



## **Rescue Lung Society 2026 Conference – Agenda**

**Dates: Oct 15-17, 2026**

**Location: Boston Harbor Hyatt**

**Theme: Continuing to make global progress in CT Lung Screening**

**Patient Navigation Workshop – Approaches to Eliminating Barriers in CT Lung Screening  
Patient Navigation - Thursday Oct 15; 5:30-8pm (Limited attendance – separate registration)**

**5:30 – 6:00 Dinner & Networking**

Moderators: Annie Lally, Rush University Medical Center, USA & Michelle Futrell, Lungevity, USA

- Keynote: Lung Cancer Navigation & Care: Comprehensive Guide for Patient Navigators and Allied Health Professionals – Joelle Fathi, University of Washington, GO2 Foundation, USA (20 min)

Panelists: Gean Brown, Smilow Cancer Center CT, USA, Retired, Elizabeth Wilson, Lahey Hospital & Medical Center, MA, USA Joelle Fathi, University of Washington WA, USA, Rochelle Waddell, Appalachian Regional Healthcare Kentucky, USA

Panels provide 5 min overview presentation w/slides on their programs

Each panelist presents a case study of a challenging case in patient navigation in CT lung screening. Panel and audience discuss approaches for each case.

## Potential Case Studies:

- Inconsistent guidelines—not all covered by insurance/Medicare e.g. ACS no years since quit, NCCN, etc.
  - How to integrate and navigate IPN follow-up; Fleishner vs LungRADS
  - Reimbursement challenges for follow-ups for positive baseline/annual scans
  - Challenges with preauthorization for baseline scans
  - Filling out MyChart Smoking History (protect tobacco use data when merging/doing updates)
  - Challenges with ensuring proper ICD codes when ordering CT Lung Screening scans
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## Friday Oct 16

### 7:00 – 8:00 am – Registration and Breakfast

### 8:00 – 8:15 Welcome – Jacob Sands, Dana Farber Cancer Center, Rescue Lung Society, USA

### 8:15 10:15 - Global CT Lung Screening and Health Policy Perspectives – Moderator Yeon Wook Kim, Seoul National University Bundang Hospital, Korea (15 min talks—30 min Q&A at end)

- WHO Lung Health Resolution – implementation status – Emily Medhurst, Lung Cancer Policy Network, UK
- WHO/IARC Handbook on Lung Cancer Screening –Xiaoshuang Feng, IARC, France
- Strengthening the Screening of Lung Cancer in Europe (SOLACE) – policy recommendations and vision for expanding successful screening approaches across all EU Member States. – Anna Kerpel-Fronius, National Korányi Institute of Pulmonology Hungary
- The Estonian Regional Lung Cancer Screening Pilot Study Experience - Tanel Laisaar, Tartu University, Tartu University Hospital Estonia
- The Australian National Lung Cancer Screening Program: Aspirations, Progress and Markers of Success in the First Year – Vivian Milch, Cancer Australia
- Lung Cancer Screening and Pulmonary Nodule Management in China – Chunxue Bai, Shanghai Respiratory Research Institute and Chinese Alliance Against Cancer, China

### 10:15 – 10:35 Break

**10:35 – 12:30 Research, Clinical Trial, and Study Updates – Moderator: Kevin ten Haaf , Erasmus, Netherlands (20 min talks; 30 min Pro/Con)**

- Five year summary of UK National Lung Cancer Screening Program – Phil Crosbie, Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust, UK
- Germany – HANSE Experience/Next Steps Effectiveness of NELSON versus PLCom2012 lung cancer screening eligibility criteria in Germany (HANSE): a prospective cohort study – Prof Jens Vogel-Claussen, Department of Radiology, Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Germany
- Patient Navigation for Lung Cancer Screening at a Health Care for the Homeless Program – Travis Baggett, Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School, USA
- Evaluating Early Stage Lung Cancer Survival at Upper Age Limit of Screening - Matthew T. Warkentin, Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary, Canada
- LungRADS vs PanCan Screening Management Systems – Stephen Lam, British Columbia Cancer Center, Canada
- Lung Cancer Screening in Those Who Never Smoked Study (FALCONS) – Martin Tammemagi, Brock University, Canada

**Lunch 12:30 – 1:30**

**1:30 – 2:00 Pro/Con** – Focus should be placed on increasing CT lung screening uptake within current guidelines vs on expanding eligibility criteria. Pro: Ella Kazerooni, University of Michigan, USA / Con: Doug Wood, University of Washington, USA

**2:00-3:00 Primary Care Challenges in CT Lung Screening – Moderator Jen Lewis, Rescue Lung Society, USA**

Panel Discussion: Donnita Butler, USA, Michael Gieske, St. Elizabeth HealthCare, USA, David Baldwin, Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust, UK, Pierre Onda, The White Ribbon Project, USA, David Miller, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, USA, Jacob Hathaway, VA Tennessee Valley Healthcare System, USA

**3:00 – 3:20 Break**

**3:20 – 5:00 AI, MCED, Biomarkers and CT Lung Screening – Moderator: Sam Janes, University College London Hospitals, UK**

- Feasibility of AI as first reader in the 4-IN-THE-LUNG-RUN lung cancer screening trial – Harry de Koning, Erasmus MC–University Medical Center, Netherlands(15 min; 5 Q&A)

- Pulmonary nodule malignancy prediction models and scientific evidence for commercially available products -- Noa Antonissen, RadBound University Medical Center, Netherlands (25 min; 5 min Q&A) [noa.antonissen@radboudumc.nl](mailto:noa.antonissen@radboudumc.nl)
- Sybil – Mary Pasquinelli University of Illinois, USA (15 min; 5 min Q&A)
- MCED The new frontier in Cancer early detection – Carmen Guerra, University of Pennsylvania, USA (15 min; 5 min Q&A)
- Biomarkers in Lung Cancer Screening – Kim Reiger-Christ, Lahey Hospital & Medical Center, USA (15 min; 5min Q&A)

**5:00 – 6:30 Reception with posters and visit exhibitors**

**6:30 – 8:30 Dinner**



**Saturday October 17, 2026**

**7am Breakfast and Registration**

**8:00 – 8:30 Brady McKee Excellence in Lung Cancer Screening Award – Andrea McKee, Radiation Oncology Associates, PA / Rescue Lung Society, USA**

**8:30 – 10:50 Patient Perspectives – Moderator – Dusty Donaldson, LiveLung, USA**

- LiveLung patient advocacy – Dusty Donaldson, LiveLung, USA (10 min)
- Panel discussion patient advocates as research partners (status, benefits, challenges, future directions, STARS program, Biomarker driven patient communities/research) - (1.5 hours; 10 min statements; 30 min Q&A) Moderator Janet Freeman-Daily, The ROS1 ders, USA
  - Dave Bjork, USA, Stacey Tinnianov, Advocates for Collaborative Education, USA, Bill Norris, USA TBD researcher, Paul Hesketh, Lahey Hospital & Medical Center, USA

Pro/Con Is fight language helpful for patients and their loved ones? Jill Feldman, EGFR Resisters, USA - No/Heidi Onda, The White Ribbon Project, USA – Yes (30 min)

**10:50-11:10 Break**

**11:10 – 12:10 ; 1:10 -4:00 CT Lung Screening Implementation Best Practices and Improvement Opportunities (15 min talks; 5 min Q&A) – Moderators: TBD and Matthew Callister, Department of Respiratory Medicine, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, University of Leeds, UK**

- Expanding Access and Equity in Lung Cancer Screening: A Navigator-Centric Model at the Largest Municipal Hospital System in the U.S. -- Albina Shkolnik, NYC Health + Hospitals, USA, Jody Steinhardt, NYC Health + Hospitals, USA
- Examining trends in lung cancer screening over 10 years: Eligibility, participation, cancer detection, and quality implications - Debra P. Ritzwoller, Institute for Health Research, Kaiser Permanente, USA
- Tracking and Reporting Quality Indicators – Shawn Regis, Rescue Lung Society, USA

### **12:10 – 1:10 Lunch**

### **1:10 – 4:00 CT Lung Screening Implementation Best Practices and Improvement Opportunities**

- Program structures for CT Lung Screening and Incidental Pulmonary Nodule Management – Carey Thomson, Beth Israel Lahey Health, Harvard Medical School, USA (20 min; 5 min Q&A)
- Effective management of incidental findings in lung cancer screening: the role of the screening review meeting – David Baldwin, Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust, UK (15 min; 5 min Q&A)
- Barriers and Facilitators to Accurate Smoking History – Efren Flores, Massachusetts General Hospital, USA
- Red, White and Screen Initiative – Sabrina Moffat, Advocate Aurora Health, USA (15 min; 5 min Q&A)
- Comprehensive Big 3 CT Lung Screening – Lung Cancer, CAC and COPD – David Yankelevitz, Icahn School of Medicine, USA (15 min; 5 min Q&A)
- Misinformation and Overestimation of Computed Tomography Lung Cancer Screening Harms: Methodology Matters – Elliot Servais, Lahey Hospital & Medical Center, USA (15 min; 5 min Q&A)

Pro/Con SBRT vs Surgery for Early Stage LC – Andrea McKee, Radiation Oncology Associates, PA / Rescue Lung Society, USA (Pro SBRT) and Mara Antonoff, MD Anderson, USA (Pro surgery) (30 min)

### **4:00 - 4:15 Close out and final thoughts – Jacob Sands, Dana Farber Cancer Center, Rescue Lung Society**