

AGENDA: FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2026		
DAY 1 – Thoracic Current Approaches Symposium: Malignant Esophagogastric Diseases		
TIME		
6:15 - 7:00 am	Registration / Sign in / Breakfast / Exhibitor Visit	
7:00 - 12:00 pm	Livestream case observation (example: esophagectomy, hiatal hernia repair, etc.) Surgery by Matthew Porembka, MD & Inderpal Sarkaria, MD Moderated with real-time commentary by surgical team	
12:00 - 12:30 pm	Debrief discussion with surgical faculty—operative decision-making, challenges, outcomes	
12:30 - 1:30 pm	Lunch / Exhibit Visit	
SESSION I	Moderator(s): Sudish Murthy, MD & Scott Reznik, MD	
TIME		Speaker
1:40 - 1:45 pm	Welcome/opening remarks, course overview	Inderpal Sarkaria, MD
1:45 - 2:00 pm	Blood and Tissue Markers in Prognostication for Esophageal Cancer	Sudish Murthy, MD
2:00 - 2:20 pm	Current Role of Radiation in the Treatment of Esophageal Cancer	Nina Sanford, MD
2:20 - 2:45 pm	Current Standards in Neoadjuvant and Adjuvant Treatment of Esophageal Gastrocancer	Ethan Tobias, MD
2:45 - 3:15 pm	GI Tumor Board Panel: Interesting Cases & Takeaways Panel: Syed Kazmi, MD, Sudish Murthy, MD, Matthew Porembka, MD, Scott Reznik, MD, Nina Sanford, MD, Ethan Tobias, MD Moderator: Sam Wang, MD	
3:15 - 3:35 pm	Networking Break / Exhibit Visit	
SESSION II	Moderator(s): David Nelson, MD & Aitua Salami, MD	
TIME		Speaker
3:35 - 3:50 pm	What is the Current Data for Approach to Esophagectomy	Aitua Salami, MD
3:50 - 4:05 pm	Technical Aspects of Robotic Esophagectomy	Inderpal Sarkaria, MD
4:05 - 4:20 pm	Addressing Para Conduit Hernia	Sudish Murthy, MD
4:20 - 4:35 pm	Current and Emerging Standards in Quality Assessment for Esophageal Cancer	Scott Reznik, MD
4:35 - 5:00 pm	Q&A and closing remarks	
5:30 - 7:00 pm	Networking Reception	

AGENDA: SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026		
DAY 2 – Thoracic Current Approaches Symposium: Malignant Esophagogastric Diseases		
TIME		Speaker
7:30 - 8:00 am	Registration / Sign in / Breakfast / Exhibitor Visit	
8:00 - 8:15 am	Day 2 Welcome and Announcements	
8:15 - 8:30 am	Management of Complications after Esophagectomy – Esophageal Leaks & Fistulae	John Waters, MD
8:30 - 8:45 am	Current Management for Early-Stage Esophageal Cancer	David Nelson, MD
8:45 - 9:30 am	Debate: Gastric Emptying Procedures are Necessary in Esophagectomy	Sudish Murthy, MD Scott Reznik, MD
9:30 - 10:00 am	Networking Break / Exhibit Visit	
10:00 - 10:15 am	Endoscopic Palliation for Unresectable Esophageal Cancer – Role of Stents, PDT, Cryotherapy, etc.	Thomas Tiellesman, MD
10:15 - 10:30 am	Starting a RAMIE Program – The UT Southwestern Experience	Matthew Porembka, MD
10:30 - 11:00 am	Q&A and Closing Remarks	