# American Cancer Society Scientists to Present Cancer Research Advancements at 2026 ASCO Annual Meeting

## This year's American Society of Clinical Oncology meeting to be held in Chicago, May 29-June 2

**ATLANTA, May 28, 2025** — American Cancer Society (ACS) scientists are presenting research studies at this year's annual meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO). The conference is the world's largest clinical and translational cancer research meeting, where the brightest in the cancer community gather to share medical breakthroughs that could eventually become the standard of care for millions. This year's conference will attract an estimated 40,000 oncology professionals and feature more than 3,400 abstracts and 200 sessions. The meeting theme is "The Science and Practice of Translation: Improving Cancer Outcomes Worldwide."

Below are titles/links for highlighted oral research presentations, posters, and educational sessions, including ACS experts:

***Telehealth use and end-of-life care outcomes among Medicare decedents with cancers***

**ASCO Abstract #11012**
May 30, 2026, 3:30 CT
**First Author:** Dr. Teresa M. Waters
**Presenter:** Dr. Robin Yabroff

In this study, telehealth use among Medicare decedents with cancer was associated with higher hospice use, particularly home hospice, and a lower likelihood of late hospice enrollment, suggesting potential improvements in end-of-life care transitions.

- ***Local and state paid-sick leave policies and timeliness of treatment initiation among working-age patients with early-stage breast cancer***

  **ASCO Abstract #11064/Poster Bd. #47**
  June 1, 2026
  **First Author:** Kewei Sylvia Shi, MPH
  **Presenter:** Dr. Robin Yabroff

  **In this study,** local and state paid sick leave mandates were associated with earlier treatment initiation among working-age patients with early-stage breast cancer, especially in areas with low female unemployment rates. Findings suggest that paid sick leave policies play an important role in timely cancer treatment for employed women who may not have paid sick leave through their jobs.

- ***Palliative care for advanced cancer: Medicare Advantage and provider networks***

  **ASCO Abstract #11050/Poster Bd. 33**
  June 1, 2026
  **Lead Author/Presenter:** Dr. Xin Hu, ACS Visiting Scientist
  **Senior Author:** Dr. Robin Yabroff

  In this study, Medicare Advantage enrollment is associated with palliative care utilization primarily through differences in oncologists' network composition. Persistent differences in systemic therapy and hospice enrollment suggest that Medicare Advantage plan-level features beyond provider networks (e.g., prior authorization, hospice carve-out) and patient characteristics influence these outcomes.

- ***Food, Climate Change and Cancer Care***

**Education Session**
June 1, 2026, 4:45 pm, CT
**Session Title:** The Exposome, Cancer Risk, and Cancer Care: Understanding the Environmental Impact on Malignancy
**Presenter:** Dr. Leticia Nogueira

In this presentation, Dr. Nogueira explains how climate change alters the frequency and behavior of extreme weather events, making it harder for communities to prepare for and respond to increasingly unpredictable circumstances and disrupting access to life-saving cancer care. Also in her presentation: How the physical, psychological, and socioeconomic consequences of cancer and its treatment increase vulnerability to climate hazards, and how climate change increases exposure to pollutants, including carcinogens, produced through activities that are both major drivers of climate change and established contributors to cancer risk.

- ***Digital delivery of personalized cancer risk reduction: Real-world engagement with ACS CancerRisk360™***

  **ASCO Abstract #e22515**
  Virtual Publication
  **First Author:** Dr. Sarah Temkin
  **Senior Author:** Dr. Laura Makaroff

  This abstract shows that ACS CancerRisk360 demonstrates the feasibility and impact of a large-scale, direct-to-consumer digital platform for delivering personalized, evidence-based cancer risk-reduction guidance. High completion rates, sustained engagement with personalized outputs, and positive user feedback suggest the tool effectively supports awareness of cancer risk, screening needs, implications of family history, and modifiable lifestyle behaviors. Future development will focus on enhancing personalization, leveraging emerging scientific evidence, and expanding dissemination to reach more diverse populations and underserved communities.

- ***The impact of human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination on cervical cancer risk reduction in the U.S.***

  **ASCO Abstract #e22531**
  Virtual Publication
  **Senior Author:** Dr. Rebecca Landy

  This study demonstrates the importance of considering vaccination status when evaluating the population-level impact of cervical screening uptake on cervical cancer risk. Efforts to reduce the burden of cervical cancer should continue to include both vaccination and screening. Including vaccination status in national surveillance datasets would help identify and target interventions within communities at higher risk.

Also at the conference, Dr. Eduardo Vilar-Sanchez will receive the ACS/ASCO Cancer Prevention Award. Dr. Vilar-Sanchez is being recognized for his work advancing cancer prevention, particularly for individuals at high genetic risk. His research has helped shift the field toward proactive, personalized prevention strategies, including investigations into immune-based approaches and experimental vaccines designed to prevent cancer before it develops. He will deliver a 30-minute lecture at the meeting.

For more information about this research and to set up interviews, contact anne.doerr@cancer.org.

Follow ASC researchers at the meeting on X at: @AmericanCancer @ACSNews.

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