

# MCW PANCREATIC CANCER SYMPOSIUM: Tumor Microenvironment in Focus

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2025  
12:00 - 4:15 PM**

**Medical College of Wisconsin**  
HUB for Collaborative Medicine  
A1015/1035 Conference Room

## REGISTRATION

Online registration is required to attend this symposium. CE credit can be claimed via the online platform. Please note that Google Chrome is the preferred browser.

1. Register at [ocpe.mcw.edu/surgery](https://ocpe.mcw.edu/surgery). If you do not have an existing account click "Create Account" in the upper right corner.
2. After creating your account or logging in, select **MCW Pancreatic Cancer Symposium: Tumor Microenvironment in Focus** under Featured Courses.
3. Select Register and follow the prompts. There are no fees associated with this course.



## CLAIMING CE CREDIT

Complete the steps below by September 29, 2025 to claim CE credit. Requests for CE credit submitted after September 29, 2025 will be subject to a \$25 late fee.

1. Sign into your Ethos account at <https://ocpe.mcw.edu>.
2. Click on the Home tab, then select My Past Courses to
3. Claim Credit in the left column, then select Transcript.
4. Select *MCW Pancreatic Cancer Symposium: Tumor Microenvironment in Focus*.
5. Select the *Take Course* tab and click the green *Take Course* button.
6. Click through the Course Progress steps in the left column. The *Payment* and *Attendance* steps will be automatically completed.
7. Select Credit and enter your hours of participation. Attendees should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation.
8. Download a copy of your CME for your records.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, please contact Melissa Mena at (414) 955-1835 or [mmena@mcw.edu](mailto:mmena@mcw.edu).**

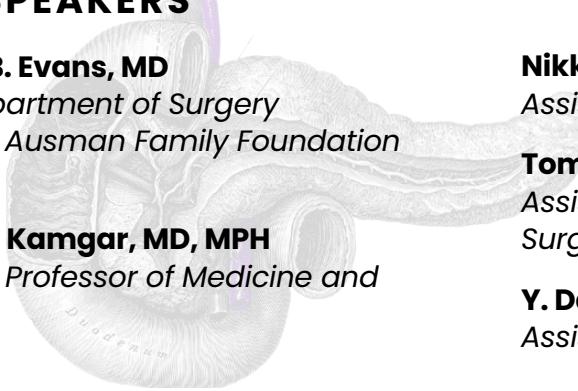
## MCW SPEAKERS

### **Douglas B. Evans, MD**

*Chair, Department of Surgery  
Donald C. Ausman Family Foundation  
Chair*

### **Mandana Kamgar, MD, MPH**

*Associate Professor of Medicine and  
Surgery*



### **Nikki Lytle, PhD**

*Assistant Professor of Surgery*

### **Tommy McFall, PhD**

*Assistant Professor of Biochemistry and  
Surgery*

### **Y. David Seo, MD**

*Assistant Professor of Surgery*

## Keynote Speakers



### **Ashley Lynn Kiemen, PhD**

*Assistant Professor of Pathology,  
Johns Hopkins University*

Dr. Kiemen received her bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Michigan, a master's degree in philosophy from the London School of Economics, and a PhD in chemical & biomolecular engineering from Johns Hopkins University. She is an Assistant Professor of Pathology at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Ashley's work focuses on using artificial intelligence and digital pathology to study the early development and invasion patterns of pancreatic cancer in three dimensions. Her group developed CODA, a technique to combine serial histological sectioning with spatial transcriptomics, genomics, and proteomics to deeply profile cm-sized tissues in 3D.



### **Venu G. Pillarisetty, MD**

*Professor of Surgery  
Associate Medical Director of Surgical Oncology  
University of Washington & Fred Hutch Cancer Center*

Dr. Venu Pillarisetty is a hepatopancreatobiliary surgical oncologist and researcher dedicated to understanding the immune environment of solid tumors, particularly pancreatic cancer. His laboratory focuses on exploring how the immune system interacts with cancer, aiming to develop more effective, patient-centered therapies. His team is particularly interested in defining the cell-cell interactions that regulate T cell anti-tumor activity in the human solid tumor microenvironment.



# AGENDA

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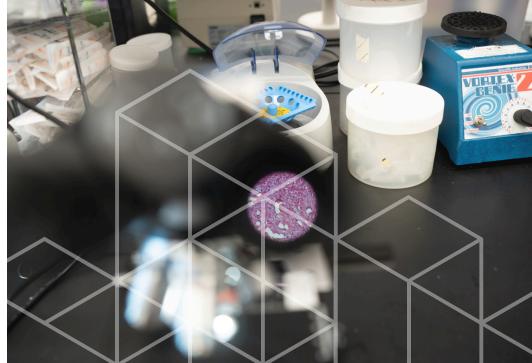
12:00 PM Lunch - Registration, Exhibitors

## SESSION I

12:30 PM	Welcome & Introduction	Douglas B. Evans, MD
12:45 PM	Imaging the pancreas in 3D to better understand pancreatic cancer initiation	Ashley Kiemen, PhD
1:30 PM	KRAS signaling and stoichiometric homeostasis of downstream pathways	Tommy McFall, PhD
1:50 PM	Precision Oncology Trials for PDAC at MCW	Mandana Kamgar, MD, MPH
2:20 PM	Questions	
2:35 PM	Break - Visit Exhibitors	

## SESSION II

2:45 PM	Comprehensive interrogation of the pancreatic cancer tumor immune microenvironment to enable novel treatment strategies	Venu G. Pillarisetty, MD
3:30 PM	Human tissue based analysis of targeted therapy in PDAC: In silico to bedside	Nikki Lytle, PhD and Y. David Seo, MD
4:00 PM	Questions	
4:15 PM	Closing Remarks	Beth Erickson, MD



**The MCW Pancreatic Cancer Symposium: Tumor Microenvironment in Focus** will be held on Friday, August 15, 2025. The symposium will take place at the **Medical College of Wisconsin**  
8701 Watertown Plank Road, Milwaukee WI, 53226.  
Hub for Collaborative Medicine  
1st Floor Conference Room A1015/1035.

**DIRECTIONS AND PARKING:** Complimentary parking is available on the surface and covered parking lot, located on 87th and Watertown Plank Road.

#### **TARGET AUDIENCE:**

- Surgeons (surgical oncologists, general surgeons, residents, and fellows)
- Medical oncologists
- Primary care providers
- Basic and translational scientists, and population health scientists
- Advanced practice providers

**PURPOSE:** The aim of this year's symposium, Tumor Mircoenvironment in Focus, will highlight new developments in research and treatment, with a special emphasis on the tumor microenvironment and its role in advancing care.

#### **EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES:**

Upon completion of the course, attendees will be able to:

- Discuss recent advances in KRAS biology, targeted therapies for KRAS mutations, and strategies for documenting clinical justification for reimbursement.
- Review the rationale and current use of targeted therapies in pancreatic cancer and strategies to match patients to treatments and clinical trials based on their mutations.
- Examine how emerging technological advances support biologically-driven approaches to identify patient risk factors and guide targeted therapy decisions.

**EDUCATIONAL METHOD:** The format will include lectures from leaders in the field. Upon completion of each speaker's talk there will be an opportunity for open debate and discussion. There will be dedicated time available between presentations for attendees to discuss topics one-on-one with course faculty members.

#### **COURSE PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

Y. David Seo, MD, Course Director | Douglas B. Evans, MD Physician Planner

**EXHIBITORS:** If you would like to exhibit at the Pancreatic Cancer Symposium, please contact Melissa Mena at 414-955-1835 or [surgeryevents@mcw.edu](mailto:surgeryevents@mcw.edu). The Medical College of Wisconsin appreciates the support provided by our exhibitors.

**ACCREDITATION STATEMENT:** The Medical College of Wisconsin is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The Medical College of Wisconsin designates this live activity a maximum of *3.00 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

#### **HOURS OF PARTICIPATION FOR ALLIED HEALTH**

**PROFESSIONALS:** The Medical College of Wisconsin designates this activity for up to 3.00 hours of participation for continuing education for allied health professionals.

**FACULTY DISCLOSURE/DISCLAIMER:** Everyone who is in a position to control the extent of educational activity must disclose all relevant financial relationships with any commercial interests. They will disclose any unlabeled use or investigational use of pharmaceutical and medical device products. Determination of educational content for this program and the selection of speakers were solely the responsibility of the planning committee. Firms providing financial support did not have input in these areas. Agendas are subject to change, as necessitated by illness and/or scheduling conflicts.

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