AGENDA

04/24/15 - 04/26/15
sheraton downtown denver

cancercon.org
THURSDAY, APRIL 23rd

07:30am – 05:00pm | REGISTRATION
@TOWER BUILDING NORTH CONVENTION LOBBY

09:00am – 05:00pm | ROCKY MOUNTAIN RENDEZVOUS – PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED 
@HOTEL ENTRANCE

12:00pm – 05:00pm | ROCKIES BASEBALL GAME – PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
@HOTEL ENTRANCE

09:00pm – 11:00pm | PRE-CONFERENCE MIXER
@KATIE MULLENS – TOWER BLDG
CancerCon doesn’t start until tomorrow, but that doesn’t mean you can’t start the party early. Come hang with us at Katie Mullens’s to make friends, have a good time and maybe even sing a little karaoke.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24th

07:00am – 07:00pm | REGISTRATION
@NORTH CONVENTION LOBBY

08:00am – 05:00pm | ZEN LOUNGE
The Zen Lounge is a place where you can go if you need to rest and you do not feel like going back to your room. It will be a soothing place that you can retreat to and take a moment for yourself.
@NORTH CONVENTION LOBBY

08:45am – 10:00am | STUPID CANCER FUN RUN/WALK
Get some exercise in Denver. Join in the Stupid Cancer Fun Run/Walk presented by the Ulman Fund for Young Adults and Live by Living. Start your morning off right with a no-pressure, all-fun walk around downtown Denver.
@TOWER BUILDING ENTRANCE

09:00am – 02:00pm | BEST OF BOULDER TOUR – PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED 
@HOTEL ENTRANCE

10:30am – 12:30pm | LIVING WITH A BLOOD CANCER DIAGNOSIS
@SILVER
Hear from experts in the field of hematology/oncology as they discuss treatment and surviving a blood cancer diagnosis. Listen as a panel of patients discusses survivorship issues faced by young adult cancer survivors.
Audience: Blood Cancer Survivors & Caregivers only

02:00pm – 03:30pm | NETWORKING with EXHIBITORS
@SOUTH CONVENTION LOBBY

02:15pm – 03:00pm | FIRST TIMER WELCOME & ORIENTATION (Session One)
@SILVER
Is this your first time attending a Stupid Cancer conference? We’ve got your back! Attend our first-timer workshop to get oriented, meet some awesome people and get an idea of what to expect.

03:00pm – 03:45pm | FIRST TIMER WELCOME & ORIENTATION (Session Two)
@SILVER
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04:00pm – 06:00pm | OPENING CEREMONIES & GENERAL SESSION
Welcome Remarks, Housekeeping and State Of The Union
@GRAND BALLROOM

06:00pm – 08:00pm | WELCOME RECEPTION with EXHIBITORS
Interact with the exhibitors, network with other attendees.
@SOUTH CONVENTION LOBBY

09:00pm – 11:00pm | STUPID CANCER SCAVENGER HUNT
Join friends old and new for a photo scavenger hunt in and around the Sheraton Downtown Denver. Make memories and maybe win some cool swag.
@NORTH CONVENTION LOBBY

SATURDAY, APRIL 25th

07:30am – 08:45am | BREAKFAST
Sponsored by Seattle Genetics & Bristol-Myers Squibb
@GRAND BALLROOM

09:00am – 05:00pm | ZEN LOUNGE
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09:00am – 10:15am | GENERAL SESSION
Keynote: But Where’s Dr. McDreamy?: Confessions of a Television Consultant
Daniel Shapiro*
Author, Professor & Chair Dept of Humanities
Penn State College of Medicine
@GRAND BALLROOM

10:15am – 10:30am | VIP Club Recognition + Stupid Cancer Awards Ceremony

10:30am – 10:45am | BREAK
Sponsored by Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
10:45am – 11:30am | [PLENARY] Be Your Best Digital Self
Thea Linscott*  
Board Member  
Stupid Cancer  
Joanna Morales, Esq.  
Kenny Kane  
@GRAND BALLROOM
Rebecca Nellis  
Chief Mission Officer  
Cancer and Careers, CEW Foundation  
Co-Founder, CEO  
Triage Cancer  
Stupid Cancer

11:45am – 12:45pm | CONCURRENT BREAKOUTS (SESSION ONE)
(1) I Am a (Pediatric) Survivor: Physical Effects in Young Adulthood  
Survivors of childhood cancer can face physical late effects that last a lifetime. Learn from pediatric oncology professionals dedicated to supporting you after you’ve “graduated” into young adulthood. Audience: Pediatric Survivors, Caregivers, Health Professionals  
Leonard Sender, MD  
Board Chairman, Stupid Cancer  
Medical Director  
Children’s Hospital of Orange County  
Brian Greffe, MD  
Professor of Pediatrics, Pediatric Oncologist  
Medical Director - The Butterfly Program and The HOPE Survivorship Program  
Children’s Hospital of Orange County  
@TOWER COURT B
(2) Navigating Intimate Relationships: The Ups and Downs  
Is cancer the third wheel in your relationship? Join a moderated discussion with survivor Ethan Zohn and his girlfriend Lisa as they shoot straight about the challenges and joys of love plus cancer. Audience: Survivors, Caregivers  
Sage Bolte, Ph.D, MSW, LCSW (moderator)  
Director / Oncology Counselor  
Life With Cancer  
Ethan Zohn*  
Lisa Heywood  
@SILVER
(3) Preventing and Managing Caregiver Burnout [Sponsored by Lilly Oncology]  
You may not be the one in treatment, but that doesn’t mean you should neglect yourself. Participate in a caregiver-only session about stress, coping, self-care, burnout and more. Audience: Caregivers only  
Anna Eckhardt, LCSW, OSW-C, CCLS, CIMI  
Online Support Group Program Coordinator  
CancerCare  
@TOWER COURT A
(4) Solo Survivors: Being Single With Cancer  
“Feeling alone is far worse than having cancer.” Single survivors will leave this session knowing that they are not alone, that they are loved and lovable, that they have options and that healing is possible. Audience: Single Survivors Only  
Tracy Maxwell*  
Healing Coach  
Author, Solo Survivors  
@TOWER COURT D
(5) What Cancer Stole from Me: Grieving and Loss [Sponsored by Lilly Oncology]  
A cancer diagnosis can bring with it great loss, such as loss of fertility, independence, self-confidence, relationships, finances and more. Learn how grief affects you and how to cope with it in a healthy manner. Audience: Survivors, Caregivers, Advocates, Health Professionals  
Jenny Morgan, LCSW  
Mental Health Therapist  
Mary Morgan  
Mental Health Therapist  
@WINDOWS
(6) What’s Work Got to Do With It? Part I: Working Through Treatment & Taking Time Off  
Trying to figure out how to balance work and cancer? This session will cover the legal and practical information you need to effectively work through treatment or take time off work. Learn how to make the law work for you, using the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations, Family and Medical Leave Act and disability insurance. Audience: Survivors, Caregivers, Advocates, Health Professionals  
Rebecca Nellis  
Chief Mission Officer  
Cancer and Careers, CEW Foundation  
Joanna Morales, Esq.  
Co-Founder, CEO  
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12:45pm – 01:45pm | LUNCH [Sponsored by Seattle Genetics & Bristol-Myers Squibb]  
@GRAND BALLROOM
01:30pm – 02:00pm | DESSERT & NETWORKING with EXHIBITORS  
@SOUTH CONVENTION LOBBY
02:15pm – 03:15pm | CONCURRENT BREAKOUTS (SESSION TWO)
(1) Living with Chronic/Metastatic/Advanced Cancer?  
Join an interactive discussion to meet others like you facing chronic, advanced and/or metastatic cancer to discuss key issues, learn about resources and discover your community. Audience: Survivors only  
Emily Drake, MA  
Director  
Cancer Fight Club  
Pat Taylor  
Founder/Director  
Chasing Rainbows  
@DENVER
(2) Mindfulness Meditation 101  
Relax your body, calm your mind and learn the basics and health benefits of mindfulness meditation for improved well-being both during and after cancer treatment. Audience: Survivors, Caregivers, Advocates, Health Professionals  
David Victorson, Ph.D.  
Founder  
True North Treks  
Katie McAlinden*  
YA Breast Cancer Survivor  
@SILVER
(3) Parenting with Cancer
Parenting is tough enough without cancer, let alone navigating childcare through and after treatment. Talk with other young adults with children and learn some tips and tricks to better care for yourself and your family. Audience: YA Survivors, YA Caregivers with children
Shara Sosa, MSW, LCSW* (moderator)
Oncology Therapist
Life With Cancer

(4) Sexual Health
Cancer and its treatment are not often kind to our sexual self. Learn tips, tricks and get great advice on how to navigate and overcome some of these obstacles. Audience: Survivors and Their Partners
Sage Bolte, Ph.D., MSW, LCSW
Director / Oncology Counselor
Life With Cancer

(5) Stupid Genes: Genetic Counseling, Screening, and Prevention
DNA is the new black. Learn how your very genes may factor in to cancer risk for you and your family, and why that matters even more after a diagnosis. Audience: Survivors, Caregivers, Health Professionals
Melissa Gilstrap, MS, CGC
Parker Adventist Hospital

(6) What's Work Got To Do With It? Part II: Looking For a Job
Whether you're thinking about entering the job market or in the thick of a job search, this session will provide you with practical tips and tools to help you through the steps of a successful job search. Get information you need to be a savvy candidate, including LinkedIn, resumes, cover letters, applications and interviews. Audience: Survivors, Caregivers, Advocates, Health Professionals
Rebecca Nellis
Chief Mission Officer
Cancer and Careers, CW Foundation

(7) Navigating the Young Adult Cancer Journey
This session will bring together a panel of survivors, advocates, and healthcare professionals to discuss “real world” issues and realities young adults with cancer face. Highlighting the unique partnership between Johns Hopkins’ Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center and the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults specifically helps young adults with cancer diagnosis during treatment and thrive into survivorship.
Audience: Survivors, Caregivers, Advocates, Health Professionals
Alexandra Gubin, MSW, LCSW-C
Patient Navigator, Young Adult Navigation Program
Krispy Krakowski, MPH, MBA
Sr. Program Director
Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults
Gino DeFillippo*
YA Acute Myeloid Leukemia Survivor

03:30pm – 04:15pm | NETWORKING BREAK with EXHIBITORS

04:30pm – 05:30pm | CONCURRENT BREAKOUTS (SESSION THREE)

(1) Communicating with Loved Ones: What the Research Shows
Honest dialogue is critical between patients and loved ones. Hear how the latest academic research and social science can lead to more open and helpful communication during and after treatment. Audience: Survivors, Caregivers, Advocates, Health Professionals
Nicholas Iannarino
Assistant Professor
University of Michigan-Dearborn

(2) I Am a (Pediatric) Survivor: An Open Dialogue
Being diagnosed with cancer as a child can create many unique emotional and mental challenges in young adulthood that may make you feel different (at times) than your young adult peers. Join other pediatric survivors for a candid discussion, feel connected to others who “get it,” and learn techniques to approach some of these challenges. Audience: Pediatric Survivors only
Amity Good MSW, LCSW
Pediatric Oncology Social Worker
Children's Hospital Colorado

(3) Just For Caregivers: Let It All Hang Out – FOR PEERS OF YOUNG ADULTS
Join a privately moderated open group discussion exclusively for caregivers to share stories and resources, gain common ground and build community. Audience: Caregivers only
Jenny Morgan, LCSW (moderator)
Mental Health Therapist

(4) Just For Caregivers: Let It All Hang Out – FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG ADULTS
Join a privately moderated open group discussion exclusively for caregivers to share stories and resources, gain common ground and build community. Audience: Caregivers only
Mary Morgan, LCSW (moderator)
Mental Health Therapist
(5) Just for Girls: Redefining Life After Cancer
Some things are just better kept between us girls. Discuss common issues around redefining life after cancer including body image, disclosure related to dating, friends, employers and other issues. Audience: Survivors only
Sage Botte, Ph.D, MSW, LCSW
Director / Oncology Counselor
Life With Cancer

(6) Just For Guys: Behind the Iron Curtain
Cancer impacts love, work, parenting, friendships, self-image—and some things are just better kept between us guys. Join us in one of the few places on the planet where you will be surrounded by brothers who truly understand. Audience: Survivors only
Daniel Shapiro*
Author, Professor & Chair Dept of Humanities
Penn State College of Medicine
Matt Ferster*
Founder
Testicular Cancer Foundation

(7) The Patient Advocate: Changing Cancer Care in the US [Sponsored by Bristol-Myers Squibb]
This session will discuss two types of advocacy, self-advocacy and public advocacy, and introduce public policy issues that directly impact the young adult cancer survivor population. Audience: Survivors, Caregivers, Advocates, Health Professionals
Kelsey Nepote, MSW
Policy and Advocacy Manager
National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship

05:30pm – 06:30pm | NETWORKING RECEPTION with EXHIBITORS [Sponsored by Lilly Oncology]
06:30pm – 09:00pm | STUPID CANCER PUB TRIVIA
Join us for Stupid Cancer Pub Trivia. Make some friends and test your knowledge with all things trivial.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26th

07:45am – 08:45am | BREAKFAST
08:00am – 12:30pm | ZEN LOUNGE
The Zen Lounge is a place where you can go if you need to rest and you do not feel like going back to your room. It will be a soothing place that you can retreat to and take a moment for yourself.

09:00am – 10:00am | CONCURRENT BREAKOUTS (SESSION FOUR)

(1) Could Advocating for Screenings be Your Family’s Pot of Gold?
This session will focus on self-advocacy for yourself, your family members, and what “prevention” means with regard to risk reduction and early detection for recurrence and secondary cancers. Audience: Survivors, Caregivers, Advocates, Health Professionals
Elizabeth Hoffler, MSW, ACSW
Director, Policy and Advocacy
Prevent Cancer Foundation

(2) Fertility: Am I Fertile?
Cancer and reproductive organs don’t usually get along but that doesn’t always mean you are infertile. Learn about fertility testing after treatment and options for having your own biological children. Audience: Survivors, Caregivers, Advocates, Health Professionals
Laxmi Kondapalli, MD, MSCE
Reproductive Endocrinologist
Colorado Center for Reproductive Medicine

(3) Get Busy Sweating: The Role of Exercise During and After Treatment
Participate in light exercise while learning from the experts about the science of movement and its direct benefits to well-being both during and after treatment. Audience: Survivors, Caregivers, Advocates, Health Professionals
Eric Galvez*
Executive Director
mAss Kickers
Greg Graber
Director of Programs
John Wayne Cancer Foundation
Loïc Bernard
Head Coach
CrossFit Newport Beach

(4) Living a Legacy: What Can Go Right When Things Have Gone Terribly Wrong
Join in on a conversation about living life well, regardless of the timeline you may have been given, while watching excerpts from a documentary film about a young dad living with metastatic colon cancer. Audience: Survivors, Caregivers, Advocates, Health Professionals
Mike Lang
Founder
Survive & thrive Productions
Alli Ward*
VP, Programs
Stupid Cancer

(5) Managing Your Finances
Cancer is expensive. This session will cover tips to improve your financial health after a cancer diagnosis and treatment including: steps to take to rebuild your credit, how to deal with medical bills, financial assistance options and things to think about when considering filing for bankruptcy. Audience: Survivors, Caregivers, Advocates, Health Professionals
Joanna Morales, Esq.
Co-Founder, CEO
Triage Cancer
(6) When Did Cancer Turn Me Into A Control Freak?

LIFE doesn't just go back to "normal" after cancer. Explore the fears and anxieties that can make a person completely lose it and get armed with tools to stop micro-managing your life while facing the unknown. Audience: Survivors, Caregivers, Advocates, Health Professionals

Sage Bolte, Ph.D, MSW, LCSW
Director / Oncology Counselor
Life With Cancer

Shara Sosa, MSW, LCSW
Oncology Therapist

10:15am – 11:15am | CONCURRENT BREAKOUTS (SESSION FIVE)

(1) Fertility: I'm Not Fertile, What Now?

Get cancer? Infertile? That doesn't always mean you can't become a parent. Learn from leading experts about practical options such as surrogacy, adoption and more. Audience: Survivors, Caregivers, Advocates, Health Professionals

Laxmi Kondapalli, MD
Reproductive Endocrinologist
Colorado Center for Reproductive Medicine

Jen Rachman, MSW
Outreach Coordinator
Circle Surrogacy, LTD

Carol Burman Lindly
Director
Wyoming Children's Society

(2) Navigating College and Cancer

Join a conversation about the challenges of managing college or graduate school and cancer. Topics will include strategies and solutions for finding support, as well as working with administrators, faculty and peers while undergoing treatment. Audience: Survivors, Caregivers, Advocates, Health Professionals

Michele Rosenthal
Director, Undergraduate Programs
Sawyer Business School, Suffolk University

(3) Navigating Your Health Insurance Options

Obamacare, the Affordable Care Act & Healthcare Reform. (They're all the same thing.) Trying to figure out how it applies to you? This session will cover new consumer protections and new health insurance options, as well as the new requirement to have health insurance. Audience: Survivors, Caregivers, Advocates, Health Professionals

Joanna Morales, Esq.
Co-Founder, CEO
Triage Cancer

(4) Optimizing Your Nutrition

Get your nutrition myths debunked with Julie Lanford, "The Cancer Dietitian," as she coaches you through nutrition facts and offers practical methods to help you decide what's right for you. Audience: Survivors, Caregivers, Advocates, Health Professionals

Julie Lanford, MPH, RD, CSO, LDN
Wellness Director
Cancer Services, Inc.

(5) Overwhelmed: Three Strategies to Get Busy Living

Join a highly interactive workshop that provides tools and strategies to manage the overwhelming effects of diagnosis, treatment or other life challenges so you can move forward and "get busy living." Audience: Survivors, Caregivers, Advocates, Health Professionals

Tambra Leighton, MA, CPC, ELC-MP
Cancer Survivor Coach, Managing Director of 7th Level Wellbeing / IPEC
Institute for Professional Excellence in Coaching

(6) Your Next Chapter - Making Your Survivorship COUNT

Find meaningful ways to make your experience count by using your personal story as a catalyst to empower others and impact the young adult cancer movement. Audience: Survivors, Caregivers, Advocates

Tamika Felter,*
Chief Visionary
Tamika & Friends/Cervivor.org

Helaine Bader, MPH
Health Educator and Advocacy Strategist

11:30am – 12:30pm | BREAK with EXHIBITORS

12:45pm – 02:30pm | CONCLUDING CEREMONIES

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER Q&A

Italia Ricci
Acclaimed television and film actor
Star of ABC Family's Chasing Life

CLOSING REMARKS AND ADJOURN

03:00pm – 06:00pm | Brew Tour Crusier Crawl – PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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