

27th AVERA CANCER INSTITUTE Oncology Symposium

Friday, October 2, 2026, at The District, Sioux Falls, SD *and virtual*

7:30-8:00 am Registration and break time with vendors

- **8:00- 8:05- Welcome-**
Katie Van Beek ACI Vice President Oncology
- **8:05-9:05- Keynote Speaker- 'Building Caregiver Resilience: A Framework for Care'**
Aaron Blight Ed.D.
- **9:10- 10:00- 'Axillary Surgery in Breast Cancer and Lymphedema'**
Nara Judd MD, AMG Comprehensive Breast Care
 - 10-10:30 am- Break time with vendors
- **10:30-11:05- 'From Cure to Care: Reframing Success in Oncology at the End of Life'**
Scott Helstad PhD, Avera Healthcare Ethicist
- **11:10-12:00- 'Personalizing Gynecologic Cancer Care: How Biomarkers, Immunotherapy and Targeted Therapies are Changing Practice'**
Luis A. Rojas MD, FACOG, AMG Gynecologic Oncology
 - 12:00-1:00 pm- Lunch & time with vendors
- **1:00-1:35- 'Surgical Nutrition for the Oncology Patient'**
Jessi Muth RD, LN and Alexa Chapman MS, RD, LN
- **1:40-2:30- 'Overview and Updates: Breast Radiation Oncology'**
Andrew Figura MD, Avera Radiation Oncology
 - 2:30-2:40 pm- Break time with vendors
- **2:40-3:30- 'HSCT: Honing Supportive Care of Transplant Patients'**
Kyle LaPorte PharmD, AMG, Hematology, Transplant & Cellular Therapy
- **3:35-4:25- 'Finally Some Good News: Treatment Updates for GI Malignancies'**
Heidi McKean MD Avera Medical Oncology
- **4:25- Conclusion & Door prizes –**
Jamie Arens MSW, CSW-PIP, AVP Outpatient Cancer Services



2026 Avera Cancer Institute Oncology Symposium

10/02/2026 from 08:00 AM to 04:30 PM

Live Activity

Purpose:

The 2026 Avera Cancer Institute Oncology Symposium brings together healthcare professionals across disciplines to explore the latest innovations, evidence-based practices, and real-world strategies in cancer care. Through engaging, expert-led sessions, attendees will gain practical insights into today's most relevant topics, including emerging therapies, surgical and radiation advances, supportive care, nutrition, and end-of-life considerations. Designed for the entire healthcare team, this symposium offers an opportunity to connect, learn, and leaves empowered to deliver high-quality, coordinated oncology care.

Objectives:

- 1 Define tools and resources needed to manage the oncology patient in their practice setting
- 2 Identify evidence-based practice changes for oncology care and the impact on their day-to-day role.
- 3 Recognize opportunities to apply gained knowledge in the application of patient education
- 4 Describe how multidisciplinary roles interconnect and collaborate to provide care to the oncology patient population.

Target Audience:

Physician, Nurse - RN, Social Worker, Pharmacist, Pharmacy Technician, Registered Dietitian, Medical Assistants, Nurse - Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant, Manager, Radiologic Technologists, Nurse -LPN/LVN

For successful completion:

- Attend education
- Actively engaged or participated in the activity and Q&A
- Complete evaluation

Accreditation & Credit Designation:

Accreditation



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In support of improving patient care, Avera 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.

Continuing Education Credit Designation(s)



IPCE CREDIT™

IPCE (Team-based): This activity was planned by and for the healthcare team, and learners will receive 6.00 IPCE credit(s) for learning and change.

Medicine CME: Avera designates this live activity for a maximum of 6.00 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.



Successful completion of this CME activity, which includes participation in the evaluation component, enables the learner to earn credit toward the CME of the American Board of Surgery's Continuous Certification program. It is the CME activity provider's responsibility to submit learner completion information to ACCME for the purpose of granting ABS credit.

Nurse CE: Avera designates this activity for a maximum of 6.00 ANCC contact hour(s). Nurses should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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Disclosure Policy:

Due to the regulations required for CE credits, all conflicts of interest that persons in a position to control or influence the education must be fully disclosed to participants. In observance of this requirement, we are providing the following disclosure information: all relevant financial relationships disclosed below have been mitigated.

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