

## FEATURED SPEAKERS

 ACCC National Oncology Conference: Featured Speakers

### Helping AYA Cancer Patients BE LOUD!

 Lauren Lux

Thursday, October 20, 8:30 am – 9:30 am

Lauren Lux, LCSW, *UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center*

Lucy and Niklaus Steiner, *Be Loud! Sophie Foundation*.

After being diagnosed with germ-cell cancer, 14-year-old Sophie Steiner expressed a strong desire to help other adolescents and young adults with cancer “stay true to their authentic selves in the face of overwhelming illness.” Hear how the Be Loud! Sophie Foundation made that dream a reality by partnering with the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center to hire Adolescent and Young Adult Program Director, Lauren Lux, LCSW. Lauren will share successful—and low-cost—strategies to help cancer programs meet the unique needs of this patient population.

#### **About the Be Loud! Sophie Foundation:**

Inspired by Sophie Steiner, the mission of the Be Loud! Sophie Foundation is to support adolescent and young adult cancer patients and their families at UNC Hospitals. The foundation supports two closely related efforts with the overall goal of enhancing the independence, dignity, and identity of adolescent and young adult cancer patients. These are to address the unique needs of adolescent and young adult cancer patients, and support ongoing research efforts. Through these efforts, adolescent and young adult cancer patients and their families are receiving better care at UNC, and UNC is becoming a national leader in addressing the unique needs of this age group. Click [here](#) to learn more about the Be Loud! Sophie Foundation.

### Suleika Jaouad

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Friday, October 21, 8:15 am—9:15 am

Suleika Jaouad, Emmy Award-winning *New York Times Well* columnist, cancer survivor, and

health advocate.

Making the Most of a Life, Interrupted. People have struggled to communicate what it means to be sick since the beginning of time. At age 23, Suleika Jaouad began writing her Emmy Award-winning *New York Times Well* column "Life, Interrupted," from her hospital bed in an attempt to do just that. From misdiagnosis to diagnosis, a harrowing bone marrow transplant to recovery, Suleika will discuss what it means to make the most of a life interrupted, both during and after cancer.

#### **About Suleika Jaouad:**

In 2010, Suleika graduated with highest honors from Princeton University, but her career aspirations were cut short when she was diagnosed with myelodysplastic syndrome and acute myeloid leukemia at the age of 22. After three years of chemotherapy, a life-saving clinical trial, and a bone marrow transplant, she is now in remission. Suleika travels the country teaching writing workshops and speaking at high schools, universities, hospitals, and professional events. Read Suleika's work [online](#) and connect on Twitter [@suleikajaouad](#).

## **Kashyap Patel, MD**

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Friday, October 21, 2:05 pm—2:50 pm

**Kashyap Patel, MD**, *Carolina Blood & Cancer Care Associates*

Getting Ahead of the Curve: Practice Transformation in Cancer Care. Hear from a forward-thinking practice that transformed its business model to increase patient engagement, provide 24/7 access to coordinated, patient-centered care, and improve quality of life through in-house palliative care services. See what they're doing now to prepare for specialty payment models, including MIPS and the Oncology Care Model (OCM), and come away with strategies to help you prepare for new payment models.

#### **About Kashyap Patel, MD:**

Dr. Patel is the managing partner at Carolina Blood and Cancer Care in Rock Hill, NC. Board certified in Hematology, Oncology, and Internal Medicine, Dr. Patel has received several national awards from ASCO for melanoma research. He has authored research articles and presented at national and international meetings. He is the past president of the South Carolina Oncology Society, board member of the Community Oncology Alliance, Cac member, Palmetto GBA and Medicaid, South Carolina.

