2027 ASTRO Annual Refresher Course Program Planning Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 29, 2026 – 12:00 pm ET / 9:00 am PT

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1. Introductions [5 min] — All
2. Overview of the Annual Refresher Course [5 min] — Sue Yom and Megan Daly

   Live, virtual format with 14 sessions. Attendees can submit questions online. 45- to 90-minute presentation followed by 15- to 20-minute Q&A moderated by Sue Yom or Megan Daly. Two additional prerecorded sessions included with onDemand.

   With the tagline Best Practices and Emerging Trends, Refresher is designed to provide a comprehensive review of the latest treatment methods and core competencies for the major disease sites, with a look at the emerging trends and technologies that may impact daily practice.

   Largest attendee demographic is U.S-based radiation oncologists in private practice and more than 20 years out of residency.
3. Shaping your presentation [15 min] — Sue Yom and Megan Daly

   Succinctly describe what is the current in-practice latest and greatest and how do you as a radiation oncologist implement that. Please review key evidence that forms the basis for current practice standards and guidelines along with emerging trends and technologies that are impacting daily practice. Avoid old data.

   Please refer to ASTRO_Refresher_Speaker_Guide.pdf for full information.

   Content: Community-based focus rather than academic • Practical guidelines and standards of care • Actual clinical situations; Practical, contemporary case-based scenarios/discussions • Best practices versus history of research and study analysis • Translate evidence into clear, actionable decision-making frameworks • Techniques and tips/tricks • Emerging trends and technologies that are currently impacting daily practice • References to contouring atlases and papers

   Format: Introduction, Main part, Punch lines

   Style: How you approach cases and what is the pathway; Straightforward but not too dogmatic
4. Contouring overview [5 min] — Lisa Cheak [logistics] / Sue Yom and Megan Daly [content]

   Please base on instructional cases, illustrating points from the presentation. Please review simulation setups, motion management and spacers/devices, contouring and dosimetry metrics, and any special procedures. Focus on known challenges; pearls in CTVs and nodal levels; how to use imaging; regional coverage; and tradeoffs.

   Please collaborate with the general disease site presenter (GI, Head and Neck, Central Nervous System) to avoid overlap.

Gastrointestinal Nina N. Sanford, MD, University of Texas Southwestern	**Contouring for Lower GI** Leila Tchelebi, MD, Penn State Health
Central Nervous System Michelle Kim, MD, University of Michigan	**Contouring for Central Nervous System** Michael T. Milano, MD, PhD, FASTRO, University of Rochester
Head and Neck Sean McBride, MD, MPH, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center	**Contouring for Head and Neck** Matthew C. Ward, MD, Levine Cancer Institute and Southeast Radiation Oncology Group

5. ASTRO Global Refresher [8 min] —Sue Yom and Megan Daly
    a. Overview
    b. Opportunities to collaborate with International Committee
    c. Processes to account for international differences
6. Questions / Discussion / Closing comments [7 min] — All