

CANCER RESEARCH DAY 2026

AI across the cancer continuum

DATE: Wednesday, October 14, 2026

TIME: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (Check-in and breakfast at 8:30 AM)

LOCATION: Keith Administration Building (KAM), Mayer Auditorium, 1975 Zonal Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90033, and Pappas Quad. In person and virtual.

Purpose: A day to share your work, meet collaborators, and see what is happening across the Cancer Center, from basic to community research.

TIME	SESSION / SPEAKER	ROLE / LOCATION
8:30 to 9:00	Check-in & Continental Breakfast	Poster presenters: outside, table by the KAM steps All others: inside KAM, Mayer Auditorium Lobby
9:00 to 9:15	Welcome and Introduction Josh Neman, PhD	Associate Director, CRTEC
MORNING TALKS		
9:15 to 9:40	Sheng Li, PhD <i>Verified AI Agents to Accelerate Cancer Research</i>	Associate Professor and Co-Leader, Epigenetic Regulation in Cancer Program
9:40 to 10:05	Giovanni Cacciamani, MD <i>Artificial Intelligence Integration in Healthcare: Practical AI for Practicing Physicians</i>	Director, USC AI Center for Surgical and Clinical Applications in Urology
10:05 to 10:40	KEYNOTE SPEAKER Jason H. Moore, PhD <i>Agentic AI for In Silico Cancer Research</i>	Director, Center for AI Research and Education, Cedars-Sinai
10:40 to 11:00	Discussion panel Sheng Li, Giovanni Cacciamani, Jason H. Moore	Moderator: Nana Gyabaah-Kessie PhD candidate, Cancer Biology & Genomics
11:00 to 11:10	Break	
11:10 to 11:35	Charité N. Ricker, MS, CGC <i>Digital Interventions: Increasing Access to Genetic Testing in Underserved Patients?</i>	Genetic Counselor and Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine
11:35 to 12:00	Lourdes Baezconde-Garbanati, PhD, MPH <i>The Use of AI in Optimizing Community and Participant Engagement in Cancer Research and Education</i>	Associate Director, Community Outreach and Engagement
12:00 to 12:15	Discussion panel Charité N. Ricker, Lourdes Baezconde-Garbanati	Moderators: Amiya Tucker, PhD student, Epidemiology Kelsie Campbell, PhD candidate, Health Behavior Research
12:15 to 1:00	Lunch & networking	Pappas Quad
POSTER SESSION		
1:00 to 2:45	Poster session Poster competition, Shared Resources, survivor poster walk, and Coffee Consult	Pappas Quad Coffee Consult table: McKibben/Hoffman corner, 1:00–1:30 and 2:00–2:30
2:45 to 3:00	Poster awards & closing remarks	Pappas Quad

Parking: Biggy Parking Structure, 1334 Biggy St. Flat rate \$10 for USC Norris patients, \$20 for general visitors. **Wi-Fi:** USC Guest.
Directory, posters, and livestream: uscnorriscancer.usc.edu/cancer-research-training-and-education-coordination-programs/crd-2026