



Cancer Neuroscience Seminar Series 2025-2026

2025

Date	October 21st
Lecturer	Elizabeth A. Repasky, PhD Professor of Oncology Lawrence J. Minet Endowed Chair in Immunology Program Leader: Cancer Stress Biology Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, New York
Title	<i>Chronic Adrenergic Stress and Thermoregulation: Critical Neuro-Immune Interactions that Promote Cancer in Laboratory Mice</i>

2026

Date	March 24th (Tech Talk)
Lecturer	Mojtaba Tavakoli, PhD Lab Head Howard Hughes Medical Institute Janelia Research Campus, Ashburn
Title	<i>Innovating light-microscopy technologies to study the brain across scales</i> Zoom- Registration

Date	April 7th
Lecturer	Francisco J. Quintana, PhD Professor of Neurology, Harvard University Kuchroo Weiner Distinguished Chair in Neuro- Immunology Associate Member, the Broad Institute Ann Romney Center for Neurologic Diseases Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston
Title	<i>Regulation of the immune response to GBM by astrocytes</i> Zoom-Registration

Date	April 14th
Lecturer	Benjamin Deneen, PhD Professor and Dr. Russell J. and Marian K. Blattner Chair Center for Cancer Neuroscience Baylor College of Medicine, Houston
Title	<i>Decoding the language of brain tumor and neuron communication</i>

Date	April 28th
Lecturer	Prof. Ofer Yizhar Department of Brain Sciences Department of Molecular Neuroscience Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot
Title	<i>Optogenetic modulation of neural circuits</i>



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Date	May 5th
Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Dr. med. Felix Sahn, MBA Deputy Medical Director Institute of Pathology Neuropathology Co-Speaker MDEB Program German Cancer Research Center Heidelberg (DKFZ) Faculty National Center for Tumor Diseases (NCT) Group Leader Hopp Children's Cancer Center Heidelberg (KiTZ) University Hospital, Heidelberg
Title	<i>Next Level Precision in Neuropathology</i> Zoom- Registration

Date	June 9th
Lecturer	Manuel Valiente, DVM, PhD Group Leader EMBO YIP ERC investigator Co-founder and Scientific Director of RENACER Brain Metastasis Group Tumor Biology Programme CNIO, Madrid
Title	<i>Molecular and cellular rationale underlying the heterogeneous impact of metastases on brain activity</i>

Date	June 16th
Lecturer	Michelle Monje Deisseroth, MD, PhD Milan Gambhir Professor of Pediatric Neuro-Oncology, Department of Neurology Chambers-Okamura Endowed Director for Pediatric Neuro-Immuno-Oncology Investigator Howard Hughes Medical Institute Stanford University, Stanford
Title	<i>The Neuroscience of Brain Cancers</i>

Date	July 14th
Lecturer	Hongjun Song, Ph.D. Perelman School of Medicine Department of Neuroscience University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia
Title	<i>Neuronal circuit regulation of glioblastoma</i>

Date	July 21th
Lecturer	Prof. Dr. Rohini Kuner Director of Pharmacology Institute Pharmacology Institute, Medical Faculty Heidelberg
Title	<i>Making sense of sensory nerves in pancreatic cancer</i>