JADPRO Live 2026: APs at the Heart of Cancer Care

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This past October, the 14th annual JADPRO Live conference welcomed over 1,600 attendees to the Minneapolis Convention Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The theme of this year's conference, "APs at the Heart of Cancer Care," focused on the central role of oncology advanced practitioners (APs) in patient care, interdisciplinary collaboration, and practice innovation.

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

With more than 25 CE credits/hours available for NPs, PAs, and pharmacists, the conference offered a variety of sessions covering solid tumors, hematologic malignancies, professional development, surgical oncology, and radiation oncology.

On Thursday, October 15, Amber Koehler, MPAS, PA-C, FAPO, of Mayo Clinic and the 2026 JADPRO Live Conference Chair, welcomed attendees in the main ballroom. The opening session, "The Human Edge of Oncology: Leading with Connection, Courage, and Compassion," led by Ms. Koehler, centered on the connections that support oncology practice. On Saturday afternoon, Candace (Candy) Campbell, DNP, RN, CNL, CVP, LNC, FNAP, presented the keynote address, "The Creative Cure: Reimagining Interprofessional Communication and Safety in Oncology Care." Dr. Campbell discussed ways to strengthen communication, teamwork, and creative problem-solving.

The combined surgical and radiation oncology track included sessions on oligometastatic lung cancer, hormone replacement therapy after pelvic radiation, bladder-sparing cancer therapy, and palliative radiation for oncologic emergencies.

Other highlights included case studies on using biomarkers to guide germline testing, bispecific antibodies and CAR T-cell therapy in hematologic malignancies, and translating cannabis guidelines into patient conversations. The closing session, "Start Where You Are: Empowering APPs to Lead, Grow, and Create Change," sent APs home with small, concrete steps to bring the conference's momentum back to their practices and bring their own initiatives to life.

NETWORKING

Although educational sessions filled the schedule, attendees also had opportunities to connect with colleagues and learn how others

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navigate common challenges. Braindate provided a platform to schedule one-on-one or small-group conversations around a topic of choice. Popular topics included practicing rural oncology with fewer oncologists, developing opportunities for oncology APs to serve as primary investigators, and building an AP-led cancer survivorship clinic.

At the APSHO booth, members could meet the Board of Directors and committee representatives, learn about membership benefits, and explore volunteer opportunities. Dedicated meetups welcomed first-time attendees and connected members with MentorMatch.

POSTERS AND EXHIBIT HALL

The exhibit hall brought together industry representatives, patient advocates, and AP researchers. Attendees could discuss 116 posters across clinical, industry encore, and patient advocacy tracks. Moderated poster sessions took place on Friday and Saturday, followed by 10 oral poster presentations on Sunday morning.

In addition to posters, exhibit hall presentations offered perspectives on therapeutics and patient care. Industry representatives were available to discuss treatment administration, adverse event management, and patient access. The Professional Pavilion and Headshot Lounge offered professional headshots and career advice.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

On Saturday, founding APSHO board member and JADPRO Associate Editor Sandra Kurtin, PhD, ANP-BC, AOCNP, FAPO, was honored as the recipient of the 2026 Mary Pazdur Award for Excellence in Advanced Practice in Oncology.

The Outstanding Poster Award went to JL1443C, "Transforming Advanced Practice Provider Practice in Oncology: Real-World Impact of Ambient Artificial Intelligence on Documentation, Compliance, and Burnout." Eileen Vella, MS, PA-C, of US Oncology Network/McKesson, was the presenting author.

Check out the JADPRO Article of the Year, awarded to "Oncology Advanced Practice Provider Mentorship and Paired Clinical Research Coordinator Support to Enhance Accrual to NCI Supportive Care Trials," by lead author Christa Braun-Inglis, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, AOCNP, FAPO, and colleagues.

We hope to see you at the next JADPRO Live, taking place November 4 through 7, 2027, in Nashville, Tennessee.

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Welch and colleagues highlight how education developed by fellow APs can build confidence in identifying candidates for liquid biopsy and interpreting results. Lee-Ramos and colleagues examine adverse events across three pivotal cabozantinib trials and share practical strategies to help patients manage toxicities and remain on treatment. Ward and colleagues bring attention to the physical and mental health burdens of acral and mucosal melanoma, underscoring opportunities for screening and supportive care. Lu and colleagues offer a practical guide to myeloma immunotherapies, with recommendations to help APs anticipate and manage treatment-related toxicities. Geppner reviews the mechanisms behind cyclosporine-induced hypertension and hyperlipidemia and translates the evidence into practical monitoring and management strategies. Tran and colleagues describe the use of peginterferon alfa-2a during pregnancy, illustrating the challenges of balancing maternal disease control with fetal safety.

Read about how a standardized online curriculum can strengthen APs' confidence and knowledge to manage radiation-related toxicities. Finally, learn about an AP-led initiative to create a CAR T-cell outpatient program.