subject areas:

- treatment modalities
- symptom management OR
- psychosocial dimension of care

SESSION 4

Topic: From Target to Tolerability: Nurse-Led Strategies for Optimizing Bispecific Antibody Therapy in Multiple Myeloma
Speaker: Samantha Shenoy, MS, MSN, ACNP-BC

Objectives:

101687 - Myeloma ONS

1. Evaluate emerging safety and efficacy data on bispecific antibody therapeutics in the treatment of patients with multiple myeloma.
2. Identify patients with multiple myeloma who may be eligible for ongoing clinical trials evaluating currently available and emerging bispecific antibodies.
3. Manage and mitigate adverse events associated with bispecific antibody treatment in patients with multiple myeloma.
4. Educate patients with myeloma and their caregivers on how to identify and mitigate risk and thereby improve outcomes.

ILNA point categories: 1 point max towards either of the following subject areas:

- treatment modalities
- symptom management OR
- psychosocial dimension of care

SESSION 5

Topic: Advances in Personalized TKI Therapy for CP-CML; Nursing Considerations to Enhance Patient Education, Tolerability, and Adherence

Speaker: Stephany Rodriguez, RN, MS, NP

Objectives:

101600 - CML ONS

1. Support shared decision-making by educating patients with CP-CML about the latest clinical evidence and regulatory approvals for TKIs that are most likely to meet their treatment goals.
2. Identify patients with CP-CML at risk for suboptimal adherence/persistence to their TKI therapy.
3. Apply evidence-based strategies for supportive care and dose optimization to manage TKI-related adverse events in patients with CP-CML.

ILNA point categories: 1 point max towards the subject area:

- treatment modalities
- symptom management OR
- psychosocial dimension of care
- scientific basis for practice

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Topic: Finding Light in Difficult Work: Humor, Resilience, and Connection in Oncology Nursing

Speaker: Liz Grant, comedian

Objectives:

1. Describe two ways humor may support perceived stress reduction, emotional regulation, or collegial connection among oncology nurses.
2. Select one practical and professionally appropriate humor strategy that can be applied during an emotionally demanding oncology nursing situation.

ILNA point categories: 1 point max towards the subject area:

- Psychosocial and Spiritual Dimensions

Educational Need

Oncology nurses experience repeated exposure to serious illness, grief, uncertainty, emotionally intense interactions, and workplace stress. Nurses need practical and professionally appropriate strategies that support emotional regulation, collegial connection, and therapeutic communication while respecting patient preferences, culture, emotional state, and clinical circumstances.

Course Description

This interactive program examines the intentional and professionally appropriate use of humor as a coping and communication strategy for oncology nurses. Through current literature, live humor demonstrations, guided reflection, and oncology nursing scenarios, participants will explore how humor may support perceived stress reduction, emotional regulation, team connection, and therapeutic relationships. The program will also address timing, consent, cultural humility, trauma awareness, professional boundaries, and situations in which humor may be inappropriate. Humor will be presented as an adjunct to, rather than a substitute for, organizational support or professional mental health care.

Course Content Outline

Oncology nursing stress and emotional burden, 10 minutes

Discussion of grief exposure, compassion fatigue, moral distress, emotional labor, and occupational burnout in oncology practice.

Humor, laughter, and stress response, 10 minutes

Safe and ethical use of humor, 15 minutes

Timing, consent, emotional assessment, cultural humility, trauma awareness, power differences, patient-initiated humor, and professional boundaries.

Humor for nurse resilience and team connection, 10 minutes

Appropriate humor following difficult clinical experiences, during team interactions, and as part of intentional emotional decompression.

Oncology nursing scenarios and live demonstrations, 10 minutes

Participants analyze examples of supportive, inappropriate, and ambiguous humor and identify safer responses.

Knowledge check and key takeaways, 5 minutes

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Below are the instructions as to how to access the free nutrition CE courses. Each course is 55 minutes to an hour long.

The CE courses were approved for Registered Nurses for 1 contact hour. Nestlé Health Science is a continuing education provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing; Provider Number 11366. The CE courses were also approved for Certified Case Managers for 1 hour. The CE courses have been pre-approved by the Commission for Case Manager Certification. Registered Dietitians also receive 1 CPEU per course.

To access free nutrition continuing education courses please go to www.nestlemedicalhub.com

- Sign into www.nestlemedicalhub.com with your professional email address and set up a password if you have not already set up a password in the past.
- Click on the Educational Resources Tab
- Click on the MyCE eLearning Center at the right-hand side of the page
- You will see all of the nutrition courses
- Click on Enroll Now
- Confirm your enrollment and click Okay
- Click Learn More
- Click Start Now
- Click the arrow to begin the video

*At the bottom of this page there are three boxes to click on to see the course handouts, speaker bio, and references which you will be able to save and/or print.

- After you take the course there will be a quick quiz and then you can print out your certificate of completion.

If you have any questions, please contact Gail Otten gail.otten@us.nestle.com or 925-357-7047.

If you would like Gail Otten to host a group CE course at your clinic, please let Gail know as there are additional CE course topics available for group learning events.

Regards, Gail Otten

From Napa Valley ONS, thank you for attending the conference!