

# Lung Cancer: Current Standards and Emerging Advances

Tuesday, May 5, 2026  
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Cooper Conference Center  
1 Cooper Plaza, Camden, NJ 08103

Moderators: Polina Khrizman, MD and David D. Shersher, MD

- 5:30 PM – 5:45 PM **Registration/Dinner**
- 5:45 PM – 5:50 PM **Welcome/Introduction**  
David D. Shersher, MD  
Polina Khrizman, MD
- 5:50 PM – 6:10 PM **To Screen or Not to Screen: That is the Question**  
Veli Bakalov, MD
- 6:10 PM – 6:30 PM **Cornerstone in Diagnosis:  
Today's Lung Radiologist**  
Genelle Gittens-Backus, MD
- 6:30 PM – 6:50 PM **Advancing the Interventional Paradigm**  
Robert W. Wilcott, MD
- 6:50 PM – 7:05 PM **Break**
- 7:05 PM – 7:25 PM **How Do We Conduct Surgery in the Modern Age?**  
John Aversa, MD
- 7:25 PM – 7:45 PM **Flipping the Tide: How Neoadjuvant Systemic  
Treatment Became Standard of Care**  
Polina Khrizman, MD
- 7:45 PM – 8:05 PM **The Modern Day Elegance of Lung  
Radiation Strategy**  
Joseph F. Lombardo, DO, PharmD
- 8:05 PM – 8:30 PM **Panel Discussion/Question and Answer Period**

## Intended Audience:

The intended audience for this conference includes primary care physicians, gynecologists, medical oncologists, obstetricians, radiation oncologists, and surgical oncologists. Fellows, residents, advanced practice nurses, genetics professionals, physician associates, tumor registrars, and any other healthcare professionals with an educational need or interest in this topic may also attend.

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## Overall Learner Objectives:

- Provide updates in cancer statistics and screening guidelines.
- Describe treatment protocols for all stages of lung cancer.
- Understand the use of modern technology to diagnose, stage, and treat.
- Discuss disparity and opportunity in screening high-risk patients.

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