



STOMACH CANCER PREVENTION IN HIGH-RISK POPULATIONS

A CONGRESSIONAL FORUM ON
DISPARITIES, EARLY DETECTION,
AND POLICY SOLUTIONS

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

12:00PM to 1:30PM

Cannon House Office Building

27 Independence Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20515

Room: Cannon 240

FORUM CHAIR
CHUL S. HYUN, MD, PHD, MPH
SECTION OF DIGESTIVE DISEASES
YALE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

PROGRAM

Congressional Recognition Remarks

Hon. Judy Chu (CA-28)

Public health, prevention, and health equity perspective

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PURPOSE OF THE FORUM

To highlight disparities in gastric cancer burden, examine missed opportunities for early detection in high-risk populations, and identify actionable policy strategies to support risk-based prevention and equitable care in the United States.



FORUM SPEAKERS

Stomach Cancer in the United States: From Late Diagnosis to Prevention



Chul S. Hyun, MD, PhD, MPH

Section of Digestive Diseases
Yale School of Medicine

Dr. Chul S. Hyun is a gastroenterologist at Yale School of Medicine and the inaugural Director of the Gastric Cancer Prevention and Screening Program, the first academic program of its kind in the United States. His work focuses on the prevention and early detection of gastric cancer, with an emphasis on reducing disparities through community-based strategies and migration-informed risk assessment for high-risk populations. Dr. Hyun leads the Gastric Cancer Prevention Lab at Yale, conducting research at the intersection of gastroenterology, population health, and health equity. He received his medical training at the University of Miami, completed internal medicine at Georgetown and gastroenterology fellowship at Yale, and holds a PhD in Biophysics and an MPH. He is also the publisher of NexBioHealth and founder of the Stomach Cancer Task Force.

Congressional Q&A and Closing



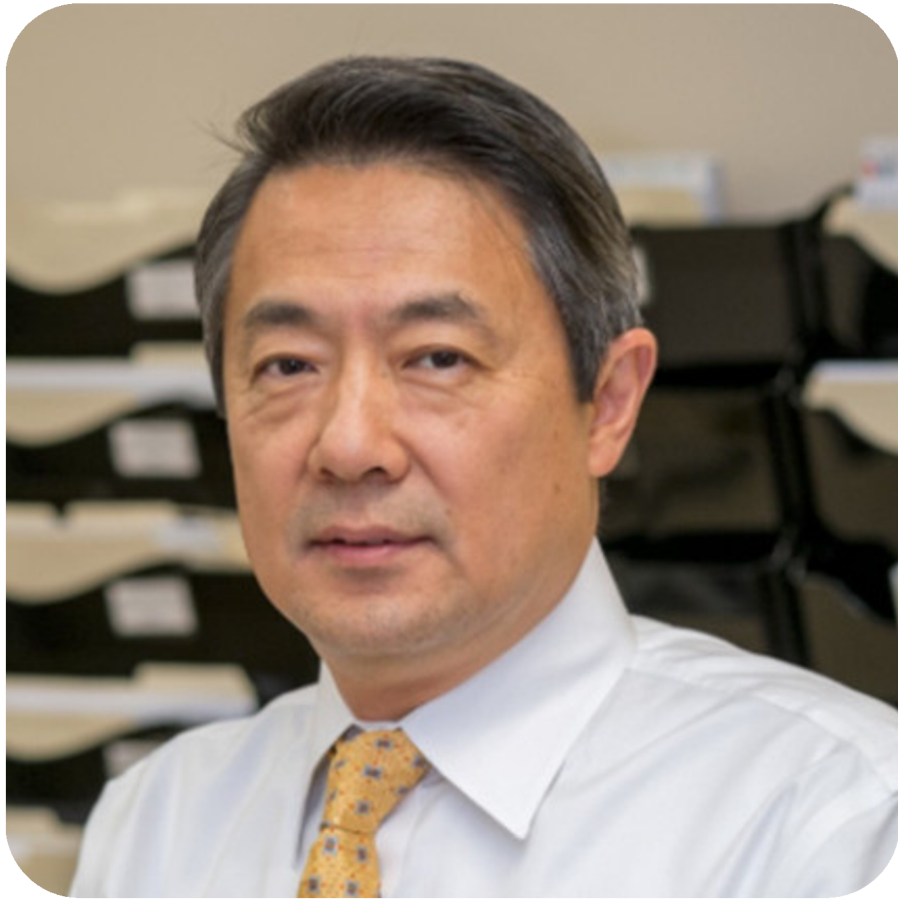
Moderator: **Joe McMenemy, MD, JD**

Vice President, Stomach Cancer Task Force

Joe McMenemy is a physician-attorney concentrating on the law of digital health and of artificial intelligence in healthcare. He is a partner at Christian & Barton in Richmond, Va., an Associate Professor of Legal Medicine at VCU, and a member of the Board of Directors of the American Board of Legal Medicine.

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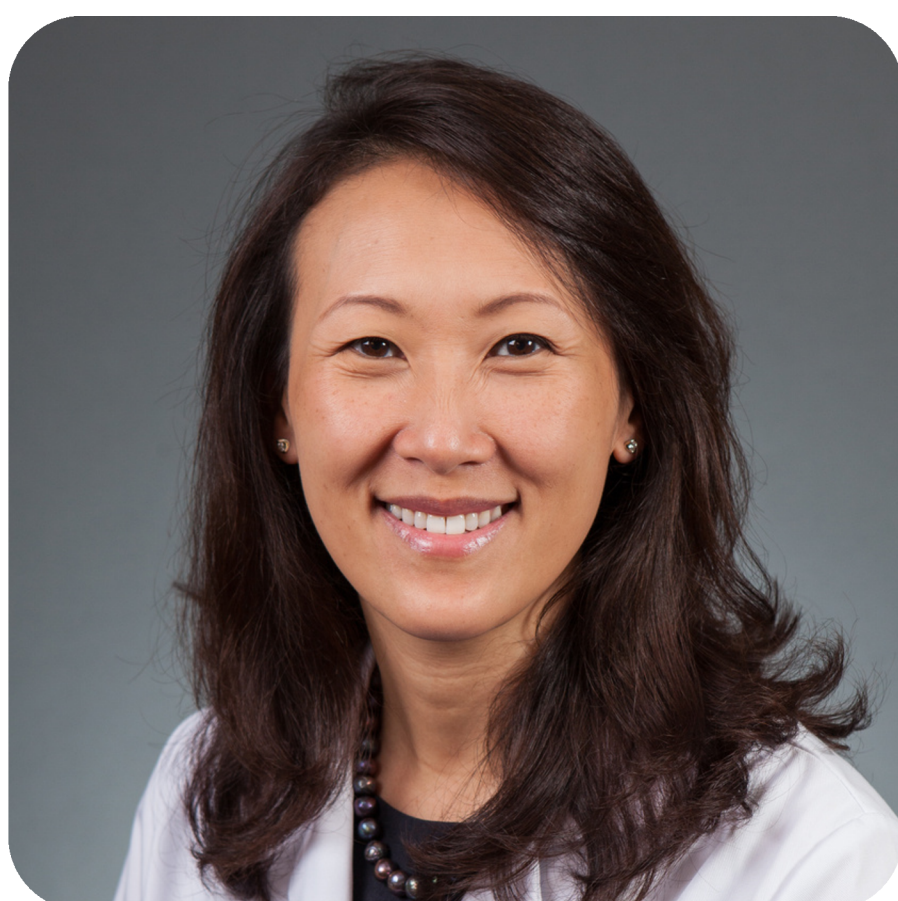


Mu Hong, MD

Division of Gastroenterology,
Inova Fair Oaks Hospital

Mu Kyung Hong earned his BS in Biology and MD from Georgetown University. Dr. Hong completed his Internal Medicine residency and Gastroenterology fellowship at Georgetown University Hospital. He also conducted research on gastric cancer and Barrett's esophagus at the National Cancer Institute. Dr. Hong has been practicing in Northern Virginia since 1996. His practice focuses on general Gastroenterology and Hepatology, with particular interests in gastric cancer and viral hepatitis. Dr. Hong is board-certified in Gastroenterology and serves as an attending physician at Fair Oaks Hospital, VA. He is a partner of the Chantilly Endoscopy Center and Gastro Health, a leading medical group specializing in digestive and liver health. He is a member of the American Gastroenterology Association.

Early Detection Saves Lives and Resources: The Surgical Impact of Gastric Cancer Screening



Haejin In, MD, MPH, MBA, FACS, FSSO

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Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Haejin In, MD MPH MBA a surgical oncologist, and Associate Professor of Surgery and Associate Professor of Health, Behavior and Policy at Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey and Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick, NJ. She specializes in the surgical management of upper gastrointestinal cancers and peritoneal surface malignancies, and is a health services researcher focusing on identifying optimal strategies for early cancer detection and prevention of gastric cancer, and improving the quality of care and reducing healthcare disparities in gastrointestinal cancer patients. She currently serves as Chief and Associate Director of Strategic Excellence and Engagement at the Rutgers Cancer Institute and the Jack & Sheryl Morris Cancer Center.

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Progress and Challenges in Advanced Gastric Cancer



Reetu Mukherji, MD

Division of Medical Oncology
Georgetown University

Reetu Mukherji, MD, is a fellowship-trained medical oncologist who specializes in the management of gastrointestinal malignancies, including esophagus, stomach, small bowel, colon, rectum, anal, pancreatic, and hepatobiliary cancers. Dr. Mukherji leads the Medstar Georgetown Cancer Institute's clinical and research focus on upper gastrointestinal malignancies, including esophageal and gastric cancers. She has published in several peer-reviewed journals on the role of immunotherapies, applications of prognostic genomic biomarkers, and applications of liquid biopsies in the management of patients with gastrointestinal malignancies. She has also designed investigator-initiated clinical trials studying emerging blood-based biomarkers like circulating tumor DNA and testing novel therapies across gastrointestinal cancers.

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Aki Smith

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Aki Smith is the Executive Director and Founder of Hope for Stomach Cancer. Inspired by her father's battle with the disease, she has become a leading voice in stomach cancer advocacy, research collaboration, and patient empowerment, working to improve outcomes and access for patients worldwide.