2026 UPMC Multidisciplinary Thyroid Cancer Symposium

Clinical Updates in Management of Thyroid and Parathyroid Diseases

Virtual Event
Saturday, Nov. 14, 2026
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST

*Sponsored by **UPMC Hillman Cancer Center** and the **University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine Center for Continuing Education in the Health Sciences**.*



Course Directors

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Program Goal

This course is designed to cover the most recent advances in the therapy of benign and malignant thyroid diseases, including methods of detection, treatment, and research. Upon completion of this activity, learners from several disciplines should be able to discuss current strategies and updates in diagnosis and management of hyperthyroidism, thyroid nodules and cancer, and surgical complications, based on the latest guidelines and newest technology.

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Continuing Education Credit

In support of improving patient care, the University of Pittsburgh is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

Physician (CME)

The University of Pittsburgh designates this live activity for a maximum of 7.0 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit[s]™.* Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Nursing (CNE)

The maximum number of hours awarded for this Continuing Nursing Education activity is 7.0 contact hours.

Physician Assistant (AAPA)

The University of Pittsburgh has been authorized by the American Academy of PAs (AAPA) to award AAPA Category 1 CME credit for activities planned in accordance with AAPA CME Criteria. This activity is designated for 7.0 AAPA Category 1 CME credits. PAs should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation.

Other Health Care Professionals

Other health care professionals will receive a certificate of attendance confirming the number of contact hours commensurate with the extent of participation in this activity.

This is a virtual event. Participants must register in advance and use the following link to participate:

UPMC.com/ThyroidSymposium

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8:30 a.m. **Welcome Remarks**
Reed Doerfler, MD
Kimberly M. Ramonell, MD, FACS
Special Guest Welcome: Kelly McCoy, MD, FACS

8:40 a.m. **Updates in Thyroid Ultrasonography:**
Key Sonographic Features for Active Surveillance
Yusuf Baytar, MD

9:10 a.m. **Active Surveillance: Who, How, & Why**
Charit Taneja, MD

9:25 a.m. **Guest Speaker:**
Implementation of the 2025 ATA Guidelines for Low/Intermediate Risk DTC
Megan Haymart, MD

10:25 a.m. **Q&A**
Moderator: Reed Doerfler, MD

10:35 a.m. **Break / E-Visit with Vendors**

10:45 a.m. **Panel Discussion #1: Intermediate Risk DTC Scenarios**

Moderators:	**Panelists:**
Reed Doerfler, MD	Charit Taneja, MD
Kimberly M. Ramonell, MD, FACS	Megan Haymart, MD
	Benjamin C. James, MD, MS, FACS
	Alaa Sada, MD, MS, FACS

11:20 a.m. **Updates in Molecular Testing of Thyroid Nodules and Malignancy**
John Skaugen, MD

11:40 a.m. **Updates in Surgical Histopathology:**
"Oncocytic Thyroid Carcinoma: A Case That Taught Me Something."
Diana M. Bell, MD

12 p.m. **Thyroidectomy: Surgical Considerations in DTC**
Linwah Yip, MD, FACS

12:20 p.m. **Q&A**
Moderator: Kimberly M. Ramonell, MD, FACS

12:30 p.m. **Lunch/E-Visit with Vendors**

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1 p.m.	**Fertility and Thyroid Function** Pouneh Fazeli, MD, MPH
1:20 p.m.	**Thermal Ablative Techniques for Thyroid Nodule Management** Esra Karslioglu French, MD, MBA Elena Morariu, MD
1:40 p.m.	**Vocal Cord Paralysis and Management** Sandra Stinnett, MD, MS
2 p.m.	**Guest Speaker: Financial Toxicity of Thyroid Cancer Management** Benjamin James, MD, MS, FACS
2:40 p.m.	**Q&A** **Moderator:** Kimberly M. Ramonell, MD, FACS
2:50 p.m.	**Break/E-Visit with Vendors**
3:00 p.m.	**External Beam Radiation Therapy in Advanced Thyroid Cancer** Yvonne Mowery, MD, PhD
3:20 p.m.	**Updates in Systemic Therapy for Thyroid Cancer** Dan P. Zandberg, MD
3:40 p.m.	**Panel Discussion #2: Challenging Cases: Advanced/Metastatic Thyroid Cancer** **Moderators:** Reed Doerfler, MD Kimberly M. Ramonell, MD, FACS **Panelists:** Megan Haymart, MD Kevin Contrera, MD, MPH Kelly McCoy, MD, FACS Charit Taneja, MD
4:20 p.m.	**Q&A** **Moderator:** Reed Doerfler, MD
4:30 p.m.	**Adjournment** Reed Doerfler, MD Kimberly M. Ramonell, MD, FACS

Keynote Speakers



Megan Haymart, MD
Nancy Wigginton Endocrinology
Research Professor of Thyroid Cancer
Professor of Internal Medicine;
Division of Metabolism, Endocrinology, and Diabetes (MEND);
University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI



Benjamin James, MD, MS, FACS
Chief, General Surgery, Department of Surgery, Section of Endocrine Surgery,
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, MA

Guest Speaker



Charit Taneja, MD
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism
Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell
New Hyde Park, NY

UPMC Faculty



Yusuf Baytar, MD
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Kevin Contrera, MD, MPH
Assistant Professor
Department of Otolaryngology
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Director, UPMC Swallow Disorders Center

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Professor of Medicine
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Division of Malignant Hematology and Oncology
Co-Leader of the UPMC Hillman Head and Neck
Cancer Program

Faculty are affiliated with the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, unless noted otherwise.

Agenda and speakers may be subject to change on short notice.

Registration Information:

1. Visit our online registration site **here**.
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When you register online, you will receive an immediate email confirmation message.

Please note: Registration is not complete until you receive this confirmation. If you do not receive this letter within seven days of registration, please contact us at **724-720-5959**.

Cancellation/Refunds

All cancellations must be sent via email, to **ramonellkm@upmc.edu** or **doerflerwr@upmc.edu**. Cancellations received before November 1, 2026, will be refunded in full. After November 1, a $35.00 fee will be assessed, and **no refunds will be made after November 10**.

Participation by all individuals is encouraged. Advance notification of any special needs will help us provide better service. Please notify us of your needs at least two weeks in advance of the program by emailing Kimberly M. Ramonell, MD, FACS at **ramonellkm@upmc.edu** or William Doerfler, MD at **doerflerwr@upmc.edu**.

The UPMC Center for Continuing Education in the Health Sciences reserves the right to cancel this program if not enough registrations are received.

Registration Fees

Physicians: $50

RNs and other health care professionals: $35

Medical trainees, including students, residents, and fellows — free; registration is required.

Registration fees include:

- Continuing education credits
- Registration and course materials
- Vendor e-visits

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