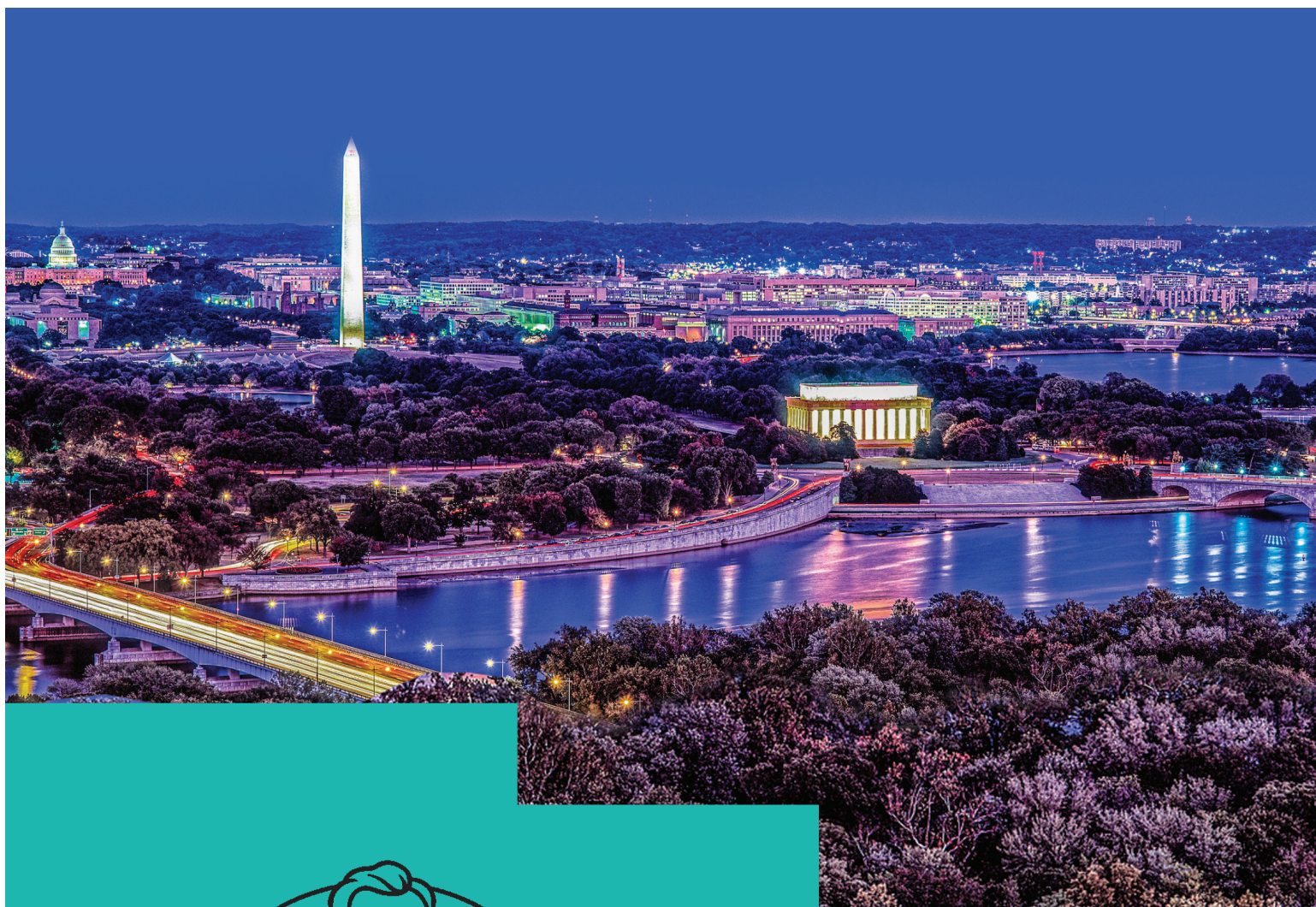




ALK+
SUMMIT
2026
WASHINGTON D.C.
July 24-26





FRIDAY AFTERNOON AGENDA: All Times EST | Agenda subject to change

12:00pm: **ALK Blood Draw Begins: The University of Michigan's Judith Tam**
ALK Lung Cancer Research Initiative - Appointment Required

Scientific Posters on Display until 4:30pm

2:00pm - 6:00pm **Event Check-in** for ALK Summit 2026

+ **Sponsor Booths open for visit until 5:00pm**

+ **Healing Arts Open House** - Whether you're a nevercomer, newcomer, or regular, join us to try hands-on, interactive prompts, see what a session feels like, and discover just how easy it is to connect, heal, and grow together. Join us!

+ **White Ribbon Project** - make your own Ribbon

3:15 - 4:30 **Treatment Roundtables** - everyone welcome to join in **Potomac Ballroom**

5:00pm - 7:00pm **Welcome Reception:** Included in Summit Registration
"An Evening in the Garden: Hope Blooms Here"
sponsored by Nuvalent
Meet & Greet ; Light Appetizers & refreshments
Attire: "Colorful/ Garden Party"
Location: **Anacostia Ballroom ;**



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SATURDAY AGENDA All Times Eastern (EST) | Agenda is subject to change

EARLY MORNING: All Times Eastern (EST)

- 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** **Healing Arts Program** - “Top 10 ways to have a successful Summit”
Start your morning with a clear head and a calm heart, and walk away with practical tools to make the most of every session ahead. **Rock Creek Foyer**
- 7:15am - 8:25am** **Breakfast**-Buffet Style in **Rock Creek Ballroom** *Included with Summit Registration
- + **Listening Session** with **Genentech** in Anacostia E - **pre-registration required**
 + **Nuvalent Focus Group** in Anacostia D - **pre-registration required**

SATURDAY SESSIONS BEGIN: All Times Eastern (EST)

- 8:25am** **Please be seated by 8:25 - Event Starts exactly at 8:30am**
 Out of respect for our online audience
- 8:30am - 9:00am** **Welcome & Summit Kick-off and Special Recognition**
President, **Kirk Smith** & Vice President, **Summer Farnen**
- 9:00am - 9:30am** **Keynote Address - Dr. Stephen Liu**
Georgetown University, Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center
- 9:30am - 11:00am** **“Actions at Progression - What every patient needs to know”**
- Key Opinion Leader (KOL) Panel #1 - Moderated by Dr. Ken Culver**
- **Dr. David Carbone**, Ohio State University
 - **Dr. John Heymach**, MD Anderson Cancer Center
 - **Dr. Jessica Lin**, Massachusetts General Hospital
 - **Dr. Angel Qin**, University of Michigan
 - **Dr. Alice Shaw**, Dana Farber Cancer Institute
- 11:00am - 11:20am** **Break - 20 min**
- 11:20am - 12:05pm** **“How Dr. Ross Camidge Built a Life Worth Loving” Interview on the Main Stage:**
- D. Ross Camidge, MD, PhD**, has spent his career fighting lung cancer. In 2022, that fight turned personal when he received a diagnosis of his own.
Join us for this heartfelt and hope-filled interview sharing honest reflections on life after diagnosis. From the practical to the profound, this conversation will highlight the mindset and moments that have helped Dr. Camidge navigate the challenges of lung cancer while still embracing joy, meaning, and connection. **Whether you're newly diagnosed, deep into your treatment journey, or supoporting a loved one**, this discussion on the main stage offers lived wisdom, inspiration, and a reminder that no one walks this path alone.
Interview led by ALK+ cancer patients **Kirk Smith & Nancee Pronsati.**
- 12:05pm - 1:00pm** **LUNCH BREAK** - in **Rock Creek Ballroom** (*included with Summit Registration)





SATURDAY SESSIONS (CONT'D): All Times Eastern (EST)

- 1:00pm - 2:35pm** ***Emerging Therapies for ALK+ Cancers on the Horizon***
Presented by Dr. Ken Culver & Dr. Mark Awad, Sadia Yaakov & Dr. Sofia Merjaver
- Break Through Cancer** - project update by **Dr. Mark Awad**
- Judith Tam ALK Lung Cancer Research Initiative** -update by **Dr. Sofia Merajver**
- 2:35pm - 2:45pm** **In Memoriam Video** - honoring those who have passed in the last year.
- 2:45pm - 3:00pm** **15 min Break**
- 3:00pm - 5:20pm** **“Ask The Experts” Breakout Sessions** - 3 x 40 min. for each; 10 min. to switch rooms
(Also a Virtual Room for our online participants)
- **Dr. Jessica Lin & Dr. Shirish Gadgeel**
 - **Dr. Narjust Florez & Dr. Stephen Liu**
 - **Dr. John Heymach & Dr. Angel Qin**
 - **Dr. David Carbone & Dr. Alice Shaw** (begin in Virtual Room)
 - **Dr. Vincent Lam & Dr. Mark Awad**
- 5:30pm** **Group Photos** - Meet at the top of the escalators
- 7:00pm - 9:30pm** **Pfizer-sponsored Dinner at Hotel: “Great American Road Trip”**
Included in Summit Registration
Attire: “Americana Casual”

SUNDAY AGENDA

EARLY MORNING: All Times Eastern (EST)

- 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** **Healing Arts Program - Guided Imagery: An Energized Start**
Start your final day of Summit with purpose and energy. **Rock Creek Foyer**
- 7:15am - 8:25am** **Breakfast**-Buffet Style in **Rock Creek Ballroom** *Included with Summit Registration
- Optional - Open Session for all Summit attendees:
Living Well with ALK: Treatment, Support, and Quality of Life
Join **Dr. Shirish Gadgeel**, monderator **Yvonne Diaz** and ALK community members **Dr. Sydney Barned, Peg & Jim Berens**, and **Yousif Ismael** for an interactive discussion.
An ALK diagnosis may connect us, but every person’s experience is different. Join patients, care partners, and a clinician for an interactive discussion on living with ALK-positive lung cancer. Together, we’ll explore navigating treatment, managing side effects, partnering with your care team, and maintaining quality of life through shared experiences and practical insights.
Bring your questions and join the conversation.





SUNDAY SESSIONS BEGIN: All Times Eastern (EST)

8:30am - 9:30am

“Managing Side Effects & Complications including Brain Mets & LMD”

Key Opinion Leader (KOL) Panel #2 - Moderated by Dr. Ken Culver

- **Dr. Narjust Florez**, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
- **Dr. Shirish Gadgeel**, Winship Cancer Center, Emory University
- **Dr. Vincent Lam**, Johns Hopkins University
- **Dr. Geoffrey Liu** - Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto, Canada
- **Dr. Stephen Liu**, Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center

9:40am - 10:40am

Breakout Sessions - 60 min sessions - Please select the one that intrigues you

1) “Palliative Care - What’s it all about?” - on the Main Stage
presented by **Karen O’Brien, MD, HMDC, Massachusetts General Hospital,**

You asked for it, so we made it happen! Many people mistakenly think Palliative Care is only about end of life. This breakout session on the Main Stage will correct that misconception and inform you about how to live your life as well as you can!

2) Policy & Advocacy—Why Policy Advocacy Is so important to our future!

Join ALK positive cancer survivor **J.J. Gentry**, Counsel to the South Carolina Senate, former Staff Chair of the National Conference of State Legislatures, and ALK positive cancer patient **Michelle Bos-Lun**, State Representative in Vermont for an informative and engaging session providing an update on lung cancer related policy issues and valuable information about how to become effectively involved in policy-advocacy both at the State and Federal level. Participants will learn to **sharpen their advocacy skills** such as story-telling and communicating effectively with legislators

3) 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 **Jay Rosenbaum, Holli Gentry, Wade C. & Meifang Working**

10:40am - 10:55am

Break - 15 min

10:55am - 11:55am

“Choose Your Path: Real Stories. Better Conversations - sponsored by **Takeda**

Moderator: **Doris Sempasa Collange**, Takeda Global Patient Advocacy Lead

Panelists: **Dr. Narjust Florez**; patients **Amanda Bialack-Stewart & Nikki Hirsch** ; Care Partner; **Chris Stewart**

This Must-See panel discussion brings together patients, care partners, and one of our leading **Key Opinion Leaders, Dr. Narjust Florez** to share how they approached treatment decisions, communicated with their care teams, and found the information and support they needed. Leave with practical ideas for having better conversations and making informed choices.

11:55am -12:00pm

Celebration & BIG Announcement revealing the next ALK Summit location!

Main Stage - ALK Summit Committee Members



PRESENTERS & PANELISTS



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Dr. D. Ross Camidge

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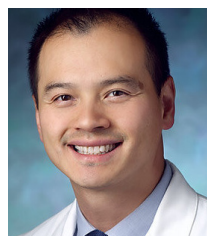
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