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## **AACR** American Association for Cancer Research\*

**AACR Annual Meeting 2026**  
**Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**  
**Anticipated Attendance: 24,000**

### **Group Description**

The American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) is the world's oldest and largest professional organization dedicated to advancing cancer research and its application to cancer prevention, diagnosis, and treatment. The AACR Annual Convention & Exhibition is a premier international event that brings together tens of thousands of attendees to share cutting-edge research and innovation in oncology. This large-scale citywide convention generates significant economic impact and positions host cities as hubs for scientific advancement and healthcare leadership.

### **Attendee Profile**

Attendees include Scientists and laboratory researchers in fields such as cancer biology, immunology, molecular genetics, oncology, translational medicine, epidemiology, and related biomedical sciences attend to share their latest findings, present abstracts, and engage in cutting-edge scientific sessions. As well as Clinicians, including medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, surgeons, pathologists, and other healthcare specialists. Representatives from the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and medical technology industries also attend to showcase new tools, therapies, and technologies and to explore collaborations. Moreover, the meeting often attracts patient advocates, cancer survivors, caregivers, educators, and policy makers who are invested in advancing cancer prevention, treatment, and supportive care.

### **Off-Site Scheduled Events**

No offsite events scheduled.

### **Shuttle Information**

No shuttle provided.

### **Contact Information**

Dave Matta, National Sales Director, SDTA  
Gerrica Gray-Johnson, Senior Director of Client Services, SDTA

## Guest Room Block

Participating Hotels	Peak Room Night
<b>Total Peak Nights = 11,621</b>	
AC Hotel San Diego Downtown Gaslamp Quarter	60
Alma San Diego Downtown, a Tribute Portfolio Hotel	120
Andaz San Diego	110
Best Western Plus Bayside Inn	100
Bristol Hotel	84
Carte Hotel San Diego	173
Courtyard By Marriott San Diego Downtown	175
Courtyard San Diego Downtown Little Italy	248
Courtyard San Diego Gaslamp/Convention Center	50
DoubleTree by Hilton San Diego Bayside	192
DoubleTree by Hilton San Diego Mission Valley	250
Embassy Suites Hotel San Diego Bay - Downtown	275
Hampton Inn by Hilton San Diego Downtown	137
Hard Rock Hotel San Diego	315
Hilton Garden Inn San Diego Downtown/Bayside	137
Hilton San Diego Airport Harbor Island	158
Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel	1,000
Hilton San Diego Gaslamp Quarter	175
Homewood Suites San Diego Downtown/Bayside	100
Horton Grand Hotel	100
Hotel Indigo - San Diego Gaslamp Quarter	150
Hotel Republic San Diego	210
Hotel Z	65
InterContinental San Diego	250
Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego	1,470
Margaritaville Hotel San Diego Gaslamp Quarter	160
Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina	1,200
Moxy San Diego Downtown Gaslamp Quarter	70
Omni San Diego Hotel at the Ballpark	400
Palihotel San Diego	52
Pendry San Diego	175
Residence Inn by Marriott San Diego Downtown Bayfront	50
Residence Inn San Diego Downtown	66
Residence Inn San Diego Downtown/Gaslamp Quarter	142
San Diego Marriott Gaslamp Quarter	200
San Diego Marriott Mission Valley	275
Sheraton Mission Valley San Diego	225
Sheraton San Diego Resort	800
Springhill Suites by Marriott San Diego Downtown Bayfront	200
The Dextro	187
The Guild Hotel, A Tribute Portfolio Hotel by Marriott	100
The US Grant, a Luxury Collection Hotel, San Diego	200
The Westgate Hotel	115
The Westin San Diego Bayview	275
The Westin San Diego Gaslamp Quarter	350
Wyndham San Diego Bayside	275

Schedule of Events

Date	Fri Apr 17	Sat Apr 18	Sun Apr 19	Mon Apr 20	Tue Apr 21	Wed Apr 22
Attendee Open Meals	All Meals	All Meals	All Meals	All Meals	All Meals	All Meals
Convention Center Agenda	<p><b>12:00PM</b> Registration Opens</p> <p><b>3:00PM-6:15PM</b> Educational Sessions and Methods Workshops</p>	<p><b>7:30AM</b> 2026 AACR Runners for Research 5k Run/Walk</p> <p><b>8:00AM-9:30AM</b> Educational Sessions and Methods Workshops</p> <p><b>9:00AM-3:00PM</b> Cancer and Biomedical Research Career Fair</p> <p><b>10:00AM-4:00PM</b> Educational Sessions and Methods Workshops</p> <p><b>4:15PM-6:15PM</b> Discovery Science Plenary Session</p>	<p><b>8:00AM-9:30AM</b> Opening Ceremony</p> <p><b>9:30AM-11:30AM</b> Opening Plenary Session</p> <p><b>12:00PM-8:00PM</b> Exhibit Show Open, Lectures and Networking Hubs</p> <p><b>8:30PM-11:30PM</b> Annual Reception</p>	<p><b>8:00AM-10:00AM</b> Plenary Session</p> <p><b>9:00PM-6:30PM</b> Poster Sessions, Exhibit Show Open, Lectures, Special Sessions and Forums</p> <p><b>4:15PM-6:00PM</b> Award Lectures</p> <p><b>5:00PM-5:45PM</b> Meet the Expert Sessions</p> <p><b>6:00PM-8:00PM</b> AACR Working Group Town Halls</p>	<p><b>8:00AM-10:00AM</b> Plenary Session</p> <p><b>9:00PM-6:30PM</b> Poster Sessions, Exhibit Show Open, Lectures, Special Sessions and Forums</p> <p><b>3:00PM-4:45PM</b> Award Lectures</p> <p><b>5:00PM-5:45PM</b> Meet the Expert Sessions</p> <p><b>6:00PM-8:00PM</b> AACR Working Group Town Halls</p>	<p><b>8:00AM-10:00AM</b> Plenary Session</p> <p><b>9:00AM-12:00PM</b> Poster Session</p> <p><b>9:00AM-12:00PM</b> Exhibit Show Open</p> <p><b>10:15AM-11:45AM</b> Major Symposia and Advances Sessions</p> <p><b>12:00PM-1:30PM</b> AACR Annual Meeting 2026 Highlights Plenary Session</p>

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