

REGISTRATION	Early Registration By Wednesday, March 4, 2026	Walk-In Registration By Saturday, March 7, 2026 <small>*Only checks and exact cash accepted</small>
Physicians	\$150.00	\$175.00
Nurses/Allied Health Professionals	\$100.00	\$125.00
Residents/Students <small>(non-credit, must present valid student ID)</small>	\$25.00	\$35.00

THOP EMPLOYEES

Registered Nurse, Allied Health Professionals, please scan the QR code to register.

****EXCLUDES Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, CRNAs, PAs**



ALL OTHER PARTICIPANTS

1. Pay Online

Physicians: <https://www.thehospitalsofprovidence.com/events#4972>

Nurse/Allied Health Professionals: <https://www.thehospitalsofprovidence.com/events#4973>

Residents/Students: <https://www.thehospitalsofprovidence.com/events#4974>

2. Pay In-Person-complete registration form below:

- Credit cards, cash and checks will be accepted
 - The Hospitals of Providence, Sierra Campus 1625 Medical Center Dr., El Paso, TX 79902
 - Cashier's Office, located by the main entrance registration area, first floor
 - Open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - Checks payable to The Hospitals of Providence
 - Submit registration form with your payment

3. Walk-In Registration | March 7, 2026

- Extra fee applied, please only exact cash or personal checks

Name

Address

City State Zip

Title/Medical Specialty

Business Phone

Email Address for confirmation

Registration Policy

To receive the discounted price, THOP must receive registration and payment by Wednesday, March 4, 2026. Registrations after March 4 will be taken at the door only [exact cash or check please]. NO refunds will be provided. **THOP employees must register by March 4, 2026.** Questions? Please call THOP Sierra Education office at 915-747-2776 or email christina.castaneda@tenethealth.com



2001 N. Oregon St., El Paso, TX 79902

41st Annual Western Regional Oncology Conference



Contemporary Management
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Saturday, March 7, 2026

Radisson Hotel El Paso Airport
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AGENDA	
7 a.m.	Registration/Breakfast/Visit Exhibits
7:45 a.m.	Opening Remarks/Conference Guidelines
8–8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Strategies in Sarcoma Care: Advances in Diagnosis, Treatment and Multidisciplinary Management James Lee, MD
8:30 –9 a.m.	Ion Robotic Bronchoscopy Carlo Hatem, MD
9–10 a.m.	Theranostics: Shaping the Future of Personalized Oncology J. Travis Mendel, MD
10–10:15 a.m.	Break/Visit Exhibits
10:15 –11:15 a.m.	An Update of Diagnosis and Management of Pancreatic Cancer Ricardo Badillo, MD
11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.	Advances in Management of Multiple Myeloma Pradyumna D. Phatak, MD
12:15 –1 p.m.	Lunch
1–1:30 p.m.	Technology Updates in Pathology and Digital Pathology Jonathan Lavezo, MD
1:30–2 p.m.	Overview and Advances in Brain Tumors Patrick Cotton, MD
2–3 p.m.	Visit Poster Presentations
3–3:30 p.m.	Opioids for Cancer Patients *CME Ethics Credit Juan Becerra, MD
3:30–4 p.m.	Transforming Cancer Pain Relief: Evidence-Based THC Applications *CME Ethics Credit Dominique Barnes, MD
4–4:15 p.m.	Evaluation/Adjournment

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Identify current diagnostic modalities and treatment strategies for sarcomas
- Explain the principles of theranostics in oncology, analyze case studies to understand diagnostic and therapeutic applications and evaluate patient outcomes
- Discuss current diagnostic approaches for pancreatic cancer and describe recent advancements in surgical and systemic treatment strategies
- Understand the presenting features, diagnosis and prognosis of multiple myeloma; Learn the new treatment approaches that are standard of care for multiple myeloma
- Review recent advances in molecular diagnostic testing for neoplastic pathological processes, with an emphasis on DNA methylation implementation for CNS tumors and Sarcomas; review the application of whole slide imaging and digital pathology for clinical diagnostics, including artificial intelligence algorithms for diagnosis and reporting
- Summarize the current classification and presenting features of brain tumors, describe recent advancements in diagnosing, imaging and surgical techniques and evaluate emerging therapeutic strategies
- Discuss the role of opioids in managing cancer-related pain, identify appropriate prescribing practices and safety considerations
- Explain the pharmacological principles and therapeutic potential of THC in cancer pain management

TARGET AUDIENCE

All physicians specializing in family practice, gynecology, internal medicine, medical oncology, pathology, pulmonology, radiation oncology, surgery, registered nurses, advanced practice nurses, and other related medical specialists interested in the care of the oncology patient.

CME ACCREDITATION AND DESIGNATION

The Hospitals of Providence is accredited by the Texas Medical Association to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The Hospitals of Providence designates this live activity for a maximum of 7.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

The presentations, Opioids for Cancer Patients and Transforming Cancer Pain Relief: Evidence-Based THC Applications, have been designated by The Hospitals of Providence for 0.5 credit of education in medical ethics and/or professional responsibility, respectively.

NURSING ACCREDITATION AND CREDIT

The Hospitals of Providence are providers of nursing continuing professional development by New Mexico Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

This activity provides up to 7.25 contact hours for the entire conference.

Attendance will be verified through sign-in rosters at the beginning of the conference day. Participants must attend at least one conference presentation in its entirety and complete the evaluation for each presentation attended.

Other Healthcare Professionals

A certificate of attendance will be provided to other healthcare professionals for requesting credits in accordance with specialty societies or other professional associations.

LOCATION AND GUIDELINES

The conference will be held at the Radisson Hotel El Paso Airport at 1770 Airway Blvd. For hotel accommodations, you may call the hotel directly at 915-224-2128. Dress is business casual. We recommend bringing a light jacket or sweater, as the conference room temperature is difficult to control. Please, no children allowed.

The Hospitals of Providence want to provide individuals with disabilities with the services necessary to participate in this conference. If you need any auxiliary services or dietary accommodations, please make your request to the education office at least 48 hours prior to the conference by calling 915-747-2776. The conference planning committee reserves the right to cancel this activity or substitute faculty in the event of unforeseen or extenuating circumstances.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

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