

C8 Tokyo 2026 Symposium

[October 18-20, 2026]



Agenda

DAY 0 : October 18, 2026



6D meeting room, 6th Floor, NCCJ Research Institute (NCCRI)

16:00-17:30 Leadership Summit (invited only)

DAY 1 : October 19, 2026



Auditorium/Seminar Rooms, 1st Floor, NCCRI

9:00-9:15 Opening Remarks

9:15-10:00 Ice Break: Team Building Exercise

10:00-10:15 **Short Break**

10:15-11:30 **Innovative target/modality #1**

[Moderator]

- [Eyal Gottlieb / MDACC](#) / Vice President, Research

[Speakers]

- [Haruna Takeda / NCCJ](#) / Lab Chief, Molecular Genetics, Research Institute
- [Aaron Schimmer / Princess Margaret](#) / President and Scientific Director, Ontario Institute for Cancer Research; Senior Scientist and Staff Physician, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre
- [William Hill / MC/Christie](#) / Institute Fellow
- [Patiti \(Mimi\) Bandopadhyay / DFCI](#) / Associate Professor, Pediatrics

11:30-12:30 **Immuno-Oncology #1**

[Moderator]

- [Ricky Johnstone / Peter Mac](#) / Executive Director, Cancer Research

[Speakers]

- [Tim Yap / MDACC](#) / Professor, Investigational Cancer Therapeutics (Phase 1 Program) and Thoracic/Head and Neck Medical Oncology
- [Naoto Hirano / Princess Margaret](#) / Senior Scientist
- [Eliane Piaggio / Curie](#) / Research Director, Translational Immunotherapy, Inserm

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DAY 1 : October 19, 2026



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12:30-14:00

Luncheon: Leadership Career Stories: Inspiring Journey #1

- [Eyal Gottlieb / MDACC](#) / Vice President, Research
- [Ricky Johnstone / Peter Mac](#) / Executive Director, Cancer Research
- [Shannon Hughes / DFCI](#) / Senior Advisor for Research Strategy & Operations
- [Hiroyuki Mano / NCCJ](#) / President

+ *Lunch Break*

14:00-15:15

Innovative target/modality #2

[Moderator]

[Steven le Gouill / Curie](#) / Director of Institut Curie Comprehensive Cancer Center

[Speakers]

- [Shai Izraeli / CBRC/Tel-Aviv Univ](#) / Director Dotan Center for Hematological Malignancies Research
- [Kenichi Yoshida / NCCJ](#) / Division Chief, Cancer Evolution, Research Institute
- [Jo Ishizawa / MDACC](#) / Assistant Professor, Department of Leukemia, Division of Cancer Medicine
- [Simona Valletta / MC/Christie](#) / Assistant Professor/Lecturer, Cancer Biology

15:15-15:45

Coffee Break

15:45-17:00

AI for cancer therapy and drug development

[Moderator]

- [Scot Kopetz / MDACC](#) / Professor, Department of Gastrointestinal Medical Oncology and Associate Vice President, Translational Integration

[Speakers]

- [Anna Trigos / Peter Mac](#) / Group Leader, Computational Biology Program
- [Ryuji Hamamoto / NCCJ](#) / Division Chief, Medical AI Research and Development, Research Institute
- [Tim Heffernan / MDACC](#) / Vice President, Oncology Research and Development
- [Nicholas Polizzi / DFCI](#) / Assistant Professor, Cancer Biology Department

17:00-17:15

Closing + Group photo

18:30-

Evening Social (Leadership members + Speakers)

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DAY 2 : October 20, 2026



Auditorium/Seminar Rooms, 1st Floor, NCCRI

8:00-8:15 Day2 opening Remarks

8:15-9:30 **Real-world data utilization**

[Moderator]

- [Hiroyuki Mano / NCCJ](#) / President

[Speakers]

- [Fabio Gomes / MC/Christie](#) / Consultant in Medical Oncology; Director, Clinical Outcomes
- [Karin Thusky / Peter Mac](#) / Associate Director, Health Services Research and Implementation Science
- [Takashi Kohno / NCCJ](#) / Director, Center for Cancer Genomics and Advanced Therapeutics (C-CAT)
- [Eric Pasmant / Curie](#) / Professor of Human Molecular Genetics; Head of the Genetics Department

9:30-10:00 **Coffee break**

10:00-11:00 **Innovative target/modality #3**

[Moderator]

- [Claire Rougeulle / Curie](#) / Director, Research Center

[Speakers]

- [Akihide Yoshimi / NCCJ](#) / Division Chief, Cancer RNA Research, Research Institute
- [Antonin Morillon / Curie](#) / Unit Director, Dynamics of Genetic Information: fundamental bases and cancer
- [Mohamed Fareh / Peter Mac](#) / Laboratory Head

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11:00-12:15

Immuno-Oncology #2

[Moderator]

- [Robert Bristow / MC/Christie](#) / Director, Manchester Cancer Research Centre

[Speakers]

- [Catherine Wu / DFCI](#) / Chief, Division of Stem Cell Transplantation and Cellular Therapies
- [Takamitsu Hattori / Princess Margaret](#) / Scientist
- [Rugang Zhang / MDACC](#) / Chair, Department of Experimental Therapeutics
- [Hiroyoshi Nishikawa / NCCJ](#) / Division Chief, Cancer Immunology, Research Institute

12:15-13:45

Luncheon: Leadership Career Stories: Inspiring Journey #2

- [Shai Izraeli / CBRC/Tel-Aviv Univ](#) / Director Dotan Center for Hematological Malignancies Research
- [Steven le Gouill / Curie](#) / Director of Institut Curie Comprehensive Cancer Center
- [Robert Bristow / MC/Christie](#) / Director, Manchester Cancer Research Centre
- [Aaron Schimmer / Princess Margaret](#) / President and Scientific Director, Ontario Institute for Cancer Research; Senior Scientist and Staff Physician, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre

+ *Lunch Break*

13:45-14:15

Leadership Lecture: Leading across Four Generations

- [Anna Gordon / Princess Margaret](#) / Senior Director, People and Culture

14:15-15:45

Building bridge:

Discovering joint research possibilities

15:45-16:00

Closing

16:00-16:45

Leadership Summit Wrap Up (invited only)