The 5th Annual TeCH Symposium Agenda
Friday, September 25, 2026
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM CT
Baylor University Medical Center, 301 N. Washington, Dallas, TX

Theme: Prevention and Early Detection of Hepatocellular Carcinoma in Texas

Date: Friday, September 25, 2026

Format: In-person with a virtual option (Hybrid)

Location: Baylor University Medical Center | Administrative Building | 301 N. Washington | Dallas, TX 75246

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Target audience: Clinical researchers, clinical providers, clinical trainees, medical students, policy researchers, public health workers

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Session I: HCC Chemoprevention

Time	Topics	Speaker	Academic Title/Institution
9:00 – 9:10	Texas Collaborative Center for Hepatocellular Carcinoma (TeCH)	Hashem El-Serag, MD, MPH	Chair and Professor, Department of Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine
9:10 – 9:20	Chemoprevention 1: The success and limitations of anti-viral treatment	Ashwini Mehta, DO	Transplant Hepatologist, The Liver Institute at Methodist Dallas Medical Center
9:20 – 9:30	Chemoprevention 2: Statins, ASA, and metformin	Craig Rosenstengle, MD	Transplant Hepatologist and Gastroenterologist, Baylor Scott & White Fort Worth
9:30 – 9:42	Chemoprevention 3: How promising is GLP-1?	Sumeet Asrani, MD, MS	Chief of Hepatology and Liver Transplantation, Baylor, Scott & White Dallas/Fort Worth
9:42 – 9:54	Hepatitis elimination via policy	John Ward, MD	Director, Coalition for Global Hepatitis Elimination, The Task Force for Global Health
9:54 – 10:24	Panel Discussion/Question & Answer Session		
10:25 – 10:35	Coffee Break		

Session II: HCC Risk Assessment

10:35 – 10:45	Emerging risk factors	Hashem El-Serag, MD, MPH	Chair and Professor, Department of Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine
10:45 – 10:55	Genetic and molecular risk biomarkers	Yujin Hoshida, MD, PhD	Director of Liver Tumor Translational Research, Professor of Internal Medicine, UT Southwestern Medical Center
10:55 – 11:05	Clinical risk prediction models	Nicole Rich, MD	Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, UT Southwestern Medical Center

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11:05 – 11:15	Role of AI in HCC risk prediction	Mamatha Bhat, MD	Staff Hepatologist and Clinician Scientist, University Health Network
11:15 – 11:45	**Keynote: Prevention of HCC in Texas-the role of implementation in healthcare systems**	**Ronan Kelly, MD**	**Chief of Oncology, Baylor, Scott & White Dallas**
11:45 – 12:00	Questions & Answer Session		
12:00 – 12:45	Lunch/Network		

Session III: HCC Surveillance

12:45 – 12:55	Current state of ultrasound-based surveillance	Howard Lee, MD	Assistant Professor, Section of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Department of Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine
12:55 – 1:05	Emerging blood-based surveillance strategies	Amit Singal, MD, MS	Chief of Hepatology and Interim Division Chief, UT Southwestern Medical Center
1:05 – 1:15	Abbreviated MRI and emerging imaging strategies	Takeshi Yokoo, MD, PhD, FSAR, FSABI	Professor of Radiology, Medical Director of MRI, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
1:15 – 1:35	HCC Prevention in Texas: Putting it all together	Saira Khaderi, MD, MPH	Assistant Professor, Transplant Hepatology Medical Director, Division of Abdominal Transplantation, Baylor College of Medicine
1:35 – 2:25	Breakout Session: Key action items	Sumeet Asrani, MD, MS Amit Singal, MD, MS	Baylor, Scott and White Dallas/Fort Worth UT Southwestern Medical Center
2:25 – 3:00	Wrap Up		