



# Current and Future Directions in Neuro-Oncology

A Young Investigators Forum

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**VIRTUAL EVENT**

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## PROGRAM INFORMATION

### OVERVIEW

*Current and Future Directions in Neuro-Oncology: A Young Investigators Forum* is a 3-day, live, online event where young investigators focused on a career in neuro-oncology will present their own data and receive personal feedback from expert faculty judges. Young investigators have been selected to participate in the activity based on a competitive abstract application process. Young investigator attendees will be scored with feedback provided by our expert faculty panel on their oral presentations, with the top 2 winners receiving awards.

### AGENDA

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

Young Investigators' presentations 1–10

10:00 AM EDT

Welcome and Introduction

10:05 AM EDT

Candidate Presentations

11:55 AM EDT

Concluding Remarks Day 1 and Adjourn

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

Young Investigators' presentations 11–20

10:00 AM EDT

Welcome and Introduction

10:05 AM EDT

Candidate Presentations

11:55 AM EDT

Concluding Remarks Day 2 and Adjourn

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

10:00 AM EDT

Welcome

10:05 AM EDT

Top 5 Young Investigators' Presentations

11:20 AM EDT

Announcement of 2 Winners

11:30 AM EDT

Adjourn

### TARGET AUDIENCE

This activity is intended for oncologists, neurologists, radiologists, and surgeons.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this activity, participants will:

Have greater competence related to

- Assessing the rationales, design, and endpoints in clinical trials investigating treatment options for neurologic tumors
- Selecting treatment for neurologic tumors based on disease and patient characteristics
- Evaluating recent clinical trial findings in terms of clinical relevance, based on study design
- Designing basic research studies based on fundamental scientific principles to address potential novel strategies in the treatment of neurologic tumors

Demonstrate greater confidence in their ability to

- Describe skills and strategies that will aid in their chosen academic careers