



THE SRI LANKA COLLEGE OF ONCOLOGISTS

Annual Academic Sessions 2025

Scaling Heights: Transforming Lives

August 2025

22-24

Hotel Galadari, Colombo

Pre-congress 01 | PGIM, Sri Lanka

Friday 22nd August 2025

Precision-Guided Contouring for Cervical and Lung Malignancies: Best Practices and Pitfalls

Time	Topic	Speaker
08:00 - 08:30	Registration & Opening Remarks	President SLCO
08:30 - 10:00	Radiotherapy Contouring: CA Cervix	Prof Peter Hoskin
10:00 - 10:30	Tea Break	
10:30 - 12:00	Radiotherapy Contouring: CA Lung	Prof Gerry Hanna
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch	

Pre-congress 02 | Hotel Galadari

Friday 22nd August 2025

Session and Quiz on Early Cancer Detection: Enhancing Symptom Evaluation in Primary Care

Highlights:

2 plenaries, 3 panel discussions, 2 quizzes, and prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, participation certificate with CPD points

Quiz 1: For Pre-MD Participants

Quiz 2: Interfaculty (5 participants from each faculty)

Time	Topic	Speaker
07:45 - 08:15	Registration	
08:15 - 08:30	Welcome speech	President, SLCO
08:30 - 09:00	Unraveling the Neck: Evaluation and Management of Paediatric Cervical Lymphadenopathy	Dr Sanjeeva Gunasekera
09:00 - 09:50	The Mystery of the Persistent Fever: A Multidisciplinary Panel Discussion	Dr Prabani Maddumarachchi Dr Anuradha Kodippili Dr Ananda Wijewickrama Dr Buddhika Somawardana
09:50 - 10:30	Tea Break and Interfaculty Quiz - First Round	

10:30 - 11:15	Back to Basics: A Panel Approach to Back Pain in Adults	Dr Pradeep Siriwardena Dr Ushani Wariyapperuma Dr Kelum Chathuranga Vidanagamage Dr Jaliya Jayasekera
11:15 - 11:45	Beyond the Disease: Holistic Approach to Symptom Management in Cancer Care	Dr Sampath Kondasinghe
11:45 - 12:30	When Eating Fades: Clinical Insights into Unintended Weight Loss and Anorexia	Dr Heshan Siriwardena Dr Sajitha Mallawaarachchi Dr Sumedha Udumalagala Dr Nuradh Joseph
12:30 - 13:10	Participant (Pre-MD) Quiz and (Parallel) Interfaculty Quiz - Second Round	
13:10 - 13:20	Closing Remarks and Award Ceremony	
13:20 - 14:00	Lunch	

Pre-congress 03 | Theatre Complex NCISL

Friday 22nd August 2025

Master Class on Colorectal Cancer with Live Surgical Demonstration

Time	Topic	Panel Members
08:30 - 08:45	Registration & Opening Remarks	Dr Sanath Wanigasooriya Dr Rasitha Manatunga
08:45 - 09:00	Recent Advances in Oncological Treatment in Colorectal CA	Dr Yasiru Malinda
09:00 - 09:15	Laparoscopic Colorectal Resection and Oncological Principles	Dr Anuruddha Thewarapperuma
09:15 - 09:30	Tips and Tricks of Laparoscopic Colorectal Cancer Surgery	Dr Prakash Kurumboor
09:30 - 09:35	Presentation of Tokens of Appreciation	Dr Rasitha Manatunga Dr Sanath Wanigasooriya
09:35 onwards	Laparoscopic AR & Colectomy Demonstration	Dr Prakash Kurumboor & Local Faculty
12:30 - 13:00	Lunch	



Registration

Online registration for the sessions available at the SLCO web: <http://www.slco.lk>

Induction of the President,
Inauguration of
Annual Academic Sessions 2025
&
Dr Kumar Weerasekera Memorial Oration

“A Second Chance at Life: Establishing the First National Bone Marrow Transplant Unit in Sri Lanka”

Dr Prasad Abeysinghe
Consultant Clinical Oncologist
National Cancer Institute, Sri Lanka

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Breakfast Meeting: Research in Clinical Oncology | Hotel Galadari

Meet the Experts: Elevate your research with insights from global pioneers!

Day 1 – 23rd August:
Research in Clinical Oncology: Practical Tips
Interactive Q&A

Day 2 – 24th August:
Discussion and Refinement of Selected
Research Proposals

Main Congress

DAY 1

Hotel Galadari

Saturday 23rd August 2025

Session Time	Topic	Speaker
08:30 - 08:45	Opening remarks	President, SLCO
Keynote 08:45 - 09:20	Modern Management of Endometrial Cancer	Prof Peter Hoskin
Plenary 1 09:20 - 09:55	Healthcare and Hashtags: A Delicate Balance	Dr Sanjana Hattotuwa
	Modern Horizons in Lung Cancer: Precision, Progress, and Personalized Therapy	
Symposium 1 09:55 - 11:00	Practical Guide to Modern Radiotherapy for NSCLC in the Era of Immunotherapy and Targeted Treatment	Prof Gerry Hanna
	SABR in NSCLC: Standard of Care and Evolving Frontiers	Dr Brendan Hup
	Evolving Treatment Landscape in SCLC	Dr Buddhinie Karunaratne
11:00 - 11: 15	Tea Break	

	Optimizing Therapy in Lymphomas: First-Line to Relapse	
Symposium 2 11:15 - 12:20	How Do I Treat Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma	Dr Jithma Abeykoon
	Current Guidelines vs. Ground Reality: Managing HL in Low-Resource Setting	Dr Nilupulee Gunarathna
	Clinical Practice Changes in the Front-line Management of Mantle Cell Lymphoma	Dr Jithma Abeykoon
Plenary 2 12:20 -12:55	Transforming Cancer Care in the Genomic Era	Dr Mahesh Iddawela
12:55 - 13:30	Lunch	
Plenary 3 13:30 - 14:05	The Changing Landscape of Melanoma: Treatment with Immunotherapy	Dr Hafiz Algurafi
	Case-Based Discussion	
Symposium 3 14:05 - 15:10	Tailored Colorectal Cancer Treatment: A Multimodality Strategy	Dr Mahesh Iddawela Dr Asanka Gamage Dr Randima Nanayakkara
Plenary 4 15:10 - 15:45	How I Treat Adult Histiocytic Neoplasms	Dr Jithma Abeykoon
Plenary 5 15:45 - 16:20	CNS tumours: Maximizing Outcomes, Minimizing Toxicities	Dr Brendan Hup

Moderators/ Organisers

 Dr Kasun Gunathilake SR- Surgical Oncology National Cancer Institute, Sri Lanka	 Dr Vimukthini Pieris Consultant Clinical Oncologist DGH- Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka
 Dr Janaka Thushan Piyasiri Consultant Clinical Oncologist TH- Badulla, Sri Lanka	 Dr Anuththara Senevirathna Consultant Clinical Oncologist GH- Chilaw, Sri Lanka
 Dr Buddhika Thilakarathna Consultant Clinical Oncologist TH- Rathnapura, Sri Lanka	 Dr Sachintha Wijesiriwardana Consultant Clinical Oncologist DGH- Polonnaruwa, Sri Lanka

Main Congress

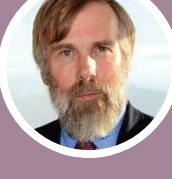
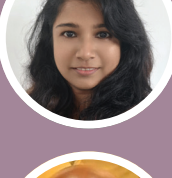
DAY 2

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Sunday 24th August 2025

Session Time	Topic	Speaker
08:30 - 08:45	Recap Day 1	
Plenary 6 08:45 - 09:20	Mastering Complexity: Surgery for Advanced Head and Neck Tumors	Dr Rasitha Manatunga
	Case-Based Discussion	
Symposium 4 09:20 - 10:25	Beyond Cure, Within Care	Prof Peter Hoskin Dr Sampath Kondasinghe Dr Sujeewa Weerasinghe
10:25 - 11:25	Free Paper Presentation	
11:25 - 11:40	Tea Break	
	Individualizing Breast Cancer Care Through Integrated Therapies	
Symposium 5 11:40 - 12:45	Internal Mammary Node Irradiation: Strengthening Regional Control and Improving Outcomes in Breast Cancer	Dr Hafiz Algurafi
	New Horizon in Metastatic Breast Cancer Management: Expanding HER-2 Targeting and Impact on Outcome	Dr Mahesh Iddawela
	Personalized Management of the Axilla in Breast Cancer	Dr Sandani Wijerathne
Plenary 7 12:45 - 13:20	Radiotherapy Research: “As Good as It Gets”	Prof Gerry Hanna
13:20 - 14.15	Lunch	

Faculty- Pre/Main Congress

 Dr Anuruddha Abeygunasekera Consultant Urological Surgeon Sri Lanka	 Dr Jithma Abeykoon Assistant Professor of Medicine Mayo Clinic, USA
 Dr Hafiz Algurafi Consultant Clinical Oncologist Mid & South Essex NHS, UK	 Dr Asanka Gamage Consultant Clinical Oncologist DGH- Hambantota, Sri Lanka
 Dr Kelum C Vidanagamage Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon DGH- Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka	 Dr Nilupulee Gunarathna Consultant Haemato-Oncologist NH- Kandy, Sri Lanka
 Dr Sanjeeva Gunasekera Consultant Paediatric Oncologist National Cancer Institute, Sri Lanka	 Prof Gerry Hanna Marie Curie Professor of Clinical Oncology, Trinity College, UK
 Dr Sanjana Hattotuwa Independent Researcher/ Data Scientist Disinformation Project	 Prof Peter Hoskin Professor of Clinical Oncology Christie NHS Trust, UK
 Dr Brendan Chia Hup Consultant Radiation Oncologist Raffles Cancer Centre, Singapore	 Dr Mahesh Iddawela Director of Oncology Peninsula Monash University Australia
 Dr Jaliya Jayasekera Consultant Clinical Oncologist National Cancer Institute, Sri Lanka	 Dr Nuradh Joseph Consultant Clinical Oncologist DGH- Matara, Sri Lanka
 Dr Buddhinie Karunaratne Consultant Paediatric Oncologist DGH- Avissawella, Sri Lanka	 Dr Anuradha Kodippili Consultant Paediatric Pulmonologist University of Colombo, Sri Lanka
 Dr Sampath Kondasinghe Clinical Associate Professor University of Western Australia	 Dr Prakash Kurumboor Consultant GI Surgeon Aster Medcity, India
 Dr Prabani Maddumarachchi Consultant Paediatric Oncologist National Cancer Institute, Sri Lanka	 Dr Yasiru Malinda Consultant Clinical Oncologist TH- Batticaloa, Sri Lanka
 Dr Sajitha Mallawaarachchi Consultant Clinical Nutrition Physician National Cancer Institute, Sri Lanka	 Dr Rasitha Manatunga Consultant Clinical Oncologist National Cancer Institute, Sri Lanka
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