

Tuesday June 2, 2026		
Time	Description	Location
4:00 – 5:00 PM	Conference Registration and Badge Pickup	Outside Lake Champlain Salon Hotel Champlain Burlington, VT
5:00 – 5:15 PM	Opening Reception Welcome and Introduction Katelyn Queen, PhD Deputy Associate Director for Cancer Research Training and Education Coordination, <i>University of Vermont Cancer Center</i>	Lake Champlain Salon Hotel Champlain
5:15 – 6:00 PM	Opening Reception Patient Story and Keynote Andrea and Rusty Ashmore Patient Story and Perspective Alissa Thomas, MD Geography and Glioblastoma: Bridging Rural Gaps in Brain Cancer Care Associate Professor, <i>University of Vermont Cancer Center</i>	Lake Champlain Salon Hotel Champlain
6:00 – 7:00 PM	Networking Reception with Hors d’oeuvres	Lake Champlain Salon Hotel Champlain
Wednesday June 3, 2026		
7:30 – 8:30 AM	Conference Registration and Badge Pickup	Outside Adirondack Rooms Hotel Champlain
7:30 - 8:30 AM	Networking Breakfast and Exhibitor Tables Open	Adirondack AB
8:30 – 8:45 AM	Welcome Randall Holcombe, MD Director of the <i>University of Vermont Cancer Center</i> Kate Tracy, PhD Senior Associate Dean for Research, <i>University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine</i>	Adirondack CD Hotel Champlain
8:45 – 9:45 AM	Keynote Nathan L. Vanderford, PhD, MBA Taking ACTION to Reduce Cancer Disparities in Appalachian Kentucky Director of the Appalachian Career Training in Oncology Program, Director of Administration for the Center for Cancer and Metabolism, Assistant Director of Pathway Programs and Student Success, Associate Professor, <i>University of Kentucky, Markey Cancer Center</i>	Adirondack CD Hotel Champlain
9:45 – 10:00 AM	Coffee/Tea Break and Exhibitor Tables Open	Adirondack AB

<p>10:00 – 11:15 AM</p>	<p>Session 1 Addressing Challenges in Rural Cancer Care</p> <p><u>10:00-10:25 Jan M. Eberth, PhD</u> *Invited speaker and session moderator Turning the Tide in Lung Cancer: The Essential Role of Primary Care in Rural Communities Professor and Department Head of Population Health Sciences at <i>Virginia Tech</i></p> <p><u>10:25 – 10:40 Gabriel Sutton and Haley Moriarty</u> Gaps and Opportunities in Food Insecurity Screening and Referral Practices in Rural Oncology Settings, <i>University of Vermont</i></p> <p><u>10:40-10:55 Kevin Stein, PhD, FAPOS</u> Evaluation of a Training on Psychosocial Oncology for Mental Health Practitioners in Maine, <i>MaineHealth</i></p> <p><u>10:55-11:15 Q&A with all speakers</u></p>	<p>Adirondack CD Hotel Champlain</p>
<p>11:15 AM – 12:30 PM</p>	<p>Session 2 Novel Approaches to Improve Rural Cancer Health Outcomes</p> <p><u>11:15-11:40 Erika Moen, MS, PhD</u> *Invited speaker and session moderator Studying Rural Cancer Care Delivery Using Network Analysis Associate Professor, <i>Dartmouth Geisel School of Medicine</i></p> <p><u>11:40-11:55 Todd Burus, PhD</u> Cancer InFocus: Rural/Urban – A Dashboard for Assessing Place-based Differences in Cancer Risk and Outcomes, <i>Markey Cancer Center</i></p> <p><u>11:55-12:10 Cait Sharma, MA</u> Reducing Lung Cancer Risk in Rural New York State: A Collaborative Approach to Radon Mitigation and Education, <i>University of Rochester Medical Center – Wilmot Cancer Institute</i></p> <p><u>12:10-12:30 Q&A with all speakers</u></p>	<p>Adirondack CD Hotel Champlain</p>
<p>12:30 – 1:45 PM</p>	<p>Networking Lunch and Exhibitor Booths Open Age Well, American Cancer Society, Blood Cancer United, New England Rural Health Association and ARISe Center for Rural Vaccination, Rural Cancer Institute, Amgen Oncology, GSK, Pharmacosmos</p>	<p>Adirondack AB Hotel Champlain</p>

<p>1:45 – 2:45 PM</p>	<p>Lightning Talks</p> <p><u>1:50-1:58 Brianna Holston</u> Rural-Urban Differences in Lung Cancer Screening Eligibility and Adherence, <i>University of Southern Maine</i></p> <p><u>2:00-2:08 Kirsten Eom, PhD, MPH</u> Addressing Rural Cancer Care Inequities: A Scoping Review of Implementation Gaps and Intervention Targets for Survivors and Caregivers, <i>Kate Marmion School of Public Health UT San Antonio</i></p> <p><u>2:10-2:18 Jane Kelly Oliveira Friestino, PhD</u> Cancer in Brazilian Rural Populations: Development of a Questionnaire on Prevalence and Associated Factors, <i>University of Campinas</i></p> <p><u>2:20-2:35 Q&A with all speakers</u></p>	<p>Adirondack CD Hotel Champlain</p>
<p>2:45 – 3:30 PM</p>	<p>Poster Session and Exhibitor Tables</p> <p>Poster Presentations</p> <p><u>Kyle Burton, MD</u> Provider Preferences, Perceptions, and Barriers to Colorectal Cancer Screening in Federally Qualified Health Centers, <i>University of Wisconsin</i></p> <p><u>Arianna Doss</u> Linking Food Assistance and Preventive Health: Increasing SNAP Enrollment to Reduce Cancer Disparities, <i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i></p> <p><u>Kirsten Eom, PhD, MPH</u> Addressing Rural Cancer Care Inequities: A Scoping Review of Implementation Gaps and Intervention Targets for Survivors and Caregivers, <i>Kate Marmion School of Public Health UT San Antonio</i></p> <p><u>Brianna Holston</u> Rural-Urban Differences in Lung Cancer Screening Eligibility and Adherence, <i>University of Southern Maine</i></p> <p><u>Jane Kelly Oliveira Friestino, PhD</u> Cancer in Brazilian Rural Populations: Development of a Questionnaire on Prevalence and Associated Factors, <i>University of Campinas</i></p> <p><u>Cait Sharma, MA</u> Reducing Lung Cancer Risk in Rural New York State: A Collaborative Approach to Radon Mitigation and Education, <i>University of Rochester Medical Center – Wilmot Cancer Institute</i></p>	<p>Adirondack CD Hotel Champlain</p>

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3:30 – 3:45 PM	Coffee/Tea Break and Exhibitor Tables Open	Hotel Champlain
3:45 – 5:00 PM	Session 3 Increasing Screening/Prevention Services & Uptake in Rural Communities <u>3:45-4:10 Diana Redwood, PhD *Invited speaker and session moderator</u> Colorectal Cancer Prevention in the Alaska Tribal Health System Senior Epidemiologist, <i>Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Epidemiology Center</i> <u>4:10-4:25 Jamie Hensley</u> Enhancing Access Throughout North Central Florida Using Mobile Health Strategies, <i>University of Florida Health Cancer Institute</i> <u>4:25-4:40 Felicia McDuffie</u> Reaching Rural Workers Where They Work: A Workplace-Based Implementation Model to Increase Colorectal Cancer Screening, <i>Mayo Clinic</i> <u>4:40-5:00 Q&A with all speakers</u>	Adirondack CD Hotel Champlain
6:30 -9:00 PM	Dinner Networking Dinner Cruise on Lake Champlain – Sponsored by the UVM Cancer Center	Spirit of Ethan Allen Burlington, VT

Thursday, June 4, 2026		
7:30 – 8:30 AM	Networking Breakfast	Adirondack AB Hotel Champlain
8:30 – 8:45 AM	Friday Recap and Announcements Erika Ziller, PhD - Director of <i>UVM Larner College of Medicine Health Services Research Center</i>	Adirondack CD Hotel Champlain
8:45 – 9:45 AM	Policy Panel Plenary Facilitated by Erika Ziller, PhD - Director of <i>UVM Larner College of Medicine Health Services Research Center</i> <i>Panelists</i> Mike Rollo *Invited speaker and session moderator New Hampshire & Vermont Government Relations Director, <i>American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network</i> Edward Miller *Invited speaker and session moderator Former CEO of the American Lung Association of Maine and Senior VP for Public Policy for the American Lung Association of the Northeast	Adirondack CD Hotel Champlain
9:45 – 10:00 AM	Coffee/Tea Break	Hotel Champlain
10:00 – 11:15 AM	Session 4 Survivorship in Rural Communities 10:00-10:25 Whitney Zahnd, PhD *Invited speaker and session moderator Addressing the Needs of Rural Cancer Survivors and Caregivers Assistant Professor, <i>University of Iowa</i> 10:25-10:40 Nancy Gell, PhD, MPH Rural-Urban Differences in Physical Activity Participation and Advising for Adult Cancer Survivors, <i>University of Vermont</i> 10:40-10:55 Liz Scharnetzki, PhD Bridging the Gap: Understanding Lung Cancer Survivors' Needs and Care Access Challenges <i>MaineHealth</i> 10:55-11:15 Q&A with all speakers	Adirondack CD Hotel Champlain
11:15 – 11:30 AM	Conclusion	Adirondack CD Hotel Champlain

Session Format - All sessions will have a pooled Q&A at the conclusion of the last talk. Attendees should proceed to the microphone stand in the center of the room to ask their questions. If needed, we have a microphone runner who can provide a microphone to you. When asking questions please be courteous and address your question to the specific speaker.