

BHCRI 2026 Annual Cancer Research Conference

APRIL 30, 2026 – MAY 01, 2026



CONFERENCE AGENDA



***New!* Hot Topics at BHCRI**



Hot Topics are a new format designed to foster communication and discussion. Each presenter will briefly set the stage before inviting attendees to engage in guided roundtable discussions at their tables.

Time	Session	Speaker / Facilitators
8:00 – 9:00 A.M.	Morning Refreshments & Check-In	
9:00 – 9:10 A.M.	Welcome & Introductions	Scott Grandy, PhD
9:10 – 10:00 A.M.	Hot Topic: <i>Habilitation</i> • 25- min Presentation • 25- min Roundtable Discussion	Scott Grandy, PhD
10:00 – 10:15 A.M.	2025 Jen Johnston Research Award Winner Presentation (15- min)	<i>TBD: Announcement to Follow</i>
10:15 – 10:30 A.M.	Break	

10:30 – 12:00 P.M.	Patient Partner Panel Discussion: Partnerships Between Patient Partners & Faculty • 90- min Discussion	Jeanette Boudreau, PhD and Don Desserud, PhD
12:00 – 2:00 P.M.	Lunch & CRTP Trainee Poster Presentations	Speakers (TBD)
2:00 – 2:50 P.M.	Hot Topic: <i>Checkpoint Checkmate: Metabolism as the Master Regulator of Cancer Immunotherapy</i> • 25- min Presentation • 25-min Roundtable Discussion	Shashi Gujar, DVM, PhD
2:50 – 3:30 P.M.	CRTP Trainee Oral Presentations • 3-10 min presentation each + 2-3 min Q&A	Speakers (TBD)
3:30 – 4:20 P.M.	Hot Topic: Cannabis in Cancer (title TBD) • 25- min Presentation • 25-min Roundtable Discussion	Jacob McGee, MD, FRCSC

FRIDAY - MAY 01, 2026		
Time	Session	Speaker / Facilitators
8:30 – 9:00 A.M.	Morning Refreshments	
9:00 – 9:05 A.M.	Welcome Back & Overview	Scott Grandy, PhD
9:10 – 10:00 A.M.	Keynote 1 “ <i>StAR-related Lipid Transfer Domain-3 (STARD3) a Vulnerability for HER2-amplified Breast Cancers</i> ” • 50-min Presentation and Q & A	Catherine Tomasetto, PhD
10:15– 11:05 A.M.	Keynote 2 “ <i>Exercise: Is it Time to Implement in Cancer Care?</i> ” • 50-min Presentation and Q & A	Kristin Campbell, PT, PhD
11:05 – 11:20 A.M.	Closing Statements and Trainee Award Presentations	Scott Grandy, PhD
11:20 A.M.	Grab & Go Networking & Information Tables: Gather, Pick up resources, and Complete Conference Feedback & Evaluation.	

CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



CATHERINE TOMASETTO, PhD

Institute of Genetics and Molecular and Cellular Biology



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HOT TOPICS



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