

# VI PAN-AMERICAN GASTRIC CANCER CONGRESS

Theme:  
"More than a Decade of Progress:  
Integrating the American Continent"

Duration: 3 Days  
Location: San José, Costa Rica  
Dates: May 6, 7, and 8, 2026

Format: Pre-congress courses, posters, and keynote lectures

## PROGRAM PRE-CONGRESS COURSES WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 2026

### COURSE 2

Gastrectomy with Curative Intent:  
Expert Tips

• INFINITUM Hospital Complex  
08:00 hrs – 12:00 hrs

### COURSE 3

Fluorescence in Gastric Cancer

• INFINITUM Hospital Complex  
12:50 hrs – 15:00 hrs

### COURSE 4

Management of Patients with Peritoneal  
Metastasis

• INFINITUM Hospital Complex  
15:20 hrs – 17:30 hrs

### COURSE 5

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Management of complex cases in gastric  
cancer: multidisciplinary management

• INFINITUM Hospital Complex  
17:50 hrs – 20:00 hrs





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## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM, DAY 1 | CEDROS LOUNGE THURSDAY, MAY 7

“Ordinary General Assembly of  
the Latin American Association  
of Gastric Cancer”

Thursday, May 7  
7:00 a 8:30 am,  
Salón Poró, Hotel Intercontinental

### Registration and Welcome

8:00 hrs – 8:45 hrs


### Opening Remarks

8:45 hrs – 9:00 hrs


### MODULE 1 REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES

● Coordinator: Dra. Natasha Loria


#### Socioeconomic aspects in Gastric Cancer treatment in Latin America

9:00 hrs – 9:15 hrs ● Dr. Oscar Partida - MEXICO 


#### Gastric Cancer in El Salvador

9:15 hrs – 9:30 hrs ● Dra. Flor Cuellar - EL SALVADOR 

#### Gastric Cancer in Costa Rica

9:30 hrs – 9:45 hrs ● Dr. Adolfo Ortiz - COSTA RICA 

#### Gastric Cancer in Chile

9:45 hrs – 10:00 hrs ● Dr. Italo Braghetto - CHILE 

### Q&A AND DISCUSSION

10:00 hrs – 10:10 hrs


### Coffee Break

10:10 hrs – 10:30 hrs


### MODULE 2 SURGICAL TECHNIQUES (PART 1)

● Coordinator: Dr. José Murillo


#### Gastrectomy with Curative Intent

10:30 hrs – 10:45 hrs ● Dr. Paulo Kassab - BRASIL 


#### Standardization of Staging Laparoscopy in Latin America

10:45 hrs – 11:00 hrs ● Dr. Carlos García - CHILE 


#### Management of Peritoneal Carcinomatosis in Gastric Cancer

11:00 hrs – 11:15 hrs ● Dr. André Maciel - BRASIL 

#### Palliative Surgery in Advanced Gastric Cancer

11:15 hrs – 11:30 hrs ● Dr. Osvaldo Castro - BRASIL 

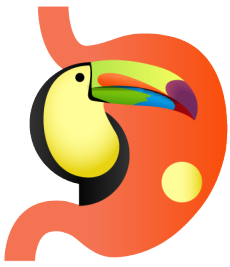
#### Management of Oligometastatic Esophagogastric Cancer

11:30 hrs – 11:45 hrs ● Dr. Mauricio Rodríguez - COLOMBIA 

### Q&A and Discussion

11:45 hrs – 12:05 hrs





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THURSDAY, MAY 7

## KEYNOTE LECTURE:

Coordinator: Dr. Mario Vázquez

"Conversion Surgery for Initially Unresectable Gastric Cancer"

Speaker: Prof. Mitsuru Sasako, JAPON ●  
12:05 hrs - 12:50 hrs

## Q&A AND DISCUSSION

12:50 hrs - 13:10 hrs

Lunch - Commercial Presentation  
MSD

13:10 hrs - 14:15 hrs

"Role of the tumor board in the management of advanced gastroesophageal cancer"

Dr. Dennis Brenes - COSTA RICA

## MODULE 3

### PATHOLOGY AND STAGING

● Coordinator: Dr. Eduardo Alfaro

#### Global Screening Strategies: Lessons from Asia and Latin America

14:15 hrs - 14:30 hrs

Dr. Italo Braghetto - CHILE

#### Early Gastric Cancer Detection in Costa Rica

14:30 hrs - 14:45 hrs

Dr. Francis Hevia - COSTA RICA

#### Premalignant Lesions

14:45 hrs - 15:00 hrs

Dr. Eduardo Alfaro - COSTA RICA

#### Risk Stratification of Gastric Cancer

15:00 hrs - 15:15 hrs

Dr. Fernando Brenes Pino - COSTA RICA

#### Poorly Cohesive Gastric Cancer: Definition and Clinical Implications

15:15 hrs - 15:30 hrs

Dra. Laura Carolina López Claro - BRASIL

#### Biomarkers in Gastric Cancer

15:30 hrs - 15:45 hrs

Dr. Paulo Pimentel Assumpcao - BRASIL

## Q&A AND DISCUSSION

15:45 hrs - 16:05 hrs

## Coffee Break

16:05 hrs - 16:30 hrs





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## THURSDAY, MAY 7

### MODULE 4


### DIAGNOSIS AND ENDOSCOPY

● Coordinator: Dra. Giovanna Mainieri

#### H. pylori Eradication and Gastric Cancer Prevention

16:30 hrs - 16:45 hrs  Dr. Cristian Campos - COSTA RICA


#### Fluorescence in Gastric Cancer

16:45 hrs - 17:00 hrs  Dr. Enrique Lanzarini - CHILE


#### Endoscopic Advances: AI, NBI, and Magnification Techniques

17:00 hrs - 17:15 hrs  Dra. Adriana Safatle Ribeiro - BRASIL


#### Artificial Intelligence in Gastric Cancer Management

17:15 hrs - 17:30 hrs  Dr. Antonio Carlos Weston - BRASIL


#### Radiological Staging

17:30 hrs - 17:45 hrs  Dr. Esteban González - COSTA RICA

#### Therapeutic Endoscopy: EMR and ESD Indications, Curative Criteria

17:45 hrs - 18:00 hrs  Dra. Regina Imada - BRASIL

#### Endoscopic Management of Post-Gastrectomy Complications

18:00 hrs - 18:15 hrs  Dr. José Murillo - COSTA RICA


### Q&A AND DISCUSSION

18:15 hrs - 18:35 hrs

## KEYNOTE LECTURE:

Coordinator: Dr. José Murillo

“The Future of Gastric Cancer Surgery”

Speaker: Prof. Han Kwang YANG, South Korea 

18:30 hrs- 19:15 hrs

### Q&A AND DISCUSSION

19:15 hrs - 19:25 hrs

### Welcome Cocktail

19:25 hrs - 21:00 hrs





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## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM, DAY 2 | CEDROS LOUNGE FRIDAY, MAY 8

**NEW** 7:00 hrs - 7:50 hrs

### "Meet the professor" Session

Prof: Hang Kwang YAN SOUTH KOREA 🇰🇷  
Secretary General IGCA

**NEW** 7:00 hrs - 7:50 hrs

### "Meet the professor" Session

Prof: Marcelo Mester - BRASIL 🇧🇷  
The importance of establishing national programs for early diagnosis and prevention of gastric cancer.

## MODULE 5 MOLECULAR CHARACTERIZATION AND SYSTEMIC THERAPY

● Coordinator: Dr. Dionisio Flores

### Liquid Biopsy: Management Implications

8:00 hrs - 8:15 hrs Dr. Warner Alpizar - COSTA RICA 🇸🇨

### Systemic Treatment of HER2+, FGFR, and Claudin 18.2 Metastatic Tumors: Targeted Agents in Practice

8:15 hrs - 8:30 hrs Dr. Lucas Vieira dos Santos - BRASIL 🇧🇷

### Immunotherapy: Role in Neoadjuvant and Metastatic Tumors

8:30 hrs - 8:45 hrs Dra. Nora Manoukian - BRASIL 🇧🇷

### Perioperative Chemotherapy in Gastric Cancer: Current Status

8:45 hrs - 9:00 hrs Dra. Marneide Carvalho - BRASIL 🇧🇷

### Beyond Surgery: Systemic therapies for the treatment of gastric cancer

9:00 hrs - 9:20 hrs Dr. Dennis Brenes - COSTA RICA 🇸🇨 ADIUM

### CROSS vs. FLOT for GEJ Adenocarcinoma

9:20 hrs - 9:35 hrs Dr. Lucas Vieira dos Santos - BRASIL 🇧🇷

### Radiotherapy in Gastric Cancer: Indications

9:35 hrs - 9:50 hrs Dra. Stephanie López - COSTA RICA 🇸🇨

## Q&A AND DISCUSSION

9:50 hrs - 10:05 hrs

### Coffee Break

10:05 hrs - 10:30 hrs





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## FRIDAY, MAY 8


### MODULE 6 SYSTEMIC THERAPY AND MULTIMODAL APPROACHES

● Coordinator: Dra. Diana Otero


#### Malnutrition and Sarcopenia in GC Patients

10:30 hrs - 10:45 hrs Dra. Adriana Quesada - COSTA RICA 

#### Prehabilitation and Rehabilitation of the Gastric Cancer Surgical Patients

10:45 hrs - 11:00 hrs Dra. Vanessa Uclés - COSTA RICA 

#### ERAS Protocols (Enhanced Recovery After Surgery)

11:00 hrs - 11:15 hrs Dr. Yan Sheng Cen Feng - COSTA RICA 


#### Nutritional Follow-up for the Gastrectomized Patient

11:15 hrs - 11:30 hrs Dra. Paula Sánchez - COSTA RICA 

#### Toxicity Management in Multimodal Treatments

11:30 hrs - 11:45 hrs Dr. Carlos Umaña - COSTA RICA 

#### Integration of Palliative Care in Gastric Cancer patients

11:45 hrs - 12:00 hrs Dr. Marco Ferrandino - COSTA RICA 


### Q&A AND DISCUSSION

12:00 hrs - 12:15 hrs

### KEYNOTE LECTURE:

Coordinator: Dr. Eduardo Trujillo

"History and Perspective of Perioperative Therapy for Gastric Cancer"

Speaker: Prof. Takeshi Sano, JAPON 

12:15 hrs - 13:00 hrs



### Q&A AND DISCUSSION

13:00 hrs - 13:25 hrs

#### Lunch - Commercial Presentation AstraZeneca

13:25 hrs - 14:20 hrs

"Optimization of perioperative treatment in locally advanced gastric cancer: real integration between surgery and medical oncology"

Dr. André Maciel, BRASIL  / Dr. Dionisio Flores, COSTA RICA 

### PRESENTATION OF BEST ABSTRACTS

Coordinator: Dr. Federico Huete

#### 5 minutes per Presenter

14:20 hrs - 14:45 hrs

#### Q&A and Discussion

14:45 hrs - 15:00 hrs





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## FRIDAY, MAY 8

### MODULE 7


#### SURGICAL TECHNIQUES (PART 2)

● Coordinator: Dr. Mario Vásquez


#### Laparoscopic vs. Robotic Gastrectomy

15:00 hrs - 15:15 hrs Dr. Bruno Zilberstein - BRASIL 


#### Surgical Management of GEJ Adenocarcinoma

15:15 hrs - 15:30 hrs Dr. Ulisses Ribeiro - BRASIL 


#### Multivisceral Resections in Gastric Cancer

15:30 hrs - 15:45 hrs Dra. Diana Otero - COSTA RICA 


#### Anastomosis Esofagoyeyunal: tips and tricks

15:45 hrs - 16:00 hrs Dr. Andrés Navarrete - CHILE 

#### Gastrectomy in the Elderly Patient

16:00 hrs - 16:15 hrs Dr. Rubén Aguilar - PARAGUAY 


#### Management of NET, GIST, and Gastric Lymphomas

16:15 hrs - 16:30 hrs Dr. Reinaldo Isaacs - PANAMÁ 

## KEYNOTE LECTURE:

Coordinator: Dr. Marcelo Mester

“Prophylactic gastrectomy in hereditary gastric Cancer”

Speaker: Prof. Paul Mansfield - USA   
16:30 hrs - 17:00 hrs

#### Q&A and Discussion

17:00 hrs - 17:20 hrs

#### CLOSING REMARKS

17:20 hrs - 17:45 hrs

