



# ALK SUMMIT

2025

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**ALK+ SUMMIT**  
2025 | San Diego

# Welcome to San Diego and the 2025 ALK Positive Summit



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# AGENDA

All Times Pacific (PT) | Agenda is subject to change

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

- 3:00pm - 6:00pm**      **Event Check-in** for ALK Summit 2025
- 5:00pm - 7:00pm**      **Nuvalent-sponsored “Connection Reception Happy Hour”**  
Meet & Greet (cocktails & hors d’oeuvres) – everyone welcome

## DAY 1

## SATURDAY AGENDA

### EARLY MORNING: All Times Pacific (PT)

- 6:30am - 7:15am**      **Early morning Group Walk** from Hotel Lobby  
Approx. 45 min. walk (Led by Kirk Smith) **Meet in Hotel lobby by 6:25am**
- 6:30am - 7:15am**      **Mindset Reset** (from our Healing Arts Program) - **led by Heather Meyer in Pelican Room** - helping you reset your mindset, reignite passions and generate energy to live a fulfilling
- 7:15am - 8:30am**      **Breakfast** Buffet Style (No charge)

### SATURDAY SESSIONS BEGIN: All Times Pacific (PT)

- 8:25am**                      **Please be seated by 8:25 - Event Starts exactly at 8:30am**
- 8:30am - 9:00am**          **Welcome & Summit Kick-off and Special Recognition**  
President, **Kirk Smith** & Vice President, **Nancee Pronsati**
- 9:00am - 9:45am**          **Keynote Address - Dr. Jessica Lin**  
Massachusetts General Hospital ; Member, ALK Scientific Advisory Board
- 9:45am - 10:45am**        **Key Opinion Leader (KOL) Panel #1 - Moderated by Dr. Ken Culver**
- **Dr. Jessica Lin**, Massachusetts General Hospital
  - **Dr. Alice Shaw**, Dana Farber Cancer Institute
  - **Dr. Mark Awad**, Memorial Sloan Kettering
  - **Dr. Ross Camidge**, University of Colorado Cancer Center
  - **Dr. Angel Qin**, University of Michigan Ann Arbor
- 10:45am - 11:00am**        **Break - 15 min**
- 11:00am - 11:55pm**        **Navigating Cancer Together: The Power of Shared Decisions**  
Moderator: **Summer Farnen** ; KOL Oncologist: **Dr. Ross Camidge** ;  
patient **Katie Wright** ; Nurse: **Michelle Munroe**
- 11:55am - 12:00am**        **Memorial Video** - honoring those who have passed in the last year

## SATURDAY SESSIONS (CONT'D): All Times Pacific (PT)

- 12:00pm - 1:00pm**     **Lunch Break** Buffet Style in Hotel (No charge)
- 1:00pm - 2:15pm**     ***The Work of ALK Positive Medical Committees to Advance the Creation of New ALK Therapies***  
*Presented by Dr. Ken Culver, Medical Committee members & Dr. Tom Stinchombe*
- 2:20pm - 4:05pm**     **“Ask The Experts” Breakout Sessions** - 3 x 35 min. for each; 5 min. to change rooms  
(Also a Virtual Room for our online participants)
- **Dr. Mark Awad & Dr. Jessica Lin**
  - **Dr. Christine Lovly & Dr. Stephen Liu**
  - **Dr. Thomas Stinchombe & Dr. Angel Qin**
  - **Dr. Ross Camidge & Dr. Narjust Florez** (begin in Virtual Room)
- 4:05pm - 4:15pm**     **Break - 10 min**
- 4:15pm - 5:15pm**     **From movement to self-care, a vital part of lung cancer survivorship**  
**Dr. Narjust Florez**, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute  
**Nancy Campbell**, Clinical Exercise Physiologist,  
Zakim Center at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
- 5:25pm**     **Group Photo** at the Main Stage
- 6:30pm - 9:30pm**     **Pfizer-sponsored Dinner at Hotel: “SEAS THE NIGHT”**  
FREE for all registrants, sponsors, speakers & guests  
**Attire:** “San Diego Casual”

## DAY 2

### SUNDAY AGENDA

#### EARLY MORNING: All Times Pacific (PT)

- 6:30am - 7:10am**     **Early morning Group Walk** from Hotel Lobby  
Approx. 30-40 min. walk (Led by Kirk Smith) **Meet in Hotel lobby by 6:25am**
- 6:30am - 7:00am**     **Death Cafe** (from our Healing Arts Program) - **hosted by Dana Querido**  
**Pelican Room** - share, listen, and reflect through group discussion  
about death, dying and **LIVING**
- 6:45am - 8:00am**     **Breakfast** Buffet Style (No charge)

#### SUNDAY SESSIONS BEGIN: All Times Pacific (PT)

- 7:55am**     **Please be seated by 7:55 - Event Starts exactly at 8:00am**
- 8:00am - 8:20am**     **Dr. Sofia Merajver, University of Michigan - Research Update**  
Judith Tam ALK Lung Cancer Research Initiative

## SUNDAY SESSIONS (CONT'D): All Times Pacific (PT)

- 8:20am - 9:20am**      **Key Opinion Leader (KOL) Panel #1 - Moderated by Dr. Ken Culver**
- **Dr. Stephen Liu**, Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center
  - **Dr. Christine Lovly**, Vanderbilt University Ingram Cancer Center
  - **Dr. Thomas Stinchombe**, Duke Cancer Center
  - **Dr. Hatim Husain**, University California-San Diego
- 9:20am - 9:30am**      **Break - 10 min**
- 9:30am - 10:30am**      **Thriving with ALK+: What gets us through - Patient & Care Partner Panel**  
Moderator: **Yvonne Diaz**, patient  
Panelists: **Eva Gefroh**, Care Partner; **Matt McAvin**, patient;  
**Brian Wong**, patient; **Jane W**, patient
- 10:30am - 12:00am**      **Breakout Sessions - Join 2 of 4**  
**Two Back-to-Back 40 min sessions with 5 min switch time**
- 1) Policy & Advocacy—Why Policy Advocacy Is So Important!**  
Join **J.J. Gentry**, Counsel to the South Carolina Senate, former Staff Chair of the National Conference of State Legislatures, and ALK Positive Cancer Survivor and **Elridge Proctor, MPA, Senior Director, Government Affairs at GO2 for Lung Cancer**, for a timely and engaging discussion on how policy actions are affecting lung cancer research and public health. This breakout session will explore both executive and legislative developments, offering participants insight into what is at stake for individuals living with lung cancer and their families. It is also a valuable opportunity to learn how to get involved in policy-advocacy efforts to protect research funding and access to care.
- 2) A Discussion about Navigating Finances After Cancer**  
- **moderated by Joanna Doran**, a cancer rights attorney, author, speaker, and CEO of Triage Cancer, a national, nonprofit organization providing free education on practical and legal issues that may impact individuals coping with cancer and their caregivers, through events, materials, and resources.
- 3) Discussions about Self-care & Supportive Care with Dr. Florez**  
Moderator: **Dr. Narjust Florez**, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
- 4) Discussions from the Care Partner Perspectives** (Care Partners only)  
A supportive space for care partners to connect, share experiences, and find strength together  
Moderated by Care Partners **Steve Querido & Meifang Working**
- 12:00pm**      **Closing Remarks:**  
President, **Kirk Smith** & Vice President, **Nancee Pronati**

**ALK BLOOD DRAW: The University of Michigan's Judith Tam ALK Lung Cancer Research Initiative** is on site for the second year in a row, collecting samples from ALK-positive patients and care partners attending the Summit. Blood collected will be used to find better ways to monitor the disease at all stages and determine the cause of progression in order to drive effective treatment plans.

### Scientific Posters on Display

Various Scientific Posters on display across the hall from the Main Stage room

### Breakfast Focus Groups - Saturday Morning: 7:30am

- **Pfizer** - for patients currently treated with Lorlatinib
- **Takeda** - for patients diagnosed within the last year



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## PRESENTERS & PANELISTS



**Dr. Mark Awad**  
*Memorial Sloan Kettering  
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**Dr. Stephen Liu**  
*Georgetown University,  
Lombardi Comprehensive  
Cancer Center*



**Dr. D. Ross Camidge**  
*University of Colorado  
Cancer Center*



**Dr. Christine Lovly**  
*Vanderbilt University  
Ingram Cancer Center*



**Nancy Campbell**  
*Dana-Farber Cancer Institute*



**Dr. Sofia Merajver**  
*University of Michigan Ann Arbor*



**Joanna Doran**  
*CEO, Triage Cancer*



**Elridge Proctor**  
*GO2 Foundation  
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**Dr. Narjust Florez**  
*Dana-Farber Cancer Institute*



**Dr. Angel Qin**  
*University of Michigan Ann Arbor*



**Dr. Hatim Husain**  
*UC San Diego*



**Dr. Alice Shaw**  
*Dana Farber Cancer Institute*



**Dr. Jessica Lin**  
*Massachusetts General Hospital*



**Dr. Thomas Stinchcombe**  
*Duke Cancer Institute*

## PARTICIPATING CARE PARTNERS, PATIENTS & EXPERTS

**Eva Gefroh**, Care Partner, Medical Committee  
**Brian Wong**, ALK Patient  
**Katie Wright**, ALK Patient in Takeda Session  
**Yvonne Diaz**, ALK Patient, ALK Board Member  
**Steve Querido**, Care Partner, for wife Dana  
**Meifang Working**, Care Partner for husband Phil  
**JJ Gentry**, ALK Patient  
**Matt McAvin**, ALK Patient  
**Jane W**, ALK Patient  
**Summer Farnen**, ALK Patient, ALK Board Member

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