

**AACR 2026 Annual Meeting: Ludwig Community Presentation Sessions**

Session date	Session title	Session type	Presentation title	Ludwig location	Scientist name	Session time (U.S. PDT)
4/18/2026	Advances in Pre-Metastatic Niche Biology: From Pre-Clinical Insights to Clinical Opportunities	Educational Session	Co-evolution of tumor and their supportive niches during breast cancer progression and metastasis	Ludwig Princeton	Yibin Kang	8:00:00 AM
4/18/2026	Cancer Metabolism as a Therapeutic Frontier	Educational Session	Chairperson/DDRiving til exhausted!	Ludwig Lausanne	Ping-Chih Ho	12:30:00 PM
4/18/2026	3D Tissue Imaging and Cancer	Educational Session	Chairperson/High-plex 3D imaging to dissect mechanisms of immunosurveillance in immunosuppression in human tumors	Ludwig Harvard	Peter Sorger	12:30:00 PM
4/18/2026	Fibroblast Dynamics: How Heterogeneity Shapes the Tumor Microenvironment	Educational Session	Chairperson/Fibroblasts and anti-tumor immunity	Ludwig Harvard	Stephanie Dougan	12:30:00 PM
4/18/2026	Multi-modal Platforms for Early Cancer Detection	Educational Session	Humoral immunity in early cancer detection and prognosis	Ludwig Institute	Chi Van Dang	1:00:00 PM
4/18/2026	Macrophages as Therapeutic Gatekeepers: From Biology to Clinical Application	Educational Session	Chairperson/From complexity to therapy: Targeting tumor-promoting lipid macrophages	Ludwig Harvard	Jennifer Guerriero	2:30:00 PM
4/18/2026	New Technologies in the Metabolism of Cancer	Educational Session	Spatial metabolomics of pancreatic and breast cancer	Ludwig Princeton	Joshua Rabinowitz	2:30:00 PM
4/18/2026	New Technologies in the Metabolism of Cancer	Educational Session	Chairperson/How metabolism influences cancer progression	Ludwig MIT	Matthew Vander Heiden	2:30:00 PM
4/18/2026	Discovery Science Plenary. The Next Frontier in Minimal Residual Disease: Solid Tumors	Plenary Session	Chairperson	Ludwig Stanford	Maximilian Diehn	4:15:00 PM
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4/19/2026	Beyond Chromosomes: Mechanisms, Consequences, and Therapeutic Opportunities of Extrachromosomal DNA (ecDNA)	Major Symposium	Cancer genes beyond chromosomes	Ludwig Stanford	Howard Chang	1:00:00 PM
4/19/2026	Modifiers of Inflammation and the Tumor Microenvironment	Minisymposium	IL-18 secreting CAR-T cells uncover divergent immune mechanisms of antigen-heterogeneous solid tumor clearance	Ludwig Stanford/Mackall Lab	Audre May	3:00:00 PM
4/19/2026	Nonclinical Models of Cancer	Minisymposium	Cochair	Ludwig Harvard	Stephanie Dougan	3:00:00 PM
4/20/2026	Clonal Hematopoiesis: Aging and Drivers of Blood Cancer and Solid Tumors	Major Symposium	Determinants of pre-malignant clonal expansion rate and implications for blood cancers	Ludwig Stanford	Siddhartha Jaiswal	10:15:00 AM

4/20/2026	DNA Damage Response and Synthetic Lethality in Cancer	Major Symposium	Chairperson/Synthetic lethality opportunities for tumors with MMEJ deficiency	Ludwig Harvard	Alan D'Andrea	10:15:00 AM
4/20/2026	The Epitranscriptome in Cancer: Modifying RNA to Shape the Future of Oncology	Major Symposium	Chromatin regulation by RNA methylation in leukemia	Ludwig Chicago	Chuan He	12:30:00 PM
4/20/2026	Adoptive T Cell Therapy	Minisymposium	Decoding the medulloblastoma surfaceome prioritizes the oncofetal antigen GPC2 for potent CAR-T cell therapy	Ludwig Stanford/Mackall Lab Alumni	Sabine Heitzeneder	2:30:00 PM
4/20/2026	Advances in Therapeutic Antibodies	Minisymposium	Cochair	Ludwig Chicago	Thomas Gajewski	2:30:00 PM
4/20/2026	Meet the Editors-in-Chief of <em>Cancer Prevention Research</em>: Raymond N. DuBois, MD, PhD, and Nickolas Papadopoulos, PhD	Meet and Greet	Editor-in-Chief of Cancer Prevention Research	Ludwig Johns Hopkins	Nickolas Papadopoulos	3:30:00 PM
4/20/2026	AACR-ASCO Joint Session: Next Generation of CAR T-Cell Therapies	Meet and Greet	CAR T cells for pediatric brain tumors	Ludwig Stanford	Crystal Mackall	4:45:00 PM
4/20/2026	The Making of Cancer: From Cellular Events to Systemic Disease&mdash;Breakthrough Discoveries from Cancer Grand Challenges	Meet and Greet	Tissue-specific cooperativity of epigenetic and oncogenic defects in cancer provides tractable therapeutic opportunities	Ludwig Harvard	Karen Cichowski	5:00:00 PM
4/20/2026	The Making of Cancer: From Cellular Events to Systemic Disease&mdash;Breakthrough Discoveries from Cancer Grand Challenges	Meet and Greet	Cachexia and cancer as a whole-body disease	Ludwig Princeton	Eileen White	5:00:00 PM
4/21/2026	Harnessing the Power of the Immune System: Turning Cold Tumors Hot	Major Symposium	Chairperson/Novel regulators of suppressive myeloid cells in the tumor microenvironment.	Ludwig Chicago	Thomas Gajewski	10:15:00 AM
4/21/2026	Resistance to Antibody Drug Conjugates	Major Symposium	Mechanisms of ADC resistance informing novel combination therapy strategies	Ludwig Harvard	Leif Ellisen	12:30:00 PM
4/21/2026	KRAS-Targeted Therapies: Overcoming Resistance and Novel Combinations	Minisymposium	Targeted therapy-induced chromosomal instability dictates mitotic dependency on Aurora kinase A	Ludwig Harvard/Hata Lab	Chendi Li	2:30:00 PM
4/21/2026	AACR-Cancer Research Institute Lloyd J. Old Award in Cancer Immunology	Awards and Lectures	Chair Remarks	Ludwig MSK	Alexander Rudensky	3:00:00 PM
4/21/2026	Multicancer Early Detection (MCED): Where We Are and How We Realize the Hope	Forum	Chairperson/MCEDs: Moving from hope to practice	Ludwig Johns Hopkins	Nickolas Papadopoulos	5:00:00 PM