



## Thoracic Oncology Frontiers Conference Draft Agenda

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2027

### Leicester Marriott hotel, UK.

#### Conference Overview

Thoracic Oncology Frontiers Conference brings together leading clinicians, researchers, and healthcare professionals to discuss the latest advances, challenges, and innovations in thoracic cancers. The agenda below outlines two days of insightful presentations, interactive panel discussions, live MDT sessions and networking opportunities.

#### Day 1: Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2027

| Time          | Session                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Details/Speaker                                                                                                                                              |
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| 07:45 – 08:30 | Registration & Refreshments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Arrival, badge collection                                                                                                                                    |
| 08:30 – 08:45 | Welcome & Introductions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Conference Chairs                                                                                                                                            |
| 08:45 – 09:40 | 2027 – Chest Cancer Care Where Are We Now?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Rajini Sudhir (Respiratory Medicine)<br>Yiewfah Fang (Radiology)<br>Alan Dawson (Thoracic Surgery)<br>Shobit Baijal (Oncology)<br>Elizabeth Webb (Pathology) |
| 09:40 – 10:40 | <b>The Great Debate</b><br>The Knife vs The Beam - Rethinking Treatment for Operable Stage I NSCLC<br>The Oligometastatic Disease Debate – Cure or Mirage?                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Carol Tan (London) vs Kevin Franks (Leeds)<br>Paul Van Schil (Belgium) Vs<br>Ajay Sudan (Newcastle)                                                          |
| 10:40 – 11:10 | <b>Tea / Coffee Break and Networking</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Networking and Exhibition                                                                                                                                    |
| 11:10 – 12:40 | <b>Keynote Lectures</b><br>Keynote Medical Oncology<br>Keynote Radiation Oncology<br>AI in Healthcare: From Hype to Clinical Reality                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Prof. Suresh Ramalingam (USA)<br>Prof. Suresh Senan (Netherlands)<br>Leo Anthony Celi (USA)                                                                  |
| 12:40 – 13:25 | Industry Sponsored Symposium                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Diamond Sponsor                                                                                                                                              |
| 13:25 – 14:10 | Lunch and Networking                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Networking and Exhibition                                                                                                                                    |
| 14:10 – 15:30 | <b>Parallel Sessions</b><br><br><b>Beyond Standard of Care – Emerging Strategies in Lung Cancer</b><br>Docetaxel Dethroned? Rethinking Second-Line Therapy<br>Currents of Change: TTFIELDS in Advanced NSCLC<br>Seeing is Treating: MRI-Adapted Radiotherapy in Lung Cancer<br>Rewiring the Immune Response: Radiotherapy's Emerging Role as Immunomodulator | Jonathan Heseltine (Liverpool)<br>Alessandra Curioni (Switzerland)<br>Merina Ahmed (London)<br>Grant Stewart (Cornwall)                                      |
| 14:10 – 15:30 | <b>Thoracic Surgery: Surgery for Advanced Lung Cancer</b><br>Bronchoplastic Resections: Techniques and Oncologic Principles<br>Chest Wall Resections: Extent, Reconstruction, and Recovery<br>T4 Vascular Resections: Technical Challenges in Locally Advanced NSCLC<br>Pancoast Tumour Resection: Multimodality Surgery at the Thoracic Inlet               | Apostolos Nakas (Leicester)<br>Maninder Kalkat (Birmingham)<br>Mohsin Ibrahim (Italy)<br><br>Paul Van Schil (Belgium)                                        |



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| 14:10 – 15:30 | <b>Mesothelioma (Immunotherapy &amp; Trials Landscape)</b><br>European Clinical Trials Landscape for Mesothelioma<br>Immunotherapy Now & Next<br>Emerging Role of PRX 3 in MPM                          | Arnaud Scherpereel (France)<br>Jacobus Burgers (France)<br>Brian Cuniff (USA)                                                                                                                              |
| 14:10 – 15:30 | <b>Radiology (Screening, Diagnosis and Intervention)</b><br>AI in Onco-Radiology: Current Status & Future Directions<br>The Role of Lung Radio frequency Ablation<br>Fiducials in Thoracic Intervention | Kevin Groot-Lipman (Netherlands)<br>Madava Djearaman (Birmingham)<br>TBC                                                                                                                                   |
| 14:10 – 15:30 | <b>Respiratory Medicine</b><br>Lung Cancer Screening: Lessons Learned<br>Robotic and Navigation Bronchoscopy<br>Cryobiopsy Comes of Age                                                                 | TBC<br>Haval Balatta (Manchester)<br>Rakesh Panchal (Leicester)                                                                                                                                            |
| 15:30 – 15:45 | Networking and Coffee/Tea Break                                                                                                                                                                         | Networking and Exhibition                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 15:45 – 16:30 | Two Parallel Industry Sponsored Symposiums                                                                                                                                                              | Platinum Sponsors                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 16:30 – 17:45 | Live MDT Discussion Advance Cancer<br><br>Live MDT Discussion Mediastinum<br><br>Live MDT Discussion Early Lung cancer                                                                                  | Mr Edward Caruana, Jan Brozik,<br>Sam Khan, Asfand Yousuf<br><br>Dio Stavroulias, Catherine Knox,<br>Kushal Joshi, Jonathan Bennett<br><br>George Tsaknis, Rajashri Patil, Alex<br>Alexic, Nathan Burnside |
| 17:45 – 18:30 | Fireside Chat: Can AI Change Lung Cancer Care                                                                                                                                                           | Sridhar Rathinam, Indrajeet Das,<br>Apo Nakas (Leicester)                                                                                                                                                  |
| 17:45 – 18:30 | Trainees Workshop: Real Life Case Simulation/Scenarios                                                                                                                                                  | Tim Benepal / Asanga Fernando<br>(London)                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 19:30 Onwards | Celebration Dinner                                                                                                                                                                                      | Ticketed event                                                                                                                                                                                             |

## Day 2: Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2027

| Time          | Session                                                                                                                               | Details                                                         |
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| 07:30 – 08:30 | Registration & Refreshments                                                                                                           | Arrival and Networking                                          |
| 08:00 – 09:00 | Respiratory Interventions – Hands on Workshop                                                                                         |                                                                 |
| 09:00 – 10:00 | <b>Keynote Lectures</b><br>Keynote Surgery<br><br>Lung Cancer Screening in the UK – What Have We Learnt<br>Nationally From Radiology? | Prof. Isabel Opitz (Switzerland)<br><br>Prof. Sam Hare (London) |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | Networking and Coffee / Tea Break                                                                                                     | Networking and Exhibition                                       |
| 10:30 – 11:30 | <b>Parallel Sessions</b><br><b>Mesothelioma: Science to Service</b><br>Intratumour Heterogeneity of Mesothelioma                      | TBC                                                             |



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|               | AI to Measure Mesothelioma Response<br>The Mesothelioma UK Research Portfolio in a Nutshell                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Kevin Groot Lipman (Netherlands)<br>Presented on behalf of UK3CR<br>Panel: Kevin Blyth (Respiratory),<br>Giuseppe Banna (Medical Oncology),<br>Crispin Hiley (Radiotherapy), TBC<br>(Translational Research), Liz Darlison<br>(Qualitative Research) |
| 10:30 – 11:30 | <b>Cross Surgical Specialty Collaborative Care in Complex Thoracic Cancers</b><br>Surgery for Cancer with Spinal Involvement<br>Surgery needing Plastic Surgery<br>Surgery with Head and Neck Surgeons                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Jason Braybrook (Leicester)<br>Nakul Patel (Leicester)<br>Peter Conboy (Leicester)                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 10:30 – 11:30 | <b>Small Cell Lung Cancer</b><br>Molecular Classification of SCLC: Guiding Current & Future<br>Therapeutic Landscapes<br>'Engaging the Enemy: T-Cell Engagers Take on Small Cell Lung<br>Cancer'<br>Managing Brain Metastases in Lung Cancer – Integrating New-<br>Generation Compounds with Local Therapeutic Modalities                                                                                             | Alfredo Addeo (Switzerland)<br><br>Martin Wermke (Germany)<br><br>Huiqi Yang (Cambridge)                                                                                                                                                             |
| 10:30 – 11:30 | <b>Palliative Care and Specialist Nurses</b><br>Palliative Care & CNS: "Early Integration,<br>Better Best Supportive Care for Thoracic Cancer Patients<br>Outcomes: Palliative Care in Lung Cancer and the Role of the<br>CNS in Thoracic Cancer"<br>Role of the Thoracic Surgery Nurses Thoracic CNS team (Lung,<br>Mesothelioma and Surgery)<br>Patients and Carers Course for Mesothelioma                         | (Leicester)<br>Rosie Bronnert<br><br>Sharon Savory / Jane Hope<br><br>Sarah Taylor<br>Laura Smith / Louise Nelson                                                                                                                                    |
| 11:40 – 12:40 | <b>Parallel Sessions</b><br><b>Precision Medicine Oncology</b><br>From Testing to Reporting: The Biomarker and ctDNA<br>Landscape<br>The First Move Matters: Optimising Therapy in Oncogene-<br>Addicted NSCLC<br>Cracking KRAS: The Next Generation of Inhibitors and<br>Techniques<br>Overcoming Acquired Resistance in Oncogene-Addicted<br>Disease: The Evolving Interplay Between ADCs and Targeted<br>Therapies | Michael Hubank (London)<br><br>Samreen Ahmed (Leicester)<br><br>Carles Escriu (Liverpool)<br><br>Giuseppe Banna (Portsmouth)                                                                                                                         |
| 11:40 – 12:40 | <b>The Other 90%: More Than Medicine — What Happens Outside the Oncology Clinic</b><br>Butt Out: Does Quitting Really Change the Odds?<br>Prehab for All: Rethinking Fitness Before Cancer Treatment<br>Gut Instinct: What Your Microbiome Knows About Cancer<br>Legal Aspects of Thoracic Cancers                                                                                                                    | Sanjay Agarwal (Leicester)<br>Prof Babu Naidu (Birmingham)<br>Karan Rajan (UK)<br>Irwin Mitchel LLP                                                                                                                                                  |
| 12:40 – 13:25 | Industry Sponsored Symposium                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Diamond Sponsor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 13:25 – 14:15 | Lunch break and Networking                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Networking and Exhibition                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |



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| 14:15 – 15:15 | <b>Parallel Sessions</b><br><b>Immunotherapy in Lung Cancer</b><br>Immunotherapy Session MRD in Early Stage NSCLC: Does It Settle the Adjuvant vs Perioperative Debate?<br>‘When Immunotherapy Fails: Unpacking the Resistance’<br>Who Is Too Frail for IO? Challenging the Boundaries in Lung Cancer | Patrick Forde (Ireland)<br><br>Gary Middleton (Birmingham)<br><br>Fabio Gomes (Manchester) |
| 14:15 – 15:15 | <b>Beyond the Image: Radiology's Role in the Thoracic Oncology Story:</b><br>The Great Mediastinal Mimic: Cracking the Thymic Mass<br>When the scan deceives – Interpreting Immunotherapy related lung changes during immunotherapy<br>RECIST: Gold Standard or Blunt Instrument?                     | Indrajeet Das (Leicester)<br>TBC<br><br>Bruno Morgan (Leicester)                           |
| 15:15 - 15:30 | Networking and Tea / Coffee Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Networking & Exhibition                                                                    |
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| 16:15 -16:45  | Scan, Stump, Score: The Thoracic Oncology Quiz                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Amrita Bajaj (Leicester)<br>Tim Benepal (London)<br>Sridhar Rathinam (Leicester)           |
| 16:45 -17:00  | Closing Remarks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                            |