

2026

International Chordoma Community Conference

Boston Marriott Cambridge Hotel | 50 Broadway, Cambridge, MA

Friday, September 18

4:00 – 5:30 PM ♀ Foyer	Registration
4:30 PM ♀ Enterprise Room	Meet & connect Greet new friends and reconnect with old ones during this introductory session.
5:30 PM ♀ Foyer	Reception
7:00 PM ♀ Salon 4	Uncommon Awards dinner Come together with doctors and researchers to celebrate and honor members of our community.

Saturday, September 19

7:45 AM ♀ Salon 4 & Foyer	Breakfast and registration
8:30 – 10:15 AM ♀ Salon 3	Session I: Looking ahead
8:30 AM	Welcome Shannon Lozinsky, Chordoma Foundation
8:40 AM	Advances and opportunities in research and treatment Fireside Chat and Q&A with Josh Sommer (Chordoma Foundation), Caty Lee-Chang (Northwestern University, US), Gregory M. Cote (Mass General Brigham Cancer Institute, US), Matei Banu (Stanford University, US), Vinai Gondy (Northwestern Medicine Proton Center, US), Joseph Schwab (Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, US)
9:45 AM	The better future we're creating together Josh Sommer, Chordoma Foundation

10:15 AM ♀ Foyer	Coffee break
10:40 AM – 12:30 PM ♀ Salon 3	Session II: Advancing chordoma research Updates on chordoma therapy development and how patients help guide progress along the way. Moderator: Josh Sommer, Chordoma Foundation
10:45 AM	Accelerating the discovery and evaluation of new chordoma treatments Dan Freed, Chordoma Foundation
11:05 AM	Bringing promising new therapies to patients Gregory M. Cote, Mass General Brigham Cancer Institute, US
11:25 AM	Making chordoma clinical trials work for patients: Insights from the chordoma community Pam Loeb, Edge Research, US and Shannon Lozinsky, Chordoma Foundation
11:45 AM	Discussion
12:30 PM ♀ Salon 4	Lunch and group photo
1:30 – 3:15 PM ♀ Salon 3	Session III: Improving chordoma care Hear about the latest treatment guidelines and learn how best practices and care pathways are evolving to improve outcomes. Moderator: Shannon Lozinsky, Chordoma Foundation
1:35 PM	Global Chordoma Consensus Group: Improving care through evidence-based treatment guidelines Silvia Stacchiotti, Fondazione IRCCS Istituto Nazionale dei Tumori, IT
1:55 PM	Bringing the experts to the patient: The Pediatric Chordoma Network and Virtual Tumor Board Mary Frances Wedekind, National Cancer Institute, US
2:15 PM	Beyond treatment: Improving survivorship care for people with chordoma Lisa Ruppert, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, US
2:35 PM	Discussion
3:15 PM ♀ Foyer	Coffee break

3:40 – 5:00 PM ♀ Salon 3	Session IV: Mobilizing the community Hear firsthand stories of navigating this disease and ideas for how patients and loved ones can make a difference: through peer support, volunteering, fundraising, and storytelling. Moderator: Kenny Brighton, Chordoma Foundation
3:45 PM	Empowering the patient community to advance progress Dani Pike, chordoma survivor, Chordoma Foundation staff
4:05 PM	An accident into action: Team Chordoma Steven Mandel, chordoma survivor, Board of Directors member, Chordoma Foundation
4:25 PM	Beyond borders: Making connections as an Ambassador and Peer Guide David Ly, chordoma survivor, Peer Guide, Ambassador
4:45 PM	A journey into the unknown: Chordoma changed my course, not my destination Gary Trauner, chordoma survivor, Peer Guide
5:00 PM	Adjourn

Sunday, September 20

8:00 AM ♀ Salon 4	Breakfast
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM ♀ Salon 3	Community & survivorship Take part in a guided art activity to reflect and connect, then share a short message of encouragement to be included in artwork for newly diagnosed patients and their loved ones. Moderator: Shannon Lozinsky, Chordoma Foundation
9:00 AM	Transforming loss to healing with expressive arts therapy Cécile Rêve and Gabriela Kotliar, Art Relief
10:30 AM ♀ Foyer	Coffee break
11:00 AM	Community project: “Woven words of wisdom” Cécile Rêve, Art Relief
12:00 PM	Closing

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