



# Rare Cancers Patient & Caregivers Education Symposium

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026 || 10:00AM – 1:30PM

FRED HUTCH CANCER CENTER  
1100 FAIRVIEW AVE NORTH, SEATTLE, WA 98109

Please join us for a symposium focused on empowering rare cancer patients and their caregivers. Together, we'll elevate patient voices, foster connection, demystify research, and advocate for progress.

## TOPICS

- ▶ **WHAT MAKES A CANCER “RARE” AND WHY IT MATTERS**  
Cassidy Hagan, PhD || Immunology, University of Washington
- ▶ **NAVIGATING DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT, AND CLINICAL TRIALS**  
Christopher Sande, MD || Pathology, Seattle Children’s Hospital  
Katie Albert, MD || Hematology-Oncology, Seattle Children's Hospital
- ▶ **A WINDOW INTO THE LAB — WHAT HAPPENS TO DONATED TISSUE**  
Deanna Mische || Human Biology, Fred Hutch  
Taran Gujral, PhD || Human Biology, Fred Hutch
- ▶ **EMOTIONAL & PRACTICAL REALITIES OF LIVING WITH RARE CANCERS**  
Bonnie Walchuk, MA, ATR-BC, LMFT || President and Founder, Dream Big Wellness  
Rebecca Knuth, MD || Pediatric hospitalist and Patient Advocate
- ▶ **HOW PATIENTS CAN DRIVE PROGRESS**  
Kristi Schurman || Patient Advocate, Fred Hutch  
Madison Snidarich || Clinical Project Manager, Fred Hutch  
Phil Shin || Patient Advocate, Brave Like Gabe Foundation  
Susanna Ray || Patient Advocate, Fred Hutch



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