

UPPER GI CANCERS SYMPOSIUM

Date: Friday, June 12, 2026

Time: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Cocktail reception to follow

**Location: University Medical
Center**

2000 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA

Conference Center Room C

Time	Presenter	Presentation Title
8 a.m. – 9 a.m.	Arrival/Continental Breakfast	
9 a.m.	Omeed Moaven, MD Associate Professor, Vice Chair of Research, Department of Surgery	Welcome
9:10 – 9:30	Jason Stibbe, MD Assistant Professor Clinical Gastroenterology University Medical Center LSU Health New Orleans	Advances in Endoscopic Management of Esophageal Cancers, from diagnosis to treatment
9:30 – 9:50	Jason Stibbe, MD Assistant Professor Clinical Gastroenterology University Medical Center LSU Health New Orleans	Screening and management of precancerous esophageal and gastric cancers
9:50 – 10:10	Sun Young Kim, PhD Assistant Professor - Genetics University Medical Center LSU Health New Orleans	Genetic predisposition and evaluation and its role in the management of esophageal and gastric cancers
10:10 – 10:30	Panel Discussion with Moaven/Stibbe/Kim	Moderated by Omeed Moaven
10:30 – 10:40	Break/Visit Exhibitors	
10:40 – 11	Leonard Wudel, MD Associate Professor of Clinical Surgery and Division Chief of Thoracic Surgery University Medical Center LSU Health New Orleans	Minimally Invasive Esophagectomy: Techniques, Oncological Outcomes, and Choosing the Right Approach

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11 – 11:20	J. Chris Watson, MD Professor Surgical Oncologist University Medical Center LSU Health New Orleans	Optimizing the Ivor Lewis vs. McKeown Esophagectomy: When and Why. A Technical and Oncological Perspective
11:20 – 11:40	Omeed Moaven, MD Associate Professor Vice Chair of Research, Department of Surgery, University Medical Center LSU Health New Orleans	Surgical management of gastric cancer
11:40 – Noon	Kevin Sullivan, MD Assistant Professor Surgical Oncologist University Medical Center LSU Health New Orleans	Surgical management of metastatic upper GI malignancies
Noon – 12:20	Panel discussion (Wudel, Watson, Moaven, Sullivan)	Moderated by Omeed Moaven
12:20 – 1	Lunch/Visit Exhibitors	Conference Center Rooms F
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.	Keynote Address Jaffar A. Ajani, MD Professor, Department of Gastrointestinal (GI) Medical Oncology The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center	Molecular Biology and changing therapeutic landscape of GEA
2 – 2:20	Brian Boulmay, MD Professor, Clinical Medicine Hematology and Oncology University Medical Center LSU Health New Orleans	Beyond Resection: Navigating the Evolving Systemic Therapy Landscape in Esophageal Cancer — From Checkpoint Inhibitors to Targeted Agents
2:20 – 2:40	Tom Reske, PhD Professor, Clinical Medicine Hematology and Oncology University Medical Center LSU Health New Orleans	Redefining the Standard of Care in Gastric Cancer: Immunotherapy Integration, HER2-Directed Strategies, and the Era of Precision Oncology
2:40 - 3	Kareem Fakhoury Radiation Oncology LCMC Health	Role of radiation in the management of esophageal and gastric cancers

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3 – 3:20	Panel Discussion Boulmay/Reske/Fakhoury	Moderated by Brian Bulmay
3:20 – 3:30	Break/Exhibitors	
3:30 – 3:50	Mary Maluccio, MD, MPH, FACS Professor - Surgery Chief of the Division of Surgical Oncology and Medical Director of the Louisiana Neuroendocrine Tumor Program	Esophageal and gastric rare tumors: GIST, NET and beyond
3:50 – 4:10	Kristen Limbach, MD Assistant Professor, Surgery Surgical Oncologist Tulane University	The Junction in Focus: Optimizing Treatment Strategies for Gastroesophageal Junction Tumors — Molecular Subtypes, Multimodal Approaches, and Emerging Therapeutic Frontiers
4:10 – 4:30	Chancellor Donald Assistant Professor of Medicine, Hematology & Medical Oncology UMCNO Cancer Management Medical Director Tulane Cancer Center	From Treatment to Follow-Up: Recognizing Pitfalls, Overcoming Barriers to Optimal Care, and Navigating Post-Treatment Surveillance in Esophageal and Gastric Cancers
4:30 – 4:50	Panel discussion with Maluccio/Limbach/Donald	Moderated by Mary Maluccio
4:50 – 5	Brian Boulmay, MD Professor, Clinical Medicine Hematology and Oncology University Medical Center LSU Health New Orleans	Closing remarks
5 – 6:30	Reception	Conference Center