

Diagnosis and Therapeutic Discovery in Neuro-Oncology
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- One day, 20 speakers, 159 learners, no commercial exhibitors, no posters presented. There are 8 videos available on the biosymposia website for self-study (refer to online courses). The videos are also available in DVD format.
- Learner type: 58% Research Scientist, 35% Clinicians, and 7% Other.
- Credit type: ACCME, ANCC and ACPE.
- A unique group of basic and clinical oncologists presented cutting edge research. The faculty addressed topics including proteomics and genomics, targeted therapies, mouse models of brain tumorigenesis and cancer stem cells.
- 100% of learners reported that the content was free from commercial bias.
- 100% of learners reported that the content was scientifically rigorous.
- 100% of learners reported that they would recommend this program to a colleague.
- Objectives of the course were to:
 - Identify biomarkers of brain tumors.
 - Identify genes and proteins involved in brain tumorigenesis based on molecular profiling and functional experiments.
 - Review current data from mouse model studies of brain tumors.
 - Describe current targeted therapies for brain tumors.
 - Understand the role of cancer stem cells in tumorigenesis.
- Selected learner comments included:
 - “The speakers were very informative – the program was well-run and the schedule was adhered to.”
 - “High quality talks.”
 - “Good summary of cutting-edge research in neuro-oncology.”
 - “Comprehensive coverage of one topic.”
 - “Good amount of novel information.”
 - “Superb quality of speakers, most interesting speakers.”
 - “Interesting, nice spectrum of topics covered.”
 - “More on pre-clinical data regarding therapeutics that are closer to clinical implementation.”
 - “Have poster session.”
- Selected comments about the speakers included:
 - “He was clear, concise and understandable to us non-MD/PhDs. Thank you.”
 - “Excellent to correlate traditional epidemiology with molecular study.”
 - “Organized – excellent data.”
 - “Interesting information on novel therapy.”
 - “Well presented – eloquent speaker.”
 - “Highly interesting and clear.”

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