ANCO & MOASC Present:

Improving Cancer Care Access for Californians

October 25, 2025

Association of Northern California Oncologists (ANCO)

Medical Oncology Association Of Southern California (MOASC)
Presents

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Saturday, October 25, 2025; 8:00am - 4:45pm

8:00 AM   REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST

8:30 AM   WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Manali Patel, MD, MPH, MS, FASCO, *Stanford University*

Session 1: Implementation and Policy

Session Moderator: Luis Carvajal-Carmona, PhD, *University of California, Davis*

8:35 AM   POLICY - AN OVERVIEW FOR MAKING CHANGE & ADVOCACY

Steve Lee, MD, *The Permanente Medical Group*

9:00 AM   CANCER POLICY RESEARCH EXAMPLE

Kim Rhoads, MD, MS, MPH, FACS, *Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center at Virginia Commonwealth University*

9:25 AM   VA IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE CARE

Pankaj Gupta, MD, *VA Long Beach Healthcare System*

9:50 AM   IMPLEMENTATION AND POLICY PANEL

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Panelists:

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Kim Rhoads, MD, MS, MPH, FACS, *Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center at Virginia Commonwealth University*

10:15 AM COFFEE BREAK AND EXHIBITION

Session 2: The Bigger Picture
Session Moderator: Ninez Ponce, PhD, MPP, *UCLA Center for Health Policy Research*

10:40 AM   PLACE, SPACE, AND DNA
Ninez Ponce, PhD, MPP, *UCLA Center for Health Policy Research*

11:05 AM   ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURES AND CANCER
Kristina Thayer, PhD, *Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment* (OEHHA)

11:30 AM   WHAT WE DRINK
Max Aung, PhD, MPH, *University of Southern California*

1:55 AM   THE BIGGER PICTURE PANEL
Session Moderator: Ninez Ponce, PhD, MPP, *UCLA Center for Health Policy Research*

Panelists:
Max Aung, PhD, MPH, *University of Southern California*
Ninez Ponce, PhD, MPP, *UCLA Center for Health Policy Research*
Kristina Thayer, PhD, *Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment* (OEHHA)

12:20 PM   LUNCH

Session 3: The Promise or Perils of AI, Machine Learning, and Big Data
Session Moderator: Manali Patel, MD, MPH, MS, FASCO, *Stanford University*

1:20 PM   USING AI TO IMPROVE CANCER CARE DELIVERY
Travis Zack, MD, PhD, *OpenEvidence*

1:45 PM   AVOIDABLE PITFALLS AND LESSONS LEARNED IN USING AI TO IMPROVE GOAL CONCORDANT CARE
Finly Zachariah, MD, FAAFP, FAAHPM, FAMIA, *City of Hope*

2:10 PM   CALIFORNIA HEALTHCARE POLICY TRENDS IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

David Gonzalez, JD, *Gonzalez Government Consulting*

2:35 PM   EVALUATING IMPACT OF AI ON SAFETY NET

Kekoa Taparra, MD, PhD, MPH, *University of California, Los Angeles*

3:00 PM   THE PROMISE OR PERILS OF AI, MACHINE LEARNING, AND BIG DATA PANEL

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3:40 PM   MEETING WRAP UP

Manali Patel, MD, MPH, MS, FASCO, *Stanford University*

3:45 PM   EXHIBITION AND RECEPTION

4:45 PM   MEETING ADJOURNS