



April 25 - 27, 2026 • Lobby Day: April 28, 2026 • Washington, DC

When	Where
April 25-27, 2026 Lobby Day April 28, 2026	Washington Marriott at Metro Center 775 12th Street NW, Washington, DC 20005

Schedule

Day 1 – Saturday, April 25, 2026		
		Room
Preconference Program		
11:00 am – 5:00 pm ET	Registration	Registration Booth
12:30 pm – 2:15 pm ET	Project LEAD® Workshop Pregnancy and Post-Pregnancy Related Breast Cancer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Virginia Borges, MD, Professor of Medicine-Medical Oncology, University of Colorado Denver - Anschutz ○ Traci Lyons, PhD, Associate Professor, University of Colorado Denver - Anschutz • Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Christine Fuselier, PhD, MBA, MAOM, NBCC Advocate 	Salon E
Summit Program		
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm ET	Opening of Advocate Leadership Summit Welcome and Summit Dedications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presiding Advocate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Marylenn Minor, NBCC Board of Directors, Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation; NBCC Team Leader, VA 	Ballroom
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm ET	President’s Plenary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fran Visco, JD, President, NBCC 	Ballroom
3:30 pm – 4:45 pm ET	Plenary – How Age Shapes Breast Cancer Biology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Virginia Borges, MD, Professor of Medicine-Medical Oncology, University of Colorado Denver - Anschutz ○ Mark LaBarge, PhD, Professor, Department of Population Sciences, City of Hope ○ Joy Simha, LCSW, NBCC Team Leader, NJ • Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sabrina Mayhew, PhD, NBCC Team Leader, MI 	Ballroom

4:45 pm – 5:15 pm ET	Armchair Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Fran Visco, JD, President, NBCC • Speaker: Dennis Slamon, MD, PhD, Professor of Medicine; Chief, Division of Hematology/Oncology; Director, Revlon/UCLA Women’s Cancer Research Program, UCLA 	Ballroom
5:15 pm – 5:30 pm ET	Leadership Summit Group Photograph	TBC
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm ET	Welcome Reception	Ballroom Foyer
6:30 pm – 6:45pm ET 7:00 pm ET Dinner Reservations	Dine Around – Convene in Hotel Lobby Dinner on Your Own – Dine Around Sign-up	Marriot Lobby
Day 2 – Sunday, April 26, 2026		
Summit Program		
7:00 am – 8:00 am ET	Breakfast	Ballroom Foyer
7:00 am – 5:00 pm ET	Registration	Registration Booth
8:00 am – 8:15 am ET	Welcome and Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presiding Advocate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bonnie Anderson, NBCC Board of Directors, Nurses Affecting Change; NBCC Field Coordinator, WI 	Ballroom
8:15 am – 9:45 am ET	Plenary – Artemis Plenary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Keith Knutson, PhD, Professor of Immunology, Mayo Clinic; Director, Mayo Clinic Cancer Center’s Cancer Immunology and Immunotherapy Program ○ Miguel Reina-Campos, PhD, Assistant Professor, La Jolla Institute for Immunology ○ Jayanta (Jay) Debnath, MD, Professor and Chair, Department of Pathology, University of California San Francisco ○ Tracy Solak, JD, NBCC Advocate • Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Michele Rakoff, NBCC Board of Directors, Breast Cancer Care and Research Fund; NBCC Field Coordinator, CA 	Ballroom
9:45 am – 10:00 am ET	Break/Network	
10:00 am – 11:00 am ET	Plenary – Targeted Therapies in Breast Cancer: Progress, Limitations, and Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dennis Slamon, MD, PhD, Professor of Medicine; Chief, Division of Hematology/Oncology; Director, Revlon/UCLA Women’s Cancer Research Program, UCLA • Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fran Visco, JD, President, NBCC 	Ballroom
11:00 am – 11:20 am ET	Break	
11:20 am – 12:20 pm ET	Concurrent Workshops (Session 1)	
	Workshop 1 – Leveraging the Mechanisms That Allow Disseminated Tumor Cells to Survive to Eradicate Them	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jayanta (Jay) Debnath, MD, Professor and Chair, Department of Pathology, University of California San Francisco • Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Denise Smith, NBCC Team Leader, UT 	
	<p>Workshop 2 – Artificial Intelligence in Cancer Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regina Barzilay, PhD, Distinguished Professor for AI and Health, MacArthur Fellow, MIT Computer Science & Artificial Intelligence Lab • Moderator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rayna Wong, NBCC Advocate 	
12:20 pm – 12:40 pm ET	Break	
12:40 pm – 2:00 pm ET	<p>Membership Luncheon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presiding Advocate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lori Seawel, NBCC Board of Directors, Cedar Valley Cancer Committee: Beyond Pink Team; NBCC Team Leader, IA 	Ballroom Foyer/ Ballroom
1:20 pm – 1:50 pm ET	<p>Armchair Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Fran Visco, JD, President, NBCC • Speaker: Rick Pazdur, MD 	
2:00 pm – 2:15 pm ET	Break	
2:15 pm – 3:15 pm ET	Concurrent Workshops (Session 2)	
	<p>Workshop 3 – Congress 101: How Policy Becomes Law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jennifer Berzok, NBCC Government Relations Consultant • Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kristin Teig Torres, NBCC Board of Directors, Alternate, Cedar Valley Cancer Committee: Beyond Pink Team; NBCC Team Leader, IA 	
	<p>Workshop 4 – Advocate-Link 2.0: Building Research Collaborations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Michele Rakoff, NBCC Board of Directors, Breast Cancer Care and Research Fund; NBCC Field Coordinator, CA ○ Pat Haugen, NBCC Board of Directors Alternate, Minnesota Breast Cancer Coalition; NBCC Team Leader, SD ○ Wanda Lucas, NBCC Board of Directors Alternate, Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Chapter of NBCC ○ Lori Petitti, NBCC Advocate 	
	<p>Workshop 5 – Telling Your Story to Drive Policy Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nicole Levins, MA, Communications Director, NBCC • Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nicole Seagriff, APRN, DNP, FNP-BC, NBCC Team Leader, CT 	
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm ET	Break/Network	

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm ET	Plenary – Who Decides What Matters? Rethinking How Cancer Trials Define the Standard of Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reshma Ramachandran, MD, MPP, MHS, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Yale School of Medicine ○ Jonathan Kimmelman, PhD, James McGill Professor, McGill University ○ Ameet Sarpatwari, MD, JD, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School ○ Michelle Tregear, PhD, Chief Programs Officer, NBCC • Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Marylinn Minor, NBCC Board of Directors, Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation; NBCC Team Leader, VA 	Ballroom
5:00 pm – 5:15 pm ET	Break/Network	
5:15 pm – 6:30 pm ET	Advocate Speaker Meet-ups	TBA
6:30 pm	Dinner on Your Own	
Day 3 – Monday, April 27, 2026		
Summit Program		
8:00 am – 9:00 am ET	Team Leader Breakfast	
8:00 am – 5:00 pm ET	Registration	Registration Booth
8:00 am – 9:15 am ET	Breakfast	Ballroom Foyer
9:15 am – 9:30 am ET	Welcome and Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presiding Advocate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sherry Goldman, RN, NP, MSN, NBCC Board of Directors, Cedars Sinai Breast Center; NBCC Team Leader, CA 	Ballroom
9:30 am – 10:30 am ET	Political Plenary – Our voices matter: How Minnesota Showed the US the Power of the People <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lisa Harootunian, JD, MSW, Managing Director, Health, Bipartisan Policy Center ○ Asli Aydintasbas, Fellow, Center on the United States and Europe, Brookings Institution ○ Wanda Lucas, NBCC Board of Directors Alternate, Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Chapter of NBCC ○ TBD • Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TBD 	Ballroom
10:30 am – 10:50 am ET	Break/Network	
10:50 am – 11:50 am ET	Concurrent Workshops (Session 3)	
	Workshop 6 – How the Discriminatory Housing Policies of the Past Shape Today’s Breast Cancer Outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sarah Lima, PhD, Georgetown University • Moderator: 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dana Johnson, NBCC Board of Directors, Wisconsin Breast Cancer Coalition; NBCC Team Leader, WI 	
	<p>Workshop 7 – Leveraging the Midterm Elections to Promote Breast Cancer Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Christine Carpenter, NBCC Field Coordinator, OR ○ Amy Fogel, NBCC Team Leader, OH • Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Holly Anderson, NBCC Board of Directors, Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester; NBCC Field Coordinator, NY 	
11:50 am – 1:15 pm ET	Lunch	Ballroom Foyer
1:15 pm – 1:30 pm ET	Break	
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm ET	<p>Concurrent Workshops (Session 4)</p> <p>Workshop 8 – The Art of the Lobby Visit: Making Your Case on Capitol Hill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capitol Hill staffer TBD • Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Beth Emery, JD, NBCC Board of Directors Alternate, Alamo Breast Cancer Foundation; NBCC Field Coordinator, TX 	
	<p>Workshop 9 – Medicare Drug Price Negotiation and Breast Cancer: What Advocates Need to Know</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anna Kaltenboeck, MBA, CEO, Verdant Research • Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Valencia Robinson, NBCC Board of Directors, Florida Breast Cancer Foundation; NBCC Team Leader, FL 	
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm ET	Break	
3:00 pm – 4:15 pm ET	<p>Lobby Day Briefing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jennifer Berzok, NBCC Government Relations Consultant ○ Maggie Bush, Director, Field, NBCC ○ Fran Visco, JD, President, NBCC ○ Melanie Wyne, JD, Chief Policy Officer, NBCC ○ Reshelle Matheny, NBCC Team Leader, IL 	Ballroom
4:15 pm – 4:30 pm ET	Break	
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm ET	State Delegation Meetings	TBA
6:00 pm ET – 6:15 pm ET	Break	
Day 4 – Tuesday, April 28, 2026		
Lobby Day		
7:00 am – 7:45 am ET	Luggage Drop-Off	
7:00 am – 7:45 am ET	Breakfast for Lobby Day Participants	
8:00 am ET	First Bus Departs for Capitol Hill	
8:15 am ET	Second Bus Departs for Capitol Hill	
9:00 am – 5:00 pm ET	Congressional Visits	

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm ET	Lunch	ROA Building
12:30 pm – 5:00 pm ET	Luggage Pick-Up	ROA Building
5:15 pm ET	Bus Returns to Park Hyatt Hotel	Peace Circle