

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 of Esophagectomy Surgery by Matthew Porembka, MD, FACS & Inderpal Sarkaria, MD, MBA, FACS Moderated with real-time commentary by Scott Reznik, MD	
12:00 - 12:30 pm	Debrief discussion with surgical faculty —Operative decision-making, challenges, and outcomes	
12:30 - 1:30 pm	Lunch / Exhibit Visit	
SESSION I	Moderators: Dr. Murthy & Dr. Reznik	
TIME	Activity	Speaker
1:40 - 1:45 pm	Welcome/opening remarks, course overview	Inderpal Sarkaria, MD, MBA, FACS
1:45 - 2:00 pm	Blood and Tissue Markers in Prognostication for Esophageal Cancer	Sudish Murthy, MD, PhD, FACS, FCCP
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	Panelists: Syed Kazmi, MD, Sudish Murthy, MD, PhD, FACS, FCCP, Scott Reznik, MD, Nina Sanford, MD, Ethan Tobias, MD Moderators: Matthew Porembka, MD, FACS, and Sam Wang, MD, FACS
3:15 - 3:35 pm	Networking Break / Exhibit Visit	
SESSION II	Moderators: Dr. Nelson & Dr. Salami	
TIME	Activity	Speaker
3:35 - 3:50 pm	What is the Current Data for Approach to Esophagectomy	Aitua Salami, MD, MPH
3:50 - 4:05 pm	Technical Aspects of Robotic Esophagectomy	Inderpal Sarkaria, MD, MBA, FACS
4:05 - 4:20 pm	Addressing Para Conduit Hernia	Sudish Murthy, MD, PhD, FACS, FCCP
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		
7:30 - 8:00 am	Registration / Sign in / Breakfast / Exhibitor Visit	
SESSION III	Moderators: Dr. Murthy & Dr. Sarkaria	
TIME	Activity	Speaker
8:00 - 8:15 am	Welcome and Announcements	Inderpal Sarkaria, MD, MBA, FACS
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, MS
8:45 - 9:30 am	Debate: Gastric Emptying Procedures are Necessary in Esophagectomy	Sudish Murthy, MD, PhD, FACS, FCCP Scott Reznik, MD
9:30 - 10:00 am	Networking Break / Exhibit Visit	
SESSION IV	Moderators: Dr. Wang & Dr. Waters	
10:00 - 10:15 am	Endoscopic Palliation for Unresectable Esophageal Cancer – Role of Stents, PDT, Cryotherapy, etc.	Thomas Tielleman, MD
10:15 - 10:30 am	Starting a RAMIE Program – The UT Southwestern Experience	Matthew Porembka, MD, FACS
10:30 - 11:00 am	Q&A and Closing Remarks	