

# Advances in Immuno-Oncology Research for Gastrointestinal Cancers

## Invitation

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of Bristol-Myers Squibb, it is my pleasure to invite you to an industry satellite symposium entitled "Advances in Immuno-Oncology Research for Gastrointestinal Cancers," taking place at the ESMO Asia 2016 Congress in Singapore.

In this symposium, we will discuss the role of the immune system in gastrointestinal cancer research, while also highlighting emerging research and future directions of immuno-oncology therapies in gastrointestinal cancers. Current research involving clinical biomarkers of interest for each cancer type will also be reviewed.

One biomarker of interest that will be reviewed in detail is defective DNA mismatch repair (dMMR) and the microsatellite instability-high (MSI-H) phenotype. Some patients with metastatic disease and either dMMR or MSI-H have a worse prognosis and therefore define a clinical unmet need. We will review the current clinical studies investigating immuno-oncology therapies in dMMR/MSI-H colorectal cancers and discuss the broader potential for these biomarkers in other tumor types.

We anticipate that the high levels of interaction and analysis provided by the symposium will inform and benefit your clinical practice, and look forward to welcoming you in Singapore.

Best regards,  
Jaffer Ajani, MD  
MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX, United States  
Meeting Chair

## Programme

12:45	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> <i>Jaffer Ajani, MD</i> <i>United States</i>
12:50	<b>Role of the Immune System in GI Cancer Research</b> <i>Jaffer Ajani, MD</i> <i>United States</i>
13:05	<b>Immune Checkpoint Inhibition: Emerging Research and Future Directions in Gastric Cancers</b> <i>Yung-Jue Bang, MD, PhD</i> <i>Korea</i>
13:25	<b>Evaluating the Potential of Immune Checkpoint Inhibition in Esophageal Cancers</b> <i>Yuko Kitagawa, MD, PhD</i> <i>Japan</i>
13:45	<b>dMMR/MSI-High: Addressing Unmet Needs Through Immuno-Oncology Research</b> <i>Jaffer Ajani, MD</i> <i>United States</i>
14:05	<b>Audience Q&amp;A and Meeting Close</b> <i>Full Panel</i>

**Sunday, 18 December 2016 | 12:45–14:15**  
**Suntec Singapore Convention and Exhibition Centre**  
**Singapore**  
**Summit Hall 2**

