



**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	
12:30 pm – 2:15 pm ET	<b>Project LEAD® Workshop Pregnancy and Post-Pregnancy Related Breast Cancer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speaker:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Virginia Borges, MD</b>, Professor of Medicine-Medical Oncology, University of Colorado Denver - Anshutz</li> <li>○ <b>Traci Lyons, PhD</b>, Associate Professor, University of Colorado Denver - Anshutz</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Summit Program		
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm ET	<b>Opening of Advocate Leadership Summit Welcome and Summit Dedications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Presiding Advocate:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Marylinn Minor</b>, NBCC Board of Directors, Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation, NBCC Team Leader, VA</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Ballroom
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm ET	<b>President’s Plenary</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speaker:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Fran Visco, JD</b>, President, NBCC</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Ballroom
3:30 pm – 4:45 pm ET	<b>Plenary Session: How Age Shapes Breast Cancer Biology</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Virginia Borges, MD</b>, Professor of Medicine-Medical Oncology, University of Colorado Denver - Anshutz</li> <li>○ <b>Mark LaBarge, PhD</b>, Professor, Department of Population Sciences, City of Hope</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Ballroom
4:45 pm – 5:15 pm ET	<b>Dennis Slamon Armchair</b>	
5:15 pm – 5:30 pm ET	Leadership Summit Group Photograph	
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm ET	<b>Welcome Reception</b>	Ballroom Foyer
6:30 pm – 6:45pm ET	Dine Around – Convene in Hotel Lobby Dinner on Your Own – Dine Around Sign-up	Marriot Lobby

7:00 pm ET Dinner Reservations		
<b>Day 2 – Sunday, April 26, 2026</b>		
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	<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>	Ballroom
8:15 am – 9:45 am ET	<b>Plenary Session: Artemis Plenary</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Keith Knutson, PhD</b>, Professor of Immunology, Mayo Clinic; Director, Mayo Clinic Cancer Center’s Cancer Immunology and Immunotherapy Program</li> <li>○ <b>Miguel Reina-Campos, PhD</b>, Assistant Professor, La Jolla Institute for Immunology</li> <li>○ <b>Jayanta (Jay) Debnath, MD</b>, Professor and Chair, Department of Pathology, University of California San Francisco</li> <li>○ Advocate TBD</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Ballroom
9:45 am – 10:00 am ET	Break/Network	
10:00 am – 11:00 am ET	<b>Concurrent Workshops (Session 1)</b>	
	<b>Workshop 1 – Targeted Therapies in Breast Cancer: Progress, Limitations, and Challenges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speaker:</b> TBD</li> </ul>	
	<b>Workshop 2 - Leveraging the Mechanisms That Allow Disseminated Tumor Cells to Survive to Eradicate Them</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Jayanta (Jay) Debnath, MD</b>, Professor and Chair, Department of Pathology, University of California San Francisco</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
11:00 am – 11:20 am ET	Break	
11:20 am – 12:20 pm ET	<b>Concurrent Workshops (Session 2)</b>	
	<b>Workshop 3 – Artificial Intelligence in Cancer Research</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Regina Barzilay, PhD</b>, Distinguished Professor for AI and Health, MacArthur Fellow, MIT Computer Science &amp; Artificial Intelligence Lab</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<b>Workshop 4 – Congress 101: How Policy Becomes Law</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Jennifer Berzok</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
12:20 pm – 12:40 pm ET	Break	
12:40 pm – 2:00 pm ET	<b>Membership Luncheon</b>	Ballroom Foyer/
1:20 pm – 1:50 pm ET	<b>Armchair Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Moderator: Fran Visco</b></li> <li>• <b>Speaker: Rick Pazdur</b></li> </ul>	Ballroom
2:00 pm – 2:15 pm ET	Break	

2:15 pm – 3:15 pm ET	<b>Concurrent Workshops (Session 3)</b>	
	<b>Workshop 5 – Advocate-Link 2.0: Building Research Collaborations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Michele Rakoff, NBCC Field Coordinator, CA</li> <li>○ TBD</li> <li>○ TBD</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<b>Workshop 6 – Telling Your Story to Drive Policy Change</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nicole Levins</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm ET	Break/Network	
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm ET	<b>Plenary Session: Who Decides What Matters? Rethinking How Cancer Trials Define the Standard of Care</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reshma Ramachandran, MD, MPP, MHS, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Yale School of Medicine</li> <li>○ Jonathan Kimmelman, PhD, James McGill Professor, McGill University</li> <li>○ TBD</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	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	
<b>Day 3 – Monday, April 27, 2026</b>		
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	<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>	Ballroom
9:30 am – 10:30 am ET	<b>Political Plenary: Our voices matter: How Minnesota Showed the US the Power of the People</b> In this plenary, we will discuss the threats to science and access to care and how the tremendous example of NBCC and grassroots organizing in Minnesota can inspire and inform our work. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speakers:</b> TBD</li> </ul>	Ballroom
10:30 am – 10:50 am ET	Break/Network	
10:50 am – 11:50 am ET	<b>Concurrent Workshops (Session 4)</b>	
	<b>Workshop 7 – How the Discriminatory Housing Policies of the Past Shape Today’s Breast Cancer Outcomes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sarah Lima, PhD, Georgetown University</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<b>Workshop 8 – Leveraging the Midterm Elections to Promote Breast Cancer Priorities</b>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Christine Carpenter</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Moderator:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Maggie Bush</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
11:50 am – 1:15 pm ET	<b>Lunch</b>	Ballroom Foyer
1:15 pm – 1:30 pm ET	Break	
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm ET	<b>Concurrent Workshops (Session 5)</b>	
	<b>Workshop 9 – The Art of the Lobby Visit: Making Your Case on Capitol Hill</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Capitol Hill staffer TBD</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<b>Workshop 10 – Medicare Drug Price Negotiation and Breast Cancer: What Advocates Need to Know</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speaker:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Anna Kaltenboeck, MBA, CEO, Verdant Research</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm ET	Break	
3:00 pm – 4:15 pm ET	<b>Lobby Day Briefing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Jennifer Berzok</b>, NBCC Government Relations Consultant</li> <li>○ <b>Maggie Bush</b>, Director, Field, NBCC</li> <li>○ <b>Fran Visco, JD</b>, President, NBCC</li> <li>○ <b>Melanie Wyne, JD</b>, Chief Policy Officer, NBCC</li> <li>○ TBD</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	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	
<b>Day 4 – Tuesday, April 28, 2026</b>		
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