

Agenda- Upper GI Symposium- June 12th

Time		
8 a.m. – 9 a.m.	Arrive UMC/Continental Breakfast/networking	UMC Conference Center C
9 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.	Call meeting to begin/Welcome	Omeed Moaven Associate Professor, Vice Chair of Research, Department of Surgery, LSU Health New Orleans
9:10 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Advances in Endoscopic Management of Esophageal Cancers, from diagnosis to treatment	Catherine Hudson Assistant Professor – Clinical Gastroenterology University Medical Center LSU Health New Orleans
9:30 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.	Screening and management of precancerous esophageal and gastric cancers	Stephen Landreneau Professor – Clinical Specialist Gastroenterology University Medical Center LSU Health New Orleans
9:50 a.m. – 10:10	Genetic predisposition and evaluation and its role in the management of esophageal and gastric cancers	Sunyoung Kim Pediatric Genetics University Medical Center LSU Health New Orleans
10:10 – 10:30	Panel Discussion with 3 previous speakers /questions (Moderated by Steve Landreneau)	Hudson/Landreneau/Kim
10:30 – 10:40	Break	
10:40 – 11 a.m.	Beyond Resection: Navigating the Evolving Systemic Therapy Landscape in Esophageal Cancer — From Checkpoint Inhibitors to Targeted Agents	Brian Boulmay Professor, Clinical Medicine Hematology and Oncology University Medical Center LSU Health New Orleans
11:20 – 11:40	Redefining the Standard of Care in Gastric Cancer: Immunotherapy Integration, HER2-Directed Strategies, and the Era of Precision Oncology	Tom Reske Professor, Clinical Medicine Hematology and Oncology University Medical Center LSU Health New Orleans

11 a.m. – 11:20	Role of radiation in the management of esophageal and gastric cancers	Kareem Fakhoury Radiation Oncology LCMC Health
11:40 – noon	Panel Discussion with 3 previous speakers /questions (Moderated by Brian Boulmay)	
Noon – 1 p.m.	Lunch/Networking/Break	Conference room C/F
1 p.m. – 2 pm.	Keynote address - Molecular Biology and changing therapeutic landscape of GEA	Jaffar A. Ajani, MD Professor, Department of Gastrointestinal (GI) Medical Oncology, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX
2 – 2:20	Minimally Invasive Esophagectomy: Techniques, Oncological Outcomes, and Choosing the Right Approach	Leonard Wudel Associate Professor of Clinical Surgery and Division Chief of Thoracic Surgery University Medical Center LSU Health New Orleans
15 min	Optimizing the Ivor Lewis vs. McKeown Esophagectomy: When and Why — A Technical and Oncological Perspective	J. Chris Watson Surgical Oncology University Medical Center LSU Health New Orleans
2:20 – 2:40	Surgical management of gastric cancer	Omeed Moaven Associate Professor, Vice Chair of Research, Department of Surgery, University Medical Center LSU Health New Orleans
2:40 – 3	Surgical management of metastatic upper GI malignancies	Kevin Sullivan Surgical Oncology University Medical Center LSU Health New Orleans

3 – 3:20	Panel Discussion with 3 previous speakers /questions (Moderated by Omeed Moaven)	
3:20 – 3:30	Break	
3:30 – 3:50	Esophageal and gastric rare tumors: GIST, NET and beyond	Mary Maluccio
3:50 – 4:10	The Junction in Focus: Optimizing Treatment Strategies for Gastroesophageal Junction Tumors — Molecular Subtypes, Multimodal Approaches, and Emerging Therapeutic Frontiers	Kristen Limbach Assistant Professor, Surgery Surgical Oncologist, Tulane University
4:10 – 4:30	From Treatment to Follow-Up: Recognizing Pitfalls, Overcoming Barriers to Optimal Care, and Navigating Post-Treatment Surveillance in Esophageal and Gastric Cancers	Chancellor Donald Assistant Professor of Medicine, Hematology & Medical Oncology UMCNO Cancer Management Medical Director, Tulane Cancer Center
4:30 – 4:50	Panel Discussion with 3 previous speakers /questions (Moderated by Mary Maluccio)	
4:50 – 5	Wrap up/Thank you	Patrick Ma
5 p.m. – 6:30	Reception (Finger foods/alcohol) (high top tables)	Conference room C/F