



2026 Cholangiocarcinoma Symposium Saturday, September 19, 2026

Aresty Auditorium University of Southern California Health Sciences Camp, 1450 Biggy St., Los Angeles, CA 90033
Symposium Co-Chairs: Anthony El-Khoueiry, MD and Syma Iqbal, MD

8:00-9:00am	Registration	
9:00-9:10am	Welcome & Orientation	Anthony El-Khoueiry, MD (USC) Syma Iqbal, MD (USC)
9:10-9:20am	CCF Welcome & Overview	Stacie Lindsey
9:20-9:30am	Patient Story	Melinda Bachini
9:30-9:50am	Keynote: Can RAS Targeting Improve Outcomes in Cholangiocarcinoma?	Haley Ellis, MD (Harvard, MGH)
Session 1 - Systemic Therapy: State of the Art - Moderators: Syma Iqbal (USC), Daneng Li, MD (COH)		
9:50-10:05am	Optimizing First-Line Therapy: How Do We Improve on the Current Standard? (Novel Combinations and Targeted Therapies in the First Line)	April Choi, MD (UCI)
10:05-10:20am	Second-Line and Beyond: Chemotherapy Options and Novel Therapeutics	Anthony El-Khoueiry, MD (USC)
10:20-10:35am	Second-Line and Beyond: Targeted Therapies	Diana Hanna, MD (USC)
10:35-10:50am	Panel Discussion	
10:50-11:00am	Break	
Session 2 - The Role of Surgical Options in the Management of BTC - Moderators: Gautam Malhotra, MD, PhD, and Sandra Algaze, MD		
11:00-11:25am	Localized Resectable Disease Debate • Surgery Upfront Followed by Adjuvant Therapy • Neoadjuvant or Perioperative Therapy First Panel Discussion/Q&A	Raashid Sheikh, MHA, MD (USC) Sandra Algaze, MD (USC) Gautam Malhotra (USC) Syma Iqbal, MD (USC)
11:25-11:40am	When Is Transplant a Good Option for BTC? Evidence vs. Hype	Fady Kaldas, MD (UCLA)
11:40-11:50am	Panel Discussion	
11:50am-12:15pm	Patient Panel	
12:15-1:00pm	Lunch & Networking	
Session 3 - Liver-Directed Therapies - Moderators: Ryan Murray, MD (USC), and Diane Ling, MD (USC)		
1:00-1:45pm	Tumor Board: How to Leverage Liver-Directed Therapies: Which One and When Y90 Case	
	SBRT	Joshua Schiff, MD (USC)
	HAIP	Daneng Li, MD (City of Hope)
1:45-2:00pm	Panel Discussion	
2:00-2:10pm	Break	
Session 4 - Caring for the Whole Patient - Moderator: Peter Phung, MD		
2:10-2:25pm	The Anorexia and Sarcopenia Challenge	Peter Phung (USC)
2:25-2:40pm	The Challenge of Recurrent Biliary Obstructions and Cholangitis	Simon Lo, MD (Cedar-Sinai)
2:40-2:50pm	CCF Nursing Advisory Board Member, Topic TBD	Jennifer Wild, MS, RN, BSN (UCSF)
2:50-3:00pm	Panel Discussion	
Session 5 - The Race Between Technology and Evidence: How to Leverage New Technology to Improve the Outcomes of Patients With BTC Moderator: Anthony El-Khoueiry, MD (USC)		
3:00-3:15pm	Biomarker Testing in Cholangiocarcinoma	
3:15-3:20pm	Panel Discussion	
3:20-3:30pm	Concluding Remarks	Anthony El-Khoueiry, MD (USC) Syma Iqbal, MD (USC)

