

EVENT ASSUMPTIONS DOCUMENT

Cancer in 2026: From Diagnosis to Reconstruction

Medical University of Warsaw · Student Scientific Society (STN WUM)

April 27, 2026

1. Purpose and Character of the Conference

Cancer in 2026: From Diagnosis to Reconstruction is a multidisciplinary scientific conference tracing the full clinical journey of a cancer patient — from molecular diagnostics and personalised medicine, through cardio-oncology, dermato-oncology, immunotherapy (including CAR-T cell therapy), breast oncology, and plastic and reconstructive surgery following oncological treatment.

The conference is educational and non-profit. Its defining feature is the integration of knowledge across clinical oncology subspecialties, with particular attention to the multidisciplinary management of the cancer patient — connecting diagnostics, systemic treatment, cardio-oncological follow-up, dermatological complications, haematological innovation, and surgical reconstruction into a coherent patient-centred narrative.

The event promotes scientific activity among medical students and emphasises the importance of a multidisciplinary approach to oncological care. It is organised independently by a 4th-year medical student at WUM, under the auspices of STN and institutional patronage from the Rector, Vice-Rector, Dean, and leading Polish medical societies.

2. Organisational Details

Date & Time	Monday, June 8, 2026 · 14:00 – 19:00
Venue	Aula A and B, Centrum Dydaktyczne WUM, Warsaw
Language	English (slides) · Polish & English (discussion and Q&A)
Admission	Free — open to all
Certificates	Certificate of Participation issued to all attendees
Expected Attendance	Approximately 80–100 participants
Target Audience	WUM medical students (English & Polish Divisions), CMKP students, NIO staff and trainees, junior doctors in specialisation
Organiser	Sara Kareem Almustafa — 4th-year MD Student, WUM; AstraZeneca Student Ambassador; s094779@student.wum.edu.pl; +48 574 604 945
Affiliation	Medical University of Warsaw (WUM) + Student Scientific Society (STN WUM)
Status	Fully independent conference — not affiliated with AstraZeneca as co-organiser

3. Patronages and Institutional Support

CONFIRMED PATRONAGES — as of April 25, 2026	
✓	STN WUM — Student Scientific Society, Medical University of Warsaw
✓	Vice-Rector Prof. Marek Kuch — Prorector for Students & Education, WUM
✓	Dean Prof. Paweł Włodarski — Faculty of Medicine, WUM (ref. APL/550/128/2026, 17.04.2026)
✓	PTOK — Polish Society of Clinical Oncology (granted personally by President Prof. Piotr Rutkowski)
✓	PTD — Polish Society of Dermatology (granted by President Prof. Jacek Szepletowski)
✓	PTK Section of Cardio-Oncology (unanimous board decision)
✓	NIO — National Cancer Institute (Narodowy Instytut Onkologii im. Marii Skłodowskiej-Curie) — confirmed April 21, 2026
✓	CMKP — Centre of Postgraduate Medical Education — confirmed April 21, 2026
✓	Rector Prof. Rafał Marian Krenke — Medical University of Warsaw (submitted via Prof. Tomaniak; granted April 27, 2026)
SUBMITTED / PENDING PATRONAGES	
⌚	PTHiT — Polish Society of Haematologists and Transfusiologists
⌚	PTChPRiE — Polish Society of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery
⌚	NFZ — National Health Fund
⌚	Ministry of Health of Poland & Mayor of Warsaw

4. Scientific Committee (Komitet Naukowy)

Established at the recommendation of Prof. Mariusz Tomaniak (Rector's Plenipotentiary for Student Scientific Movement), April 25, 2026. Composition mirrors the programme arc and includes representatives from NIO, CMKP, WUM Dermatology, and WUM Haematology.

Name	Affiliation	Rationale	Status
Prof. Piotr Rutkowski	National Cancer Institute (NIO)	President, Polish Society of Clinical Oncology (PTOK)	CONFIRMED
Prof. Sebastian Szmit	CMKP	Cardio-Oncology; confirmed speaker	CONFIRMED
Prof. Joanna Czuwara or Prof. Lidia Rudnicka	WUM — Dept. Dermatology	Dermato-Oncology; confirmed speaker; PTD Board	PENDING CONFIRMATION
Prof. Grzegorz Basak	WUM — Dept. Haematology (Head)	Haematology/CAR-T; PTHiT	PENDING CONFIRMATION

5. Confirmed Speakers and Programme

Speaker	Affiliation	Session	Time
Prof. Anna M. Czarnecka	NIO — Dept. Soft Tissue, Bone & Melanoma Tumours	Session 1: Personalised Medicine & Molecular Diagnostics	14:15
Prof. Joanna Czuwara	WUM — Dept. Dermatology	Session 2a: Dermato-Oncology	14:45
Dr. Carolyn Szwed	WUM — Dept. Dermatology	Session 2b: Onco-dermatology and EGFR inhibitors	15:15
Anna Jurga	WUM — Dept. Dermatology	Session 2c: Checkpoint Inhibitor Skin Reactions	15:35
Dr. Joanna Drożdż-Sokołowska	WUM — Dept. Haematology	Session 3: CAR-T Therapy in Haematology	16:10
<i>TBC — NIO/WUM</i>	National Cancer Institute / WUM	Session 4: Breast Oncology	16:40
<i>TBC — CMKP/Orłowski Dept. Plastic Surgery</i>	CMKP / Orłowski Hospital	Session 5: Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery	17:10
Prof. Sebastian Szmit	CMKP — Cardio-Oncology	Session 6: Cardio-Oncology	17:40
Sara Kareem Almustafa	WUM — Medical Student	Student Research Presentation	18:10
<i>TBC — NGO Partner</i>	Patient Organisation	Patient Voice Segment	18:25

6. Full Conference Programme

Time	Session	Speaker
14:00	Opening & Welcome	Sara Kareem Almustafa
14:15	Session 1: Personalised Medicine & NGS Diagnostics	Prof. Czarnecka (NIO)
14:45	Session 2a: Dermato-Oncology — The dermatologist's role in cancer care, melanoma, dermoscopy, referral pathways.	Prof. Czuwara (WUM)
15:15	Session 2b: Oncodermatology — Skin manifestations in systemic cancer treatment, EGFR inhibitors and associated dermatologic adverse events.	Dr. Szwed (WUM)
15:35	Session 2c: Checkpoint Inhibitor Skin Reactions Recognition, grading, and management of immune-related dermatologic adverse events.	Jurga (WUM)
15:55	<i>Coffee Break</i>	—
16:10	Session 3: CAR-T & Cellular Immunotherapy CAR-T mechanism and clinical application.	Dr. Drożdż-Sokołowska (WUM)
16:40	Session 4: Breast Oncology	<i>TBC (NIO/WUM)</i>
17:10	Session 5: Beyond the Scalpel — Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery following Oncological Treatment <i>Topic to be confirmed.</i>	<i>TBC (CMKP/Orłowski)</i>
17:40	Session 6: Cardio-Oncology — Cardiovascular complications of modern oncology treatment. Cardiac toxicity of targeted therapies and immunotherapy. Myocarditis in the immunotherapy era.	Prof. Szmit (CMKP)
18:10	Student Research Presentation	Sara Kareem Almustafa
18:25	Patient Voice — NGO Segment	NGO Partner (TBC)
18:40	Panel Discussion, Quiz & Certificates	All speakers
19:00	Close	—

7. Scientific Rationale — Session-by-Session

Session 1 — Personalised Medicine & NGS Diagnostics

Speaker: **Prof. Anna M. Czarnecka (NIO)**. Next-generation sequencing and molecular profiling have transformed the way we understand and treat cancer — enabling targeted therapies, informing clinical trial eligibility, and shifting oncology toward a precision medicine paradigm. This session establishes the molecular and diagnostic foundation on which the patient journey begins, providing the scientific context for all subsequent clinical session.

Sessions 2a–2c — Dermato-Oncology

Speakers: **Prof. Czuwara, Dr. Szwed, Anna Jurga** (WUM Dermatology). Three consecutive sessions covering the spectrum of dermato-oncology: primary skin malignancies, EGFR inhibitor toxicity, and checkpoint inhibitor-induced dermatological reactions. This cluster reflects the growing overlap between systemic oncology treatments and dermatological complications requiring specialist management.

Session 3 — CAR-T Therapy in Haematology

Speaker: **Dr. Joanna Drożdż-Sokołowska** (WUM Haematology). CAR-T cell therapy represents one of the most significant advances in haematological oncology. This session covers current indications, patient selection, toxicity management, and clinical outcomes.

Session 4 — Breast Oncology

Speaker: TBC (NIO). Breast cancer remains the most common malignancy in women globally. This session bridges systemic oncology and the reconstructive surgery session that follows — tracing the patient from diagnosis and treatment planning through to surgical reconstruction.

Session 5 — Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery

Speaker: TBC (CMKP/Orłowski Dept. Plastic Surgery). **Beyond the Scalpel — Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery following Oncological Treatment**" This session will address the reconstructive dimension of oncological treatment, completing the clinical arc from diagnosis to reconstruction — a perspective underrepresented in standard medical curricula. *Topic to be confirmed.*

Session 6 — Cardio-Oncology

Speaker: **Prof. Sebastian Szmit** (CMKP). Cardiovascular complications of oncological treatment — anthracycline cardiotoxicity, immune checkpoint inhibitor myocarditis, and radiation-induced heart disease — are among the leading causes of non-cancer mortality in cancer survivors. This session addresses the growing subspecialty of cardio-oncology and its integration into multidisciplinary cancer care.

Student Research Presentation

Presenter: **Sara Kareem Almustafa**. Preliminary findings from a PROSPERO-registered systematic review: 'Impact of Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Therapy on Wound Healing and Flap Survival in Head and Neck and Skin Cancer Reconstruction.' This presentation models student-led research activity and connects directly to Sessions 2 and 5.

Patient Voice Segment

Speaker: **NGO Partner** (TBC — DKMS, ALIVIA, or Amazonki). A 15-minute segment giving a patient advocacy organisation the floor to address the audience. This segment distinguishes Cancer in 2026 from standard academic conferences by incorporating the patient perspective directly into the programme.

8. Organiser Contact Details

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