

UCSF Neuroendocrine Carcinoma (NEC) Patient Symposium

Education and practical support for patients and families facing a rare and aggressive disease

Sunday, October 4, 2026 | 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM (PST)

Robertson Auditorium, UCSF Mission Bay | Virtual attendance available

For Registration visit: <https://norcalcarcnet.org>

SYMPOSIUM OVERVIEW

Explore advances in NEC biology, diagnosis, imaging, treatment, and patient support, including differences across organ sites and emerging therapeutic approaches. The hybrid symposium features physician presentations, moderated discussion, and an in-person networking lunch.

PROGRAM AGENDA

Time	Session / Presentation Topic	Speaker(s)	Notes
Session 1 — Moderator: Aman Chauhan, MD			
9:00 - 9:10 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Aman Chauhan, MD	Opening comments, goals
9:10 - 9:25 AM	NEC 101	Emily Bergsland, MD	Current landscape, clinical challenges, and unmet needs
9:25 - 9:35 AM	Making the Diagnosis Count: What Pathology Reveals in NEC	Nancy Joseph, MD, PhD	Overview of histopathologic features & pathology report importance
9:35 - 9:45 AM	Q / A	Josh Mailman / Chauhan	Panel discussion
9:45 - 10:00 AM	BREAK	—	Refreshments
Session 2 — Moderator: Claire Mulvey, MD			
10:00 - 10:20 AM	Advances in Thoracic NEC	Claire Mulvey, MD	Overview of SCLC and LCNEC management and latest advances
10:20 - 10:35 AM	Understanding Neuroendocrine Prostate Cancer (NEPC) (Virtual)	Rahul Aggarwal, MD	Biology, clinical behavior, and treatment challenges in NEPC
10:35 - 10:50 AM	Shining a Light on Merkel Cell Carcinoma	Adil Daud, MD	Overview of subtypes, diagnosis, and treatment of MCC
10:50 - 11:05 AM	Gynecologic NECs: Special Features & Treatment Considerations	Lee-May Chen, MD	Gynecologic NEC and current care
11:05 - 11:20 AM	Lumping or Splitting: GEPECs in Contrast to NECs Arising in Other Sites	Emily Bergsland, MD	Molecular underpinnings & implications for trial design/therapy
11:20 - 11:45 AM	Q / A	Susan Plummer / Mulvey	Case + Panel Discussion
11:45 - 1:00 PM	Lunch and Networking	TBD - Round Tables**	Time for patients, caregivers, advocates, and faculty to connect
Session 3 — Moderator: Emily Bergsland, MD			
1:00 - 1:30 PM	What's New, What's Next: Cutting-Edge Advances & Ongoing Trials in NEC	Aman Chauhan, MD	Emerging targets for therapy, novel platforms & trial opportunities
1:30 - 1:40 PM	Q / A	Josh Mailman	Q / A session
1:40 - 2:15 PM	Moments That Matter: Maximizing Life with NEC <i>Better Days by Design: Strategies for Living with NEC</i>	Macaire, Abrams, J. Cohen	2-min video by Susan Plummer on her NEC journey followed by didactics
2:15 - 2:25 PM	Q / A	Susan Plummer / Dave Borchard	Panel discussion
2:25 - 2:30 PM	Closing Remarks	A. Chauhan / E. Bergsland	Key takeaways, acknowledgments, and next steps

SYMPOSIUM ORGANIZERS



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**Table topics to be selected by patient groups/pre-meeting survey responses



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