

## ABTA PATIENT AND FAMILY CONFERENCE 2016 PROGRAM

Precision Medicine & its Impact on Brain Tumors: Low Grade, High Grade & Metastatic  
July 29-30, 2016 (Friday-Saturday)  
Westin O'Hare, Rosemont, Illinois

### Program Co-Chairs:

[Manmeet Ahluwalia, MD, FACP](#), Cleveland Clinic Rose Ella Burkhardt Brain Tumor & Neuro-Oncology Center, Cleveland, OH

[Elizabeth B. Claus, MD, PhD](#), Department of Neurosurgery, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA and the Yale School of Public Health, New Haven, CT

### Friday, July 29

\*Friday Registration and Check-In takes place at 10:00am and will close at 4:00pm. Registration is located in the Foyer between Higgins and the Front Desk of the Westin O'Hare.

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	ABTA Patient and Caregiver Lounge	Michigan A
11:00 am - 11:45 am	<b>Guidance on a Newly Diagnosed Brain Tumor</b> <a href="#">Sani H. Kizilbash, MD, MPH</a> , Mayo Clinic This session covers how to navigate the early days of a brain tumor diagnosis and what information patients, families, and caregivers would need to know in order to be empowered with information and resources to make informed decisions through their treatment and care.	Division
12:00 pm - 12:45 pm	<b>Lunch &amp; Networking</b>	LaSalle Ballroom
12:45 pm-1:00 pm	<b>Break &amp; Exhibit Visits</b>	LaSalle Foyer
<b>Opening Session Part I</b>		LaSalle Ballroom
1:00 pm - 1:05 pm	<b>Welcome</b> Elizabeth M. Wilson, ABTA President and CEO	
1:05 pm – 2:05 pm	<b>Panel: Precision Medicine Leading Advances in Brain Tumors</b> <b>Moderator:</b> <a href="#">Manmeet Ahluwalia, MD, FACP</a> , Cleveland Clinic Rose Ella Burkhardt Brain Tumor & Neuro-Oncology Center	



1:05 pm - 1:20 pm **Panelist Presentations**  
**The World Health Organization (WHO) Re-Classification of Brain Tumors**

[Kenneth Aldape, MD](#), University of Toronto

1:20 pm - 1:35 pm **Translational Genomics**  
[David Reardon, MD](#) Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

1:35 pm - 1:50 pm **Engaging Patients in Research: The International Low Grade Glioma Registry**  
[Elizabeth B. Claus, MD, PhD](#) Brigham and Women's Hospital, and the Yale School of Public Health

1:50 pm - 2:05 pm **Open Speaker Panel with Audience Questions**

2:05 pm - 2:15 pm **Break & Exhibit Visits** LaSalle Foyer

**Opening Session Part II** LaSalle Ballroom

2:15 pm - 3:15 pm **Panel: The Challenge of Metastatic Brain Tumors**  
**Moderator:** [Elizabeth B. Claus, MD, PhD](#) Brigham and Women's Hospital, and the Yale School of Public Health

2:15 pm - 2:30 pm **Panelist Presentations**  
**Radiation Therapy for the Treatment of Metastases**  
[Paul Brown, MD](#), Mayo Clinic

This will cover the toxicities and the diminishing role of Whole-Brain Radiation Therapy (WBRT) for patients with brain metastases. In addition, it will touch on possible measures to help mitigate the toxicity of WBRT.

2:30 pm - 2:45 pm **Medical Therapy for Metastatic Brain Tumors**  
[Manmeet Ahluwalia, MD, FACP](#), Cleveland Clinic Rose Ella Burkhardt Brain Tumor & Neuro-Oncology Center  
This session will provide introduction of brain metastases, and discuss chemotherapy and immunotherapy options for treatment of metastatic brain tumors.

2:45 pm - 3:00 pm **Emerging Therapies for Brain Metastases**  
[Priscilla Brastianos, MD](#), Massachusetts General Hospital  
Dr. Brastianos will talk about her ABTA-funded research on the genomic profiling of brain metastases, which has lead to an increased



understanding of the biology of brain metastases and to new paradigm shifting clinical trials.

3:00 pm - 3:10 pm

**Open Speaker Panel with Audience Questions**

3:10 pm - 3:15 pm

**Closing Comments Co-Chairs**

[Manmeet Ahluwalia, MD, FACP](#), Cleveland Clinic Rose Ella Burkhardt Brain Tumor & Neuro-Oncology Center

[Elizabeth B. Claus, MD, PhD](#), Brigham and Women's Hospital, and the Yale School of Public Health

3:15 pm - 3:30 pm

**New Insights into Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Brain Tumors**

[Jill Barnholtz-Sloan, PhD](#), Case Comprehensive Cancer Center

Adolescents and Young Adults (AYA), defined by the National Cancer Institute as individuals diagnosed between the ages of 15 to 39, are a unique population. Through support from the American Brain Tumor Association, data from the Central Brain Tumor Registry of the United States (CBTRUS), representing 99% of the US, was used to generate AYA focused brain tumor statistics

3:30 pm - 3:45 pm

**Trends in Brain Tumor Research**

LaSalle Ballroom

[Christian Badr, PhD](#), Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School

This session will highlight some of the important findings of ABTA funded investigators and its impact on advancing brain tumor research.

3:45 pm - 4:00 pm

**Break & Exhibit Visits**

LaSalle Foyer

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Meet the Researchers: Researcher Poster Viewing Session**

Higgins Foyer

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**The International Low Grade Glioma Registry Enrollment Launch**

Dearborn

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**Dinner**

LaSalle Ballroom

7:00 pm - 7:30 pm

2016 Joel A. Gingras, Jr. Award Presentation to [E. Antonio Chiocca, MD, PhD, FAANS](#)


Harvard Medical School, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute



## **Saturday, July 30**

\*Saturday Registration and Check-In takes place at 7:30am and will close at 1:30pm. Registration is located in the Foyer between Higgins and the Front Desk of the Westin O'Hare.

\*For those of you who have chosen to be overnight guests at the Westin O'Hare, please check your luggage between the hours of 7:30am - 4:00pm at the Office across Division.

7:30 am – 3:00 pm	ABTA Patient and Caregiver Lounge	Michigan A
7:30 am - 9:00 am	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>	LaSalle Ballroom/ LaSalle Foyer
7:30 am –8:30 am	<b>Exhibit Visits</b>	LaSalle Foyer
8:30 am - 8:35 am	<b>Welcome</b> Elizabeth M. Wilson, ABTA President and CEO	LaSalle Ballroom
8:35 am - 9:50 am	<b>Panel: Understanding Your Brain Tumor, Treatment Options, and Decision-Making</b> <b>Moderator:</b> <a href="#">Manmeet Ahluwalia, MD, FACP</a> , Cleveland Clinic Rose Ella Burkhardt Brain Tumor & Neuro-Oncology Center	LaSalle Ballroom
<b><u>Panelist Presentations</u></b>		
8:35 am - 8:50 am	<b>Genes &amp; Tumor Markers</b> <a href="#">Daniel J. Brat, MD, PhD</a> , Winship Cancer Institute at Emory University Dr. Brat will discuss the classification and grading of glial neoplasms and provide an update on how biomarkers are being used to establish a brain tumor diagnosis. He will discuss the improvements that have been made in the reproducibility and accuracy of diagnosis, but will also indicate what is not known about the new molecular classes of brain tumors.	
8:50 am - 9:05 am	<b>Understanding Your Imaging</b> <a href="#">Annette Johnson, MD, MS</a> , Wake Forest School of Medicine This session will cover how imaging can be used to determine the extent of tumor, to predict tumor grade, and to guide biopsy and surgical planning. It will also help patients understand the use of imaging to monitor response to therapies.	
9:05 am - 9:20 am	<b>Seizure Management</b> <a href="#">Amy A. Pruitt, MD</a> , University of Pennsylvania Hospital	 American Brain Tumor Association® <i>Providing and pursuing answers®</i>

This session will describe symptoms of seizures, indicating those tumors most likely to cause seizures and describing other types of spells that might mimic seizures. Choice of medicine, drug side effects, and interactions, and considerations about stopping seizure treatment will be covered.

9:20 am - 9:35 am

### **Reproductive Challenges and Family Planning**

[Lisa Kolp, MD](#), Johns Hopkins Medicine

9:35 am - 9:50 am

### **Open Speaker Panel with Audience Questions**

9:50 am - 10:00 am

### **Break & Exhibit Visits**

LaSalle Foyer

10:00 am - 11:00 am

### **Break-out Session I (choose one)**

#### **Low Grade Tumors and Meningiomas**

Madison

[Nina A. Paleologos, MD](#), Rush University Medical Center

[Gelareh Zadeh, MD, PhD, FRCS\(C\), FAANS](#), Toronto Western Hospital, University Health Network

In this talk Dr. Paleologos will focus on low grade oligodendroglioma including treatment options and the role of molecular diagnostics. Dr. Zadeh will present some of the results of a survey of meningioma patients and discuss areas in need of research based on these results. She will talk about how we can integrate patients' perspectives and needs into quality and research design.

#### **High Grade Tumors**

Michigan B

[E. Antonio Chiocca, MD, PhD, FAANS](#), Harvard Medical School,

Brigham and Women's Hospital, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

High grade tumors are the most difficult diagnosis to give due to the implications it carries for patients and their families. The name conjures up images of sickness, serial hospital visits, chemotherapy and radiation. Ultimately, the concern for absence of a cure is first and foremost in everybody's mind. Yet, there are very promising leads on the clinical front from precision medicine to immunotherapy that are providing examples of hope for these patients.

#### **Metastatic Brain Tumors**

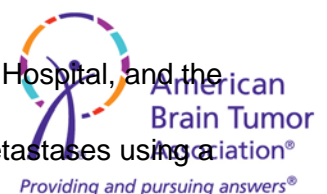
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[Manmeet Ahluwalia, MD, FACP](#), Cleveland Clinic

Rose Ella Burkhardt Brain Tumor

[Elizabeth B. Claus, MD, PhD](#), Brigham and Women's Hospital, and the Yale School of Public Health

This session will review treatment options for brain metastases using a series of case presentations.



11:00 am - 11:15 am

**Break & Exhibit Visits**

LaSalle Foyer

11:15 am – 12:00 pm

**Break-out Session II (choose one)**

**Securing Your Care Preferences: Guidance on an Advanced Directive**

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[Randi Belisomo, MSJ, MA.](#), Life Matters Media

[Celeste Gallati, MBA.](#), Life Matters Media

This introduction to end of life decision-making will address common barriers preventing patient and caregiver planning, outline components of a comprehensive advance care plan and most crucially, assist in the identification of values and goals essential to communicating care preferences to loved ones and medical providers. This session will explore the translation of those choices into advance directives, a framework for selecting an advance directive that fits individual needs, and advance directive storage and maintenance.

**Getting Back to Work: Tips & Tools**

Dearborn

[Monica Bryant, Esq.](#), Triage Cancer

Returning to work is important to many individuals after a brain tumor diagnosis, for a variety of reasons. This session will discuss how the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), and relevant state laws can be used as tools to return to work. Specifically, we will discuss reasonable accommodations, intermittent FMLA leave, and provide practical tips to access your rights under these laws.

**Caring for the Caregiver: Strategies and Resources for Successful Caregiving**

Madison

[Jean Arzbaecher, RN, MSN, APN, CNRN.](#), University of Illinois at Chicago

This session will discuss common issues that caregivers face and strategies for caregivers to help themselves and their loved ones with brain tumors.

**Keeping a Focus on Function**

Michigan B

[Samman \(Sam\) Shahpar, MD.](#), Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern, Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University

Cancer and the various treatments used to control or cure the disease frequently can affect survivors' ability to function. However, throughout the continuum of care, it is important to not only improve survival but keep a focus on function.



12:15 pm – 1:15 pm      **Lunch**      LaSalle Ballroom

12:15 pm - 12:45 pm      **Public Policy Presentation: a Washington, D.C. Perspective**  
[Mark Vieth](#), Senior Vice President, Cavarocchi Ruscio Dennis Associates  
This presentation will focus on how those affected by a brain tumor diagnosis can impact policy and funding decisions in Congress. We will discuss the power of grassroots advocacy, the current climate in Congress, recent efforts by ABTA to increase federal funding for brain tumor research... and how you can make a difference!

12:45 pm - 1:15 pm      **Networking for Patients and Families**      LaSalle Ballroom

1:15 pm - 2:15 pm      **Panel: The Science and Technology Driving Innovative Treatment Options**      LaSalle Ballroom

**Moderator:** [Elizabeth B. Claus, MD, PhD.](#), Brigham and Women's Hospital, and the Yale School of Public Health

**Panelist Presentations**

1:15 pm - 1:30 pm      **Neurosurgery – Brain Mapping**

[Mitchel S. Berger, MD, FACS, FAANS](#), University of California, San Francisco

This session will discuss the technical advances in methods associated with mapping the brain to enhance extent of resection of brain tumors while minimizing morbidity.

1:30 pm - 1:45 pm      **Proton Therapy for Brain Tumors**

[Paul Brown, MD](#), Mayo Clinic

This presentation will give a brief introduction of the advantages of proton radiotherapy and the role of proton radiotherapy in the treatment of adults with gliomas and ongoing trials evaluating proton radiotherapy for adult patients with glioma.

1:45 pm - 2:00 pm      **Immunotherapy**

[David Reardon, MD](#), Dana-Farber Cancer Institute



This lecture will review immunotherapy as well as its potential advantages and hurdles for brain cancer patients.

2:00 pm - 2:15 pm

**Open Speaker Panel with Audience Questions**

2:30 pm - 2:45 pm

**Break & Final Exhibit Visit**

LaSalle Foyer

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

**Stepping Forward: Embracing Life after a Brain Tumor Diagnosis**

[Claire Snyman](#), Brain Tumor & Brain Surgery Survivor, Marketing Professional and Author

Join brain tumor and brain surgery survivor, Claire Snyman, as she shares her personal story of how she built her tool kit and created balance after diagnosis and surgery to help her step forward and embrace life.

3:30 pm

**Closing Comments/Adjourn**

