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2026

ANNUAL MEETING



— 30th ANNUAL MEETING —

November 18–20 | San Antonio, TX

Colorectal Cancer Screening: From Concept to Evidence-Based Clinical Practice Through ACS NCCRT Coordinated Action

Colorectal cancer (CRC) screening came of age in 1996 when the initial concept became evidence-based clinical practice. That transformation required decades of discovery, innovation, and persistence in the face of uncertainty and resistance.

CONCEPT. Studies in the UK (1920s) described: the progressive stages of CRC; earlier stage detection correlation with better outcome; and, the pre-existing adenoma. However, these concepts could not be translated into practice since methods were not available.

METHODS. The landscape changed dramatically after introduction of guaiac cards (1960s) and colonoscopy (1970s). Screening was now possible but was met with widespread skepticism. Was it effective, affordable, safe? Evidence was lacking.

EVIDENCE. A UMinnesota randomized trial reported (1993) a reduction of CRC mortality with screening, and the National Polyp Study demonstrated (1993) that removal of adenomas prevented CRC. UK and Denmark studies later (1996) corroborated the UK report. How could this evidence drive the field forward?

GUIDELINES. The strong scientific evidence led to greater endorsement of CRC screening in guidelines. The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommended screening(1996), and the U.S. Multi-Society Task Force introduced screening colonoscopy (1997) which was supported by the American Cancer Society guidelines. However, the big mountain to climb was public and provider adherence.

THE ADHERENCE STRUGGLE. A multitude of public organizations, medical societies, public health officials, public figures, etc. came aboard to influence health care providers and the general public. Legislation was being actively considered to reimburse screening by Medicare, which was later passed (1997 The Balanced Budget Act). In spite of this huge activity, public awareness of CRC was poor and screening rates were low. No platform was in place to help coordinate this surge of national energy.

ENTER ACS NCCRT. The initial concepts of early detection and prevention were now proven by strong scientific evidence, the clinical methods were available, and the nation was energized. At this critical moment 30 years ago, the ACS NCCRT provided the platform needed to bring this surge of energy into a coordinated national effort to reduce colorectal cancer incidence and mortality.



Sidney J. Winawer, MD, D.Sc. (Hon)

Thank You to Dr. Winawer for sharing this historical perspective about the founding of the ACS NCCRT.

Welcome

Dear Members & Colleagues,

We are thrilled to welcome you to the 2026 American Cancer Society National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable (ACS NCCRT) Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

This year, we are especially honored to celebrate the 30th Annual Meeting of the ACS NCCRT, a milestone that reflects three decades of innovation, partnership, and unwavering commitment to reducing the burden of colorectal cancer (CRC) across the United States. As we recognize this achievement, we also look ahead to the opportunities and challenges that will shape our work in the years to come.

Since its founding in 1997, the ACS NCCRT has grown from a small team into a coalition of more than 245 organizations united by a shared vision: reducing CRC mortality and disparities through prevention, early detection, improved outcomes, and equitable access to care. Throughout our journey, we have celebrated successes, overcome challenges, and evolved alongside a changing healthcare landscape. From launching the 80% by 2018 campaign to responding to the disruptions that followed 2020 and finding new ways to connect and collaborate through virtual Annual Meetings, each chapter has helped shape the Roundtable we are today.

Throughout this meeting, you will hear from leaders, experts, and advocates addressing topics across our five strategic priority areas. We also encourage you to share your perspectives during our Priority Team Workshops, helping shape the implementation of our 3-Year Strategic Roadmap and the future direction of the Roundtable. We are grateful for the opportunity to learn from one another and advance our shared mission.

We hope this meeting inspires new ideas, stronger partnerships, and renewed momentum for the work ahead. Building on 30 years of progress, we can continue advancing toward a future where fewer people are diagnosed with CRC and more lives are saved.

Thank you for being part of this important milestone and for your continued commitment to the ACS NCCRT.



Steven Itzkowitz, MD, FACP, FACG, AGAF

ACS NCCRT Chair



Gloria D. Coronado, PhD

ACS NCCRT Vice Chair



Laura Makaroff, DO

ACS Chair

Land Acknowledgment

We would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional land of Indigenous peoples, specifically the Coahuiltecan, Jumanos, Ndé Kónitsąąíí Gokíyaa (Lipan Apache), and Tonkawa peoples. We must also acknowledge that the culture, economic growth, and development upon this land are indebted to the labor of enslaved African people. The deep-rooted wounds of colonization, slavery, Jim Crow, and its ongoing effects have left irreversible effects on the African American and Indigenous communities.

As we work to ensure everyone has an equal opportunity to prevent, detect, treat, and survive cancer, we acknowledge and work to mitigate the cancer burden and health disparities in the Native and Indigenous communities and communities of color.



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About the ACS National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable

The American Cancer Society National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable (ACS NCCRT), established by the American Cancer Society and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in 1997, acts as a catalyst to stimulate work on key issues related to colorectal cancer (CRC). Now a national coalition of more than 245 member organizations, we are uniquely positioned to influence and support a shared vision to reduce CRC mortality and mortality disparities across the United States through coordinated leadership, strategic planning, and advocacy.

Priorities

- Mobilize national and community-level efforts to advance health equity across the colorectal cancer continuum.
- Improve timely action for early-age onset colorectal cancer signs and symptoms.
- Support on-time screening as soon as eligible and continued participation per screening recommendations.
- Promote timely colonoscopy follow-up to positive (abnormal) non-colonoscopy tests.
- Identify areas to ensure timely initiation of quality colorectal cancer treatment

Health Equity Statement

Cancer affects everyone, but it doesn't affect everyone equally. To ensure we all can prevent, detect, treat, and survive colorectal cancer, we must work to eliminate barriers and address the needs of everyone. We believe all people should have a fair and just opportunity to live a longer, healthier life free from colorectal cancer regardless of how much money they make, the color of their skin, their sexual orientation, gender identity, disability status, or where they live.



Agenda

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

11:30am **REGISTRATION OPENS** — **San Juan Ballroom Foyer**

1:00-1:10pm **OPENING REMARKS** — **San Juan Ballroom**

Kaitlin Sylvester, MPA, *Strategic Director, ACS NCCRT*

1:10-2:25pm **PANEL: ADVANCING COLORECTAL CANCER (CRC) SCREENING: NAVIGATING GUIDELINE CHANGES** — **San Juan Ballroom**

This session will explore emerging evidence shaping CRC screening recommendations and the implications for providers, health systems, and screening programs. Panelists will discuss risk-based screening, implementation challenges, screening capacity, and the potential impact on outcomes and health equity.

Moderator: **Laura Makaroff**, DO, *Senior Vice President, Cancer Prevention, ACS; ACS Chair, ACS NCCRT Steering Committee*

Speakers:

- **Robert A. Smith**, PhD, *Senior Vice President, Cancer Screening, ACS; ACS NCCRT Senior Scientific Advisor*
- **Thomas Imperiale**, MD, *Professor of Medicine, Indiana University Medical Center*
- **Pascale White**, MD, MBA, MS, FACG, *Associate Professor of Medicine, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai; Co-Founder, The Association of Black Gastroenterologists and Hepatologists; ACS NCCRT Steering Committee*

2:25-3:35pm **PANEL: BIOMARKERS IN CRC: CURRENT APPLICATIONS AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS** — **San Juan Ballroom**

CRC treatment is becoming increasingly personalized, driven by advances in biomarker testing and precision medicine. This session will provide an overview of current CRC treatment approaches, explore the role of biomarkers in guiding care decisions, and examine ongoing efforts to expand access to biomarker testing and precision care. Attendees will gain a better understanding of how biomarker-driven care can improve treatment selection and patient outcomes.

Moderator: **Christopher Lieu**, MD, *Professor of Medicine, Division of Medical Oncology; Associate Director for Clinical Research; University of Colorado School of Medicine; ACS NCCRT Steering Committee*

Speakers:

- **Michael D. Iglesia**, MD, PhD, *Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina School of Medicine*
- **Anjee Davis**, MPPA, *CEO, Fight Colorectal Cancer*

3:35-3:50pm **NETWORKING BREAK**

3:50-5:00pm **PANEL: RISK ASSESSMENT IN CRC SCREENING: CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES, AND NEXT STEPS** — **San Juan Ballroom**

This session will explore advancements in CRC risk assessment, including the implementation of the new ICD-10 code for Lynch syndrome and other hereditary cancer syndromes, and their potential to improve identification, care coordination, and outcomes. Panelists will also examine ongoing barriers to implementation and discuss opportunities to strengthen risk assessment across healthcare systems to maximize its impact on patient care and health outcomes.

Moderator: **Peter Liang**, MD, MPH, *Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine and Population Health, NYU Grossman School of Medicine; ACS NCCRT Steering Committee*

Speakers:

- **Swati Patel**, MD, MS, *Associate Professor and Director, Gastrointestinal Hereditary Cancer Program, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Center; ACS NCCRT Steering Committee*
- **Heather Hampel**, MS, CGCC, *Associate Director, Division of Clinical Cancer Genomic, City of Hope; ACS NCCRT Priority Team Co-Chair*
- **Danielle Ripley-Burgess**, *Survivor, Advocate, Consultant*

5:00-6:00pm **WELCOME RECEPTION** — **San Juan Ballroom & Foyer**

Light appetizers. Dinner on your own.

6:30-8:30pm **ACS LEADERSHIP DINNER**

Open to ACS Volunteer Leadership only.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7:00-8:00am **REGISTRATION & NETWORKING BREAKFAST** — **San Juan Ballroom**

8:00-8:05am **OPENING REMARKS** — **San Juan Ballroom**

Kaitlin Sylvester, MPA, *Strategic Director, ACS NCCRT*

8:05-8:25am **AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY WELCOME** — **San Juan Ballroom**

Shane Jacobson, M.Ed, *CEO, American Cancer Society*

8:25-9:00am **ACS NCCRT CHAIR KEYNOTE** — **San Juan Ballroom**

Steven Itzkowitz, MD, FACP, FACG, AGAF, *Professor of Medicine and Sciences, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai; Chair, ACS NCCRT Steering Committee*

9:00-10:15am **PANEL: ENSURING TIMELY FOLLOW-UP COLONOSCOPY: CAPACITY, BARRIERS, AND SOLUTIONS** — **San Juan Ballroom**

This session will explore the systems, processes, and partnerships needed to improve follow-up colonoscopy completion, highlighting current data and trends, a real-world case study from Fred Hutch, and findings from the American College of Gastroenterology's GI workforce capacity analysis. Attendees will gain practical insights into addressing barriers, strengthening care coordination, and improving outcomes across screening programs and health systems.

Moderator: **Thomas Imperiale**, MD, *Professor of Medicine, Indiana University Medical Center*

Speakers:

- **David Lieberman**, MD, *Emeritus Professor of Medicine, Oregon Health and Science University*
- **Neil Stollman**, MD, *Physician, East Bay Center for Digestive Health*
- **Rachel Issaka**, MD, MAS, *Associate Professor and Director, Colorectal Cancer Screening Program, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center and University of Washington; 2026 ACS NCCRT National Achievement Award Honoree*

10:15-10:35am **NETWORKING BREAK & MOVE TO CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

10:35-11:50am **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

▷ **Trust as an Implementation Strategy: Building Quality Community Partnerships Across the CRC Continuum** — **Espada A**

This interactive session will explore how trust can serve as a powerful implementation strategy for advancing CRC prevention, screening, treatment, and survivorship efforts through meaningful community partnership. Speakers will share practical frameworks and real-world examples demonstrating how trusted relationships can improve implementation, navigation, and equitable outcomes across the CRC continuum.

Moderator/Facilitator: **Charles R. Rogers**, PhD, MPH, MS, MCHES, *Founder and President, Colorectal Cancer Equity Foundation*

Speakers:

- **Jonathan Gardner**, CNP, *Data Architect II, ScreeND Program, Mountain Pacific; 2026 ACS NCCRT National Achievement Award Grand Prize Winner*
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- **Ari Bell-Brown**, MPH, *Collaborative Science Manager, Fred Hutch Cancer Center; 2026 ACS NCCRT National Achievement Award Honoree*

Transforming the Patient Experience Through Navigation Across the CRC Continuum — Espada B

This session will explore the critical role of patient navigation in improving experiences and outcomes across the CRC continuum, from screening through treatment and survivorship. Panelists will highlight national standards, implementation frameworks, and practical strategies for developing sustainable navigation programs that address barriers to care. Through real-world examples, attendees will learn how navigation programs can improve access, coordination, and outcomes while advancing more patient-centered and equitable care.

Moderator: **Carlton Allen**, MS, CHW, MCHES, *Senior Program Manager for Prevention, Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT)*

Speakers:

- **Sally Werner**, BSN, MSHA, *Chief Executive Officer, Cancer Support Community*
- **Andrea (Andi) Dwyer**, MPH, *Director of the Colorado Cancer Screening Program, University of Colorado Cancer Center; Chair, ACS National Navigation Roundtable*
- **Ashley Ramos**, MSW, *Cancer Prevention Patient Navigator, CommUnity Care Health Centers*
- **Marianne Pearson**, MSW, LCSW, *Vice President, Cancer Care, Colorectal Cancer Alliance*

Reaching Populations with the Greatest Need: Screening and Treatment Programs That Improve Outcomes — Meeting Room D

This session will highlight successful CRC screening initiatives that are improving outcomes in populations facing significant barriers to care. Panelists will share real-world examples of how navigation, community partnerships, culturally responsive approaches, and implementation strategies have increased access to screening and treatment services. Attendees will gain practical insights into building sustainable programs that advance equity and improve outcomes for populations with the greatest need.

Moderator: **Anne Gaglioti**, MD, MS, FAAFP, *Vice President, Implementation Science, American Cancer Society; ACS Chair, ACS National Breast Cancer Roundtable*

Speakers:

- **Cara Brown**, RN, MSN, MBA, *Population Health RN, Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation*
- **Rona Schwartz**, MD, *Physician, Unity Health Care*

Collaborative Forum: Policy Action — Meeting Room A

This interactive session will bring ACS NCCRT members together to discuss recent CRC policy achievements, current developments, and emerging opportunities to advance CRC prevention and control. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions, share ideas and experiences, and learn from one another about policy approaches being implemented across diverse settings. Through facilitated discussion, attendees will help identify priorities and opportunities for collective action that can accelerate progress across the CRC continuum.

Facilitators:

- **Cori Chandler**, MPA, *Director, State & Local Campaigns, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN)*
- **Heather Dacus**, DO, MPH, *Director, Bureau of Cancer Prevention and Control, NYS Department of Health*
- **Molly Roberts**, *Vice President of Advocacy, Fight Colorectal Cancer; ACS NCCRT Steering Committee*

Collaborative Forum: Community Engagement — Meeting Room C

This interactive session will bring together advocates and partners to share best practices, lessons learned, and successful strategies for raising awareness about CRC prevention, screening, and early detection. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions, exchange ideas, and learn from one another's experiences engaging communities, building trust, and inspiring action. Through facilitated discussion, attendees will identify opportunities for collaboration and collective action to strengthen public awareness and community engagement efforts nationwide.

Facilitators:

- **Melinda M. Conklin**, MS, MEd., *Founder/Executive Director, Hitting Cancer Below the Belt; ACS NCCRT Steering Committee*
- **Erin Peterson**, *Senior Director, Advocacy & Patient Education, Colon Cancer Coalition*

11:50-12:30pm **NETWORKING LUNCH** — San Juan Ballroom

12:30-1:40pm **LIVED EXPERIENCE CONVERSATION: THROUGH THE LENS OF CRC SURVIVORS AND CAREGIVERS** — San Juan Ballroom

This session will provide an opportunity for CRC survivors and caregivers to share their personal experiences and perspectives. Through their stories, attendees will gain a deeper understanding of the real-world experiences, costs, and burdens associated with CRC for patients, caregivers, and families. The conversation will help inform more patient-centered approaches to prevention, screening, treatment, survivorship, and supportive care while elevating the experiences of those most directly affected by this disease.

Moderator: **Amber Mike**, *Patient Advocate*

Speakers:

- **Julie Saliba Clauer**, *Director of Education, Colontown*
- **Rebeca Clay-Flores**, *Bexar County Commissioner, Precinct 1*
- **Mary Beth Kropp**, MA, Ed.D., *Cofounder and President, Big Mike's Bottom Line*
- **Terry Wong**, *Blood Bros BBQ*

1:40-2:00pm **BREAK AND MOVE TO PRIORITY TEAM WORKSHOPS**

2:00-4:00pm **PRIORITY TEAM WORKSHOPS**

These interactive workshops will bring together ACS NCCRT members and Roundtable leadership to advance discussions aligned with the goals and priorities of the ACS NCCRT's three-year Strategic Roadmap. Participants will have opportunities to share best practices, exchange ideas, identify challenges, and explore opportunities to improve CRC outcomes across our five Priority Areas. The discussions and insights generated during these workshops will help inform the ACS NCCRT's priorities, activities, and workplan for the coming year while fostering coordinated action to reduce CRC mortality and disparities.

Health Equity: Mobilize National and Community-Level Efforts That Will Lead to Health Equity Across the CRC Continuum — Meeting Room A

This workshop will serve as the founding session of our Health Equity Priority Team and will focus on identifying and prioritizing key drivers of disparities across the CRC continuum. Participants will explore opportunities for collective action and help shape the team's future priorities and direction.

Facilitators:

- **Dionne Christopher**, PMP, *Director of Prevention, Colorectal Cancer Alliance; ACS NCCRT Steering Committee*
- **Keith Winfrey**, MD, MPH, FACP, *Founder/Principal Investigator, Nova Fortis Clinical Research, LLC*

Family History & Early-Age Onset CRC: Improve Timely Action for Early-Age Onset CRC Signs and Symptoms — Espada A

This workshop will focus on opportunities to improve the identification and management of individuals at increased risk for CRC due to family history, hereditary cancer syndromes, and early-age onset CRC. Participants will identify priorities, gaps, and opportunities for action, with the goal of generating ideas for future Roundtable initiatives, resources, and collaborative efforts that advance risk identification, timely evaluation of signs and symptoms, and appropriate follow-up care.

Facilitators:

- **Heather Hampel**, MS, CGCC, *Associate Director, Division of Clinical Cancer Genomic, City of Hope*
- **Paul Schroy**, MD, MPH, *Emeritus Professor of Medicine, Boston University School of Medicine*

On-Time CRC Screening: Support On-Time Screening as Soon as Eligible and Continued Participation Per Screening Recommendations — Meeting Room D

Members will focus on improving both on-time initiation of CRC screening and ongoing adherence to recommended screening intervals. Participants will share best practices, explore barriers and solutions, and identify strategies that support regular screening participation across diverse populations and care settings. Together, attendees will identify actionable opportunities to help more people get screened on time and stay current with recommended screening over time.

Facilitators:

- **David Greenwald**, MD, *Professor of Medicine, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, Director of Clinical Gastroenterology and Endoscopy, Mount Sinai Hospital in New York*
- **Xavier Llor**, MD, PhD, *Medical Director of Cancer Screening and Prevention, Co-Director of the Cancer Genetics and Prevention Program, Medical Director of the Colorectal Cancer Prevention Program, Yale Cancer Center*

Follow-Up Colonoscopy: Promote Timely Colonoscopy Follow-Up to Positive (Abnormal) Non-Colonoscopy Screening Tests — Espada B

This workshop will work to identify barriers and opportunities for improving timely follow-up colonoscopy after a positive non-colonoscopy screening test, with a particular focus on serving populations experiencing the greatest barriers to care in FQHC and safety-net settings. Participants will share best practices, discuss implementation considerations, and explore scalable strategies that can improve follow-up colonoscopy completion while advancing health equity.

Facilitators:

- **Stacie Miller**, MSN, MPH, RN, *Oncology Clinic Manager, Moncrief Cancer Institute, UT Southwestern, ACS NCCRT Steering Committee*
- **Cindy Yoshida**, MD, AGAF, *Professor, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, UVA Health*

Access to Quality Treatment: Identify Areas to Ensure Timely Initiation of Quality Cancer Treatment — Meeting Room C

This workshop will serve as the inaugural meeting of the Access to Treatment Priority Team, bringing together members to identify barriers and opportunities related to timely initiation of quality CRC treatment. Participants will share experiences, discuss gaps, and explore practical solutions to improve access to care and patient outcomes.

Facilitators:

- **Christopher Lieu**, MD, *Professor of Medicine, Division of Medical Oncology; Associate Director for Clinical Research; University of Colorado School of Medicine; ACS NCCRT Steering Committee*
- **Marielle McLeod**, MHA, *Patient Advocate*

4:00-4:15pm **BREAK AND RETURN TO MAIN SESSION**

4:15-5:00pm **2026 ACS NCCRT DISTINGUISHED NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD** — San Juan Ballroom

James Hotz, MD, MACP, *Founder, Clinical Services Director, Albany Area Primary Health Care (AAPHC)*

5:00-6:30pm **NETWORKING RECEPTION** — Historic Outdoor Courtyard

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8:00-8:05am **OPENING REMARKS** — San Juan Ballroom

Kaitlin Sylvester, MPA, *Strategic Director, ACS NCCRT*

8:10-8:40am **LEADING WITH EQUITY: ELEVATING CRC AND HEALTHCARE EQUITY ON THE NATIONAL AGENDA** — **San Juan Ballroom**

Richard C. Wender, MD, *Chair of Family Medicine and Community Health, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania; ACS NCCRT Chair Emeritus*

8:40-9:45am **COMPLETING THE CRC SCREENING PROCESS** — **San Juan Ballroom**

This session will explore the development and significance of the new NCQA follow-up colonoscopy quality measure, highlight best practices for improving follow-up completion through patient navigation, care coordination, and data exchange, and discuss strategies for identifying and addressing patient risk. Panelists will also share a real-world example of a successful, long-standing program that has improved follow-up care and outcomes through a coordinated systems-based approach.

Moderator: **Elizabeth Ciemins**, PhD, MPH, MA, *Chief Research Officer, AMGA*

Speakers:

- **Brenna Lin**, PhD, *Applied Research Scientist, Population Health, National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)*
- **Christina Wang**, MD, *Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology, Mount Sinai Hospital*
- **Kevin Rank**, MD, *Chief Medical Officer, MNGI; 2026 National Achievement Award Honoree*

9:45-11:00am **ARMCHAIR CONVERSATION ON CRC HEALTH EQUITY: BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS TO REACHING LATINO & HISPANIC COMMUNITIES** — **San Juan Ballroom**

Improving colorectal cancer outcomes in Latino and Hispanic communities requires approaches that recognize the diversity of cultures, experiences, needs, and barriers across populations. This session will explore common misconceptions, examine unique challenges and promising strategies from communities across the United States, and discuss how community-driven, culturally responsive efforts can advance health equity and improve CRC prevention, screening, and care.

Moderator: **Gloria Coronado**, PhD, *University of Arizona; Vice Chair, ACS NCCRT Steering Committee*

Speakers:

- **Amelie Ramirez**, DrPH, *Professor and Chair of the Department of Population Health Sciences, UT Health Science Center San Antonio*
- **Rebecca Jones**, PhD, *Assistant Director of Community Outreach and Engagement, Mays Cancer Center, UT San Antonio*
- **Marielle McLeod**, MHA, *Patient Advocate*

11:00-11:15am **NETWORKING BREAK**

11:15am-12:15pm **PANEL: EARLY-AGE ONSET CRC AT A TURNING POINT: WHAT WE KNOW AND WHAT'S NEXT** **San Juan Ballroom**

This session will examine current epidemiologic data, including the birth cohort effect, highlight a real-world example of an innovative multidisciplinary program delivering evidence-based care for younger patients, and introduce the newly updated ACS NCCRT Advanced Polyp Brief.

Moderator: **Manju George**, PhD, MVSc, Chair, Mississippi Colorectal Cancer Roundtable, Assistant Professor, John D Bower School of Population Health, University of Mississippi Medical Center

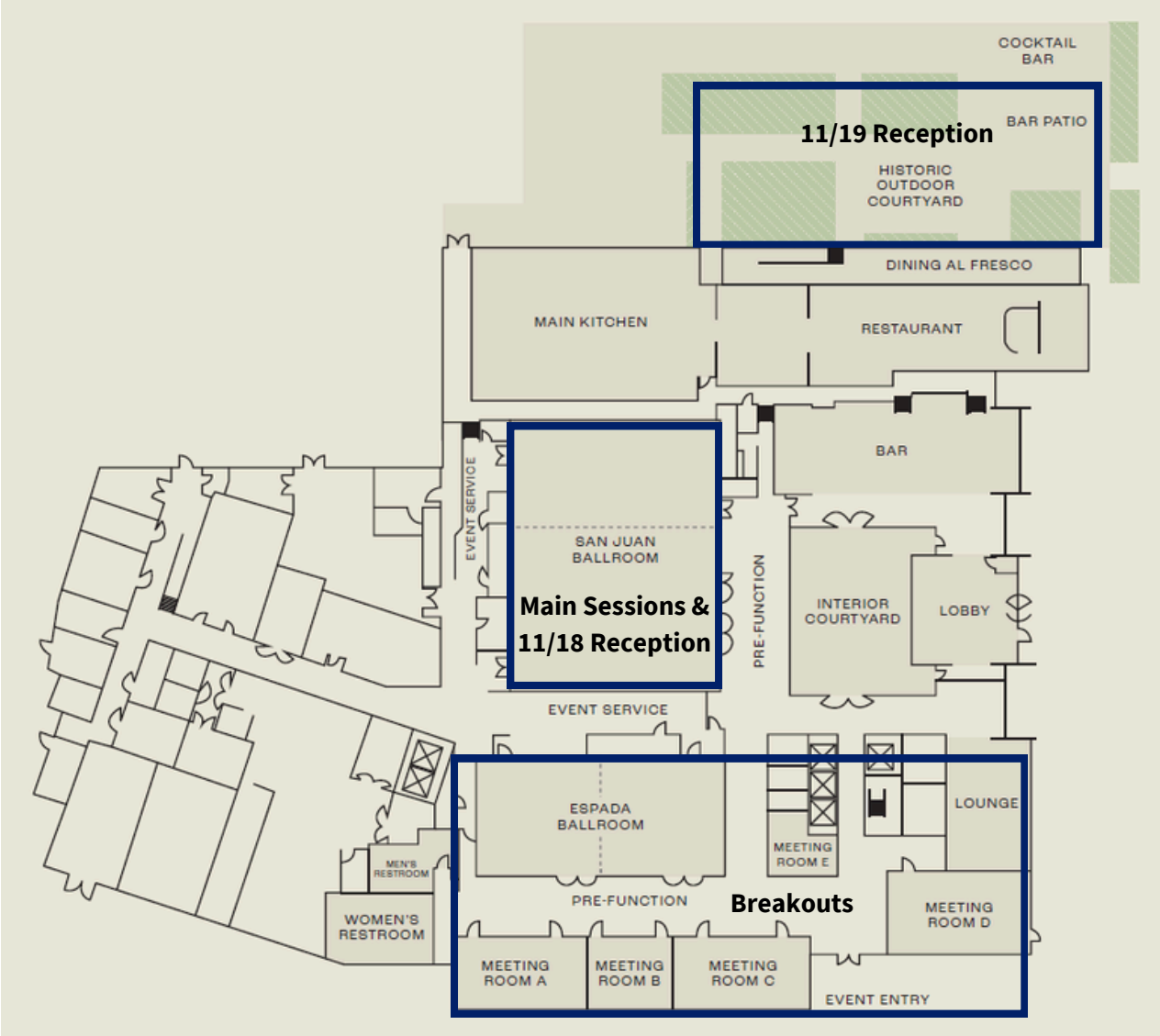
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12:15-12:30pm **ENDING ON A HIGH NOTE** **San Juan Ballroom**

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The ACS NCCRT Website

The ACS NCCRT website contains a Resource Center (nccrt.org/resource-center), which offers partners the opportunity to explore evidence-based innovations to reduce CRC mortality and mortality disparities, as well as upcoming educational opportunities for members and partners.

Here are some recent highlights:

Increasing Colorectal Cancer Screening in Rural Communities: A Practical Guide



The ACS NCCRT developed this guidebook to support key community partners in understanding and overcoming the unique challenges and common barriers to CRC screening faced in rural communities.

The Dos and Don'ts of Colorectal Cancer Screening



This one-page flyer may be used to remind clinicians about some of the dos and don'ts when it comes to colorectal cancer screening.

Early-Age Onset CRC ECHO



The goal of this program is to equip health care professionals with the latest knowledge and best practices to improve early detection and equitable care for the growing number of younger adults affected by CRC. Sessions will be held once a month for one hour, from October 2026 through February 2027.

Submit a Nomination for the 2027 ACS NCCRT National Achievement Awards!

The ACS NCCRT National Achievement Awards are designed to recognize individuals and organizations who are dedicating their time, talent and expertise to advancing our shared goal to reduce the incidence of and mortality from colorectal cancer across the nation. To be considered for the 2027 Awards, submit your story or a partner's by **11:59pm ET on Friday, December 4, 2026**. Learn more and apply using the QR code to the right.

A Note of Gratitude

The ACS NCCRT team would like to thank the following individuals for their time and support of the Roundtable and the important work presented at the 2026 ACS NCCRT Annual Meeting.

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