

SPRING UPDATE 2026

Updates on Breast Sarcoma, Proliferative Breast Lesions & Surgical Oncology Emergencies



Thursday
April 30, 2026

PROGRAM

Time	Topic	Speaker
9:00 – 9:30 am	Registration	
9:30 – 9:35 am	Welcome and Introduction	Dr. Heather Stuart
Session 1	UPDATES ON BREAST SARCOMA & PROLIFERATIVE BREAST LESIONS	
9:35 – 10:00 am	Management of Typical & Atypical Proliferative Breast Lesions	Dr. May Lynn Quan
10:00 – 10:20 am	Phyllodes Tumors of The Breast	Dr. May Lynn Quan
10:20 – 10:45 am	Breast Angiosarcoma	Dr. Elizaveta Vasilyeva
10:45 – 11:10 am	Chemoprevention For High-Risk Breast Lesions: What Surgeons Need to Know	Dr. Emily Jackson
11:10 – 11:40 am	Coffee Break	
Session 2	SURGICAL ONCOLOGY EMERGENCIES	
11:40 am – 12:15 pm	Management of Gastric Cancer Emergencies	Dr. Trevor Hamilton
12:15 – 12:35 pm	Management of Malignant Small & Large Bowel Cancer Emergencies	Dr. Heather Stuart & Dr. Cailan MacPherson
12:35 – 1:45 pm	Networking Lunch	
Session 3	SURGICAL ONCOLOGY EMERGENCIES (CONTINUED)	
1:45 – 2:20 pm	Endoscopic Management of Obstructing GI Malignancies	Dr. Rob Trasolini
2:20 – 3:20 pm	Case Presentations	Colorectal & Surgical Oncology Fellows
3:20 – 3:35 pm	Course Evaluation/ Wrap Up	

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The learning objectives of the Update, include the following:

Update on Non-epithelial Breast Lesions – Session 1	
Management Of Typical & Atypical Proliferative Breast Lesions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define intraductal papilloma, sclerosing adenosis, radial scar and for these lesions describe the risk of malignancy and indications for excisional biopsy Define atypical lobular and ductal hyperplasia and flat epithelial atypia For ADH, ALH and FEA describe future risk of breast cancer and surgical indications Describe histologic patterns of lobular carcinoma in situ (LCIS), risk for future breast cancer and surgical indications
Fibroadenomas and Phyllodes Tumors of The Breast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review histologic features of fibroadenomas and phyllodes tumors Review indications for surgical resection and margins recommendations Discuss surveillance for non-surgical and surgical patients
Breast Angiosarcoma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review epidemiology and risk factors for breast angiosarcoma Discuss pathologic assessment and staging Discuss indications for neoadjuvant treatment Review surgical options for breast and axilla Summarize indications for adjuvant treatment
Chemoprevention For High-Risk Breast Lesions: What Surgeons Need to Know	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review criteria for risk reduction strategies in non-malignant breast lesions Discuss options for systemic risk reduction Review funding in BC for risk reduction treatment, duration of therapy and recommended follow up of patients
Surgical Oncology Emergencies – Session 2	
Management of Gastric Cancer Emergencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review types of gastric cancer emergencies: obstruction, bleeding, perforation, and common gastric locations Discuss management of each of the above in a stable patient Discuss management of each of the above in an unstable patient
Management of Malignant Small & Large Bowel Cancer Emergencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review emergencies presentations of small bowel malignancy including bleeding, ischemia and obstruction and what types of tumors cause them Review work up/investigations that can be obtained in stable patient Discuss surgical options for malignant small bowel emergencies including debulking, resection, bypass and stoma
Surgical Oncology Emergencies (Continued) – Session 3	
Endoscopic Management of Obstructing GI Malignancies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review types of endoscopic stents Review indications for intraluminal stenting Review indications for transluminal stenting Discuss new and future endoscopic options for obstruction
Case Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss sequence and treatment in patients with complex breast cancer Discuss sequence and treatment in patients with complex gastric cancer Discuss sequence and treatment in patients with complex small bowel cancer Discuss sequence and treatment in patients with complex large bowel cancer

SPEAKERS, MODERATORS AND PANELLISTS

DR. HEATHER STUART



Dr. Stuart is a Surgical Oncologist at BC Cancer and Vancouver General Hospital with an interest in GI and cutaneous malignancies. She completed medical school and a Master of Science at the University of British Columbia, and general surgery residency at the University of Calgary. During her surgical oncology fellowship training at the University of Miami, she spent time in Uppsala, Sweden developing a focus in neuroendocrine tumors. Her current research focuses on clinical outcomes for patients with cutaneous malignancies and gastroenteropancreatic neuroendocrine tumors. She is currently the chair for the Continuing Professional Development & Knowledge Transfer (CPD-KT) Committee for BC Cancer Surgery and the co-chair for the BC Cancer GI Clinical Outcomes Unit.

DR. MAY LYNN QUAN



Dr. May Lynn Quan is a Professor of Surgery, Oncology and Community Health Sciences at the University of Calgary. She is a Breast surgeon at the Arthur Child Comprehensive Cancer Centre. She is the Scientific Director of the Strategies for Precision Health in Breast Cancer (SPHERE) research program. Her current focus is in young women and using precision medicine approaches to improve cancer outcomes and survivorship, in addition to improving access and quality of breast cancer care for Albertans. She has over 100 peer review publications and holds over \$10 million in research funding, and is the Co- President of the Canadian Society of Breast Surgeons.

DR. ELIZAVETA VASILYEVA



Dr. Elizaveta Vasilyeva completed her General Surgery Residency in 2020 and Complex Surgical Oncology Fellowship in 2022 at the University of British Columbia. To further develop clinical expertise in managing breast cancer patients, she worked with local and international world experts in treating breast cancer with special focus on oncoplastic surgical approach. She gained additional training in peritoneal malignancies at the world's highest volume center in Basingstoke, UK. She is actively involved in research, particularly in breast cancer outcomes and innovative treatment protocols to advance Surgical Oncology and make a meaningful impact in breast cancer treatment.

DR. M. SOHRAB KHORASANI



Dr. Khorasani is a surgical oncologist practicing in Victoria, BC. He completed general surgery residency training at University of British Columbia in 2017, and surgical oncology fellowship at University of Toronto in 2019. His surgical oncology practice is broad, and includes complex GI, skin, and breast cancer. His clinical interest is in management of gastric and lower GI cancer, and his research interest is in multidisciplinary translational biomedical research in the field of cancer management.

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DR. EMILY JACKSON



Emily Jackson is a Medical Oncologist at BC Cancer Vancouver who specializes in the treatment of Breast and Head and Neck cancers.

DR. TREVOR HAMILTON



Dr. Trevor Hamilton is a Surgical Oncologist and Clinical Associate Professor at Vancouver General Hospital and BC Cancer. He completed medical school at Dalhousie University and General Surgery training at the University of Calgary. He completed a fellowship in Surgical Oncology at the University of Toronto and an international fellowship at Severance Hospital/Yonsei Cancer Center in Seoul, Korea. He has a Master's of Science in Clinical Epidemiology at the Harvard School of Public Health. He is the chair of the BC Cancer Gastric Cancer Surgical Tumor Group, member of the BC Cancer Sarcoma Tumor Group and the co-chair of the BC Peritoneal Malignancy Program. He is the Co-Program Director for the UBC General Surgery Residency Program.

DR. CAILAN MACPHERSON



Dr. Cailan MacPherson is a colorectal and general surgeon based in Victoria, British Columbia, practicing at Royal Jubilee and Victoria General Hospitals. He completed fellowship training in colon and rectal surgery at the University of Calgary, with an interest in quality improvement and system-level optimization in the diagnosis and management of rectal cancer.

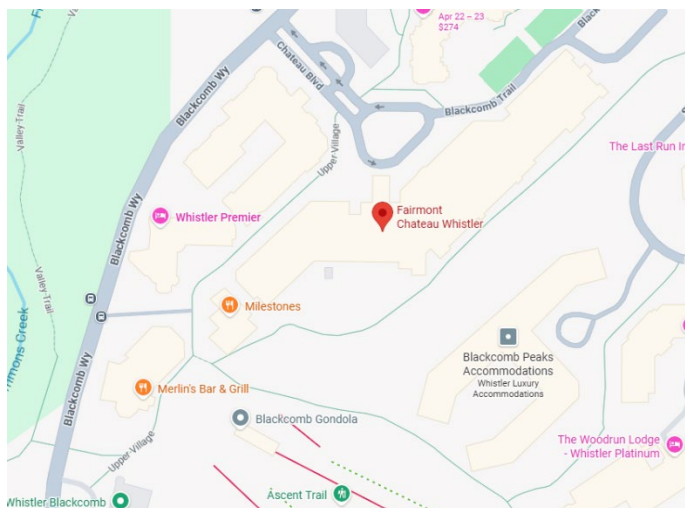
His clinical practice encompasses colorectal oncology, inflammatory bowel disease, endoscopy, and robotic surgery. Dr. MacPherson serves as Co-Division Head for General Surgery for the Vancouver Island Health Authority and as Site Chief for General Surgery for Vancouver Island South, with a focus on surgical quality improvement and regional program development. He is also the Discipline-Specific Site Leader for Surgical Education with the UBC Island Medical Program.

DR. ROBERTO TRASOLINI



Dr. Roberto Trasolini is a gastroenterologist and therapeutic endoscopist at the Vancouver General Hospital and a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of British Columbia. He is the director of endoscopy for Vancouver General Hospital and the University of British Columbia Hospital as well as the co-chair for regional endoscopy at Vancouver Coastal Health. He completed two advanced endoscopy fellowships at Harvard Medical School: Advanced endoscopy at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and advanced endoscopy and bariatric endoscopy/foregut endo-surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital. He is passionate about improving access to high impact therapeutic endoscopic procedures and is academically interested in the overlap between surgery and endoscopy.

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