

AN AVAHO REGIONAL MEETING

# UNRAVELING THE MYSTERIES OF MYELOYDYSPLASTIC SYNDROMES

MAR 29, 2025 • THE WESTIN KANSAS CITY AT  
CROWN CENTER

1 E Pershing Rd, Kansas City, MO 64108





# ABOUT THE MEETING

## UNRAVELING THE MYSTERIES OF MYELODYSPLASTIC SYNDROMES

ASSOCIATION OF VA  
HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY

Saturday, March 29, 2025

**Mary Thomas MS, CNS, AOCN**

*Program Chair*

**The Westin Kansas City at Crown Center**

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Kansas City, MO

### **PRACTICE GAP:**

Healthcare professionals often lack comprehensive knowledge of Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS), leading to suboptimal diagnosis and treatment. An educational session addressing updated diagnostic criteria, therapeutic options, and patient management strategies is essential to improve clinical outcomes for MDS patients.

### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

- Describe the epidemiology and pathophysiology of myelodysplastic syndromes
- Identify the various classifications and prognostic factors of myelodysplastic syndromes
- Describe goals of therapy and commonly used therapeutic approaches for myelodysplastic syndromes, including transfusion, transplant, and supportive care

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# AGENDA

## SATURDAY, MAR 29

8:30am — 4:00pm	Registration	
8:30am — 4:00pm	Exhibit Displays	Liberty
8:30am — 10:00am	Breakfast	Liberty
10:00am — 4:00pm	General Sessions	Shawnee Mission
12:00pm — 1:15pm	Lunch   Non-CE Symposium (Taiho Oncology)	Shawnee Mission
2:00pm — 2:30pm	Break   Visit Exhibits	Liberty
4:00pm — 5:00pm	Social Hour   Reception	Hotel Bar

## SOCIAL HOUR & RECEPTION

Please join us for our end-of-meeting social hour and reception!

4:00PM — 5:00PM  
Hotel Bar

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# PROGRAM

SATURDAY, MAR 29

8:30am REGISTRATION / EXHIBIT HALL

8:30am BREAKFAST

10:00am **NON-CE PRESENTATION**  
A DIFFERENT OPTION IN THE TREATMENT OF TRANSFUSION-DEPENDENT ANEMIA IN LOWER-RISK MDS

**Moshe Yar Levy, MD**

Baylor Scott & White Charles A. Sammons Cancer Center

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11:00am **EPIDEMIOLOGY & BASIC PATHOPHYSIOLOGY OF MYELODYSPLASTIC SYNDROMES**

**Suman Kambhampati, MD**

11:30am **MYELODYSPLASTIC NEOPLASMS: PATHOLOGY REVIEW AND UPDATES**

**Karsten Evans, MD**

12:00pm **LUNCH & NON-CE PRESENTATION**  
THE ONLY ORAL HMA FOR THE TREATMENT OF MDS AND CMML

**Salman Fazal, MD**

Director of Cell Transplantation, in the Division of Hematology and Cellular Therapy at Allegheny Health Network Cancer Institute

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1:15pm **COMMONLY USED THERAPY IN LOW RISK AND ANEMIA MYELODYSPLASTIC SYNDROMES**

**Maxwell Krem, MD**

# PROGRAM

SATURDAY, MAR 29

2:00pm **BREAK / VISIT EXHIBITS**

2:30pm **ROLE OF STEM CELL TRANSPLANT IN MYELOYDYSPLASTIC SYNDROMES**

**Thomas Chauncey, MD**

3:15pm

**IMPACT OF CHRONIC ANEMIA IN MYELOYDYSPLASTIC SYNDROMES**

**Nicholas Burwick, MD**

**Lynne Kallenbach, MD**

**Sarah Krueger, SW**

4:00pm **SOCIAL HOUR / NETWORKING**

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# NON-CE SYMPOSIUM

## A DIFFERENT OPTION IN THE TREATMENT OF TRANSFUSION-DEPENDENT ANEMIA IN LOWER-RISK MDS



### **Moshe Y. Levy, MD**

Hematologist, Medical Oncology  
Baylor Scott & White Charles A. Sammons  
Cancer Center

Saturday, March 29, 2025

10:00AM – 11:00AM

**Dr. Moshe Y. Levy, MD** is a hematologist in Dallas, Texas. He specializes in hematology, including lymphoma, myeloma, and leukemia. Dr. Levy received his medical doctorate at the University of Wisconsin at Madison School of Medicine. He served his residency at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and his hematology fellowship at Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, MD. He also served on the faculty at Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins. He has won several awards, including the ASCO Merit Award, ASH Merit Award, Walsh Research Grant and the National Institutes of Health LRP Award. Dr. Levy lives in Dallas with his wife, two daughters and their golden retriever.

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### **Salman Fazal, MD**

Director of Cell Transplantation, in the Division of Hematology and Cellular Therapy at Allegheny Health Network Cancer Institute

Saturday, March 29, 2025

12:00PM – 1:15PM

**Salman Fazal, MD**, is the Director of Cell Transplantation, in the Division of Hematology and Cellular Therapy at Allegheny Health Network Cancer Institute in Pittsburgh, PA. He is also Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine at Temple University School of Medicine. He received his medical degree from King Edward Medical College, Lahore, Pakistan. He completed his internal medicine residency at the Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science/Chicago Medical School, North Chicago, IL. He subsequently served as chief resident at Griffin Hospital/Yale University. He then completed his fellowship in Hematology/Oncology at Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA.

Dr. Fazal holds board certifications in hematology and oncology from the American Board of Internal Medicine. In addition, he is the principal investigator/co-investigator for hematological malignancy trials and has published articles and abstracts. He serves as a referral physician for the MDS Foundation at Allegheny Health Network Cancer Institute and currently sits on the Board for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Western Pennsylvania.

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- **Facilitating networking between members to broaden knowledge and best practice**

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