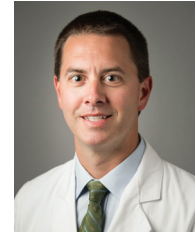


# SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

Saturday, November 14, 2026

- 7:30 – 7:50 AM** Continental Breakfast
- 7:50 – 8:00 AM** Welcome and Conference Objectives  
Paxton Dickson, MD
- 8:00 – 8:30 AM** Histology, Molecular Pathology, and Genomics of Soft Tissue Sarcoma  
Kurt T. Patton, MD
- 8:30 – 9:00 AM** Systemic Therapy for Soft Tissue Sarcoma  
Elizabeth Davis, MD
- 9:00 – 9:30 AM** Current Concepts in Radiation Therapy for Soft Tissue Sarcomas  
Arash O. Naghavi, MD
- 9:30 – 9:45 AM** Question and Answer
- 9:45 – 10:15 AM** Break
- 10:15 – 10:45 AM** Retroperitoneal Sarcoma: Surgical and Multidisciplinary Strategies  
Chelsea Olson, MD
- 10:45 – 11:15 AM** Extremity Sarcoma: Limb Salvage, Margins, and Function  
Michael Neel, MD
- 11:15 – 11:45 AM** Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumors (GIST): Multidisciplinary Management  
David Portnoy, MD and Ian Solsky, MD
- 11:45 – 12:00 AM** Question and Answer
- 12:00 – 1:00 PM** Lunch / Visit with Exhibitors
- 1:00 – 1:30 PM** Considerations in Pediatric Sarcoma  
Alberto Pappo, MD
- 1:30 – 2:30 PM** Multidisciplinary Case-Based Panel – Surgical Oncology, Orthopedic Oncology, Medical Oncology, Radiation Oncology, Pathology  
Martin Fleming, MD - Moderator
- 2:30 – 2:35 PM** Closing Remarks and Adjournment  
Paxton Dickson, MD

## COURSE DIRECTOR



**Paxton Dickson, MD, FACS**  
Professor of Surgery  
Division of Surgical Oncology  
Department of Surgery  
University of Tennessee Health Science Center

## REGISTRATION

Online registration is available at:  
<https://cenow.uthsc.edu/content/2026-cancer-symposium>  
There is no cost to attend this symposium.

## ACTIVITY LOCATION

FedEx Event Center at Shelby Farms Park  
415 Great View Drive East  
Memphis, TN 38134

## PARKING

The FedEx Event Center at Shelby Farms Park offers ample, convenient, and free on-site parking. The venue features dedicated parking spaces directly off Walnut Grove Road and adjacent to the building for easy access to events.

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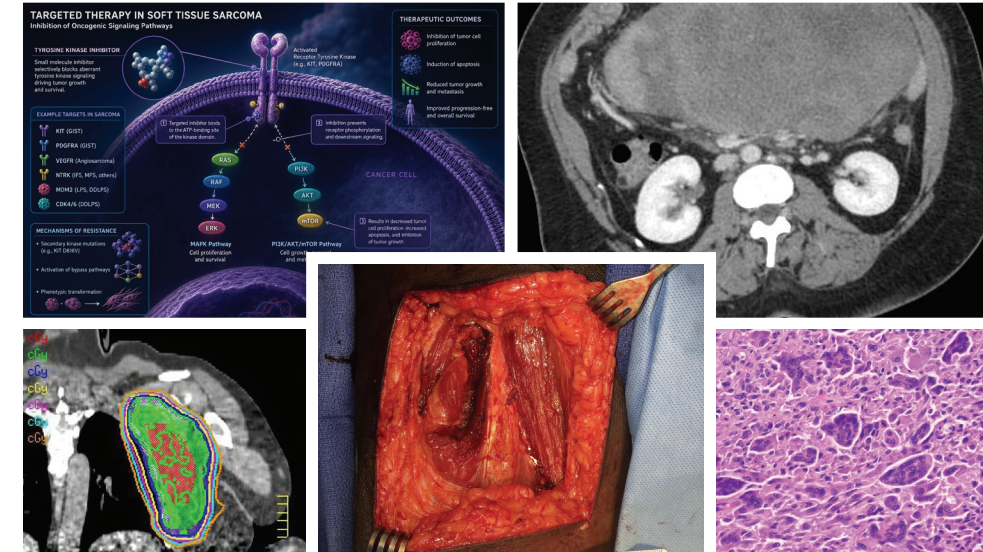


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# 2026 Surgical Oncology Annual Cancer Symposium Multidisciplinary Management of Soft Tissue Sarcoma

**Saturday, November 14, 2026**  
**7:30 AM – 2:30 PM**

FedEx Event Center at Shelby Farms Park  
415 Great View Drive East, Memphis, TN 38134



## CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION

The University of Tennessee Health Science Center Department of Surgery, Division of Surgical Oncology is hosting a one-day symposium on the management of soft tissue sarcoma. The purpose of this activity is to educate healthcare professionals on up-to-date strategies for the evaluation and management of patients with these tumors. The symposium will provide a unique opportunity for clinicians involved in the care of these patients to learn from and interact with leading national and local faculty to increase clinical knowledge, apply new data into practice, and ultimately improve patient outcomes.

## EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

- Apply contemporary histopathologic and molecular diagnostic principles in the classification of soft tissue sarcomas to improve diagnostic accuracy, prognostication, and treatment selection.
- Differentiate multidisciplinary treatment strategies for major sarcoma subtypes, including gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GIST), retroperitoneal sarcomas, and extremity soft tissue sarcomas, based on histology, stage, and disease location.
- Evaluate the appropriate use of systemic therapy, surgery, and radiation therapy in the neoadjuvant, adjuvant, and metastatic settings for patients with soft tissue sarcoma.
- Incorporate evidence-based surgical decision-making regarding limb-sparing approaches, multivisceral resection, margin optimization, and management of locally recurrent disease.
- Integrate multidisciplinary case-based decision-making to optimize individualized treatment planning, functional outcomes, local control, and long-term survivorship in patients with sarcoma.

## PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE GAP

Current practice gaps and unmet educational needs in soft tissue sarcoma management include limited familiarity with evolving molecular diagnostics and the growing role of genomic profiling in treatment selection. Clinicians also face challenges integrating surgery, systemic therapy, and radiation therapy into coordinated multidisciplinary treatment plans, particularly regarding neoadjuvant versus adjuvant approaches. Additional gaps exist in understanding the role of radiation therapy for extremity, retroperitoneal, and recurrent sarcomas. Because sarcomas are rare and heterogeneous malignancies, many providers have limited exposure to complex presentations, contributing to variability in management and referral patterns. Improved multidisciplinary collaboration among pathology, surgery, orthopedic oncology, medical oncology, and radiation oncology remains essential to optimize evidence-based care and patient outcomes.

## 2026 SYMPOSIUM FACULTY



**Elizabeth J. Davis, MD**  
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**Martin Fleming, MD**  
Division Chief – Surgical Oncology  
UT Health Science Center



**Arash O. Naghavi, MD, MS**  
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Pathology  
West Cancer Center and Research Institute



**David Portnoy, MD**  
Medical Oncology / Hematology  
West Cancer Center and Research Institute



**Ian Solsky, MD**  
Surgical Oncology  
UT Health Science Center

## DESIRED OUTCOME

This symposium is designed to provide interactive educational activities that discuss complicated case scenarios that have been shown to improve participant application of evidence-based medicine for patients with soft tissue sarcoma. Providing a format for adult learning that includes lectures, case-based studies, an interactive question and answer session, collaborative sharing of patient care issues, and networking with other healthcare professionals has shown to improve participant knowledge and competency.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

Surgical Oncology, Orthopedic Oncology, Medical Oncology, Radiation Oncology, Pathology, Advanced Practice Providers, Fellows, Residents, and Medical Students

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### 5 CME / CEU credits provided



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