



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	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 	
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"> ○ Marylinn 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 	Ballroom
4:45 pm – 5:15 pm ET	Armchair Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Fran Visco • Speaker: Dennis Slamon, MD, PhD 	
5:15 pm – 5:30 pm ET	Leadership Summit Group Photograph	
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	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 	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: Dennis Slamon, MD, PhD, Professor of Medicine; Chief, Division of Hematology/Oncology; Director, Revlon/UCLA Women’s Cancer Research Program, UCLA 	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 	
	Workshop 2 – Artificial Intelligence in Cancer Research <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 	
12:20 pm – 12:40 pm ET	Break	
12:40 pm – 2:00 pm ET 1:20 pm – 1:50 pm ET	Membership Luncheon Armchair Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Fran Visco • Speaker: Rick Pazdur 	Ballroom Foyer/ Ballroom
2:00 pm – 2:15 pm ET	Break	
2:15 pm – 3:15 pm ET	Concurrent Workshops (Session 2)	
	Workshop 3 – Congress 101: How Policy Becomes Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers: 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jennifer Berzok 	
	<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 Field Coordinator, CA ○ TBD ○ TBD 	
	<p>Workshop 5 – Telling Your Story to Drive Policy Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nicole Levins 	
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm ET	Break/Network	
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm ET	<p>Plenary – Who Decides What Matters? Rethinking How Cancer Trials Define the Standard of Care</p> <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 	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	Ballroom
9:30 am – 10:30 am ET	<p>Political Plenary – Our voices matter: How Minnesota Showed the US the Power of the People</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers: Lisa Harootunian, JD, MSW, Managing Director, Health, Bipartisan Policy Center • Asli Aydintasbas, Fellow, Center on the United States and Europe, Brookings Institute • TBD 	Ballroom
10:30 am – 10:50 am ET	Break/Network	
10:50 am – 11:50 am ET	Concurrent Workshops (Session 3)	
	<p>Workshop 6 – How the Discriminatory Housing Policies of the Past Shape Today’s Breast Cancer Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sarah Lima, PhD, Georgetown University 	

	Workshop 7 – Leveraging the Midterm Elections to Promote Breast Cancer Priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Christine Carpenter • Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maggie Bush 	
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	Concurrent Workshops (Session 4)	
	Workshop 8 – The Art of the Lobby Visit: Making Your Case on Capitol Hill <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capitol Hill staffer TBD 	
	Workshop 9 – Medicare Drug Price Negotiation and Breast Cancer: What Advocates Need to Know <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anna Kaltenboeck, MBA, CEO, Verdant Research 	
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm ET	Break	
3:00 pm – 4:15 pm ET	Lobby Day Briefing <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 ○ TBD 	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