

Chicago Specials

Fall Group Meeting

OCTOBER 8 - 10, 2026



Radiation Oncology Committee

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Time/Location

Thursday, October 8, 2026 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Room: Comiskey (Concourse Level)

Agenda

4:00 - 4:05 pm	Welcome - Chul S. Ha, MD
4:05 - 4:10 pm	Report from Executive Officer - Lisa Kachnic, MD
4:10 - 4:15 pm	Update from IROC - TJ FitzGerald, MD
4:15 - 4:20 pm	Update from NCI - Bhadrasain Vikram, MD
4:20 - 4:30 pm	Advancing SWOG Palliative Care Concept - Robert Krouse, MD & Marie Bakitas, DNSc

4:30 - 4:40 pm	Artificial Intelligence-based targeting platform for recruiting cancer clinical trial participation - Nadine Housri, MD
4:40 - 5:00 pm	SLOW ROLL: <u>Sa</u> lvage radiation <u>Or</u> <u>W</u> atchful waiting, <u>Re</u> imaging <u>up</u> <u>On</u> <u>e</u> levated <u>L</u> abs with delayed salvage - Martin Ma, MD, PhD
5:00 - 5:20 pm	Treating Ultra-low Estrogen-positive breast cancer: Surveillance vs endocrine Therapy (TRUE-STAR) - Shraddha Dalwadi, MD, MBA
5:20 - 5:40 pm	S2427, "Single Arm Phase II Study of Bladder Preservation with Immunoradiotherapy After a Clinically Meaningful Response to Neoadjuvant Therapy in Patients with Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer (BRIGHT) - Leslie Ballas, MD
5:40 - 6:00 pm	Esophageal protocol concept - Russell Palm, MD
6:00 pm	Closing Remarks - Chul S. Ha, MD

Publications

The publication papers listed below from 2026 have not appeared as published in previous Group Meeting publications listings. Accepted and submitted manuscripts are also listed, with the journal names withheld to honor journal embargo policies. Conference abstracts are not included.

Published/Accepted Manuscripts

Consensus Radiation Therapy Organ at Risk Constraints for NCTN Trials in Hematologic Malignancies. Sim AJ, Hoppe BS, Ballas LK, Milgrom SA, Terezakis SA, Ha CS, Figura NB, Parikh RR, Grecula JC, Plastaras JP, Lo AC, Ryckman J, Flampouri S, Pinnix CC, Kelsey CR. Journal of the National Cancer Institute. 2026. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/41965109/>

Submitted Manuscripts

None this cycle.

