

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



ChadTough Defeat DIPG
Research Workshop
Collaborating for a Cure

May 8-9, 2026

Co-Hosted by:



Presented by:



Friday, May 8, 2026

THOMSON REUTERS

8:00 am	Networking Breakfast and Registration
9:00 am	Welcome Mark Mosier , ChadTough Defeat DIPG Foundation
9:15 am	Conference Objectives Carl Koschmann, MD , University of Michigan Sriram Venneti, MD, PhD , University of Michigan
9:30 am	Plenary Session, Part One Daniel Lim, MD, PhD , University of California, San Francisco Javad Nazarian, PhD, MS , Children's National Hospital
10:30 am	Coffee Break
10:45 am	Plenary Session, Part Two Maryam Fouladi, MD , Nationwide Children's Hospital Robert Wechsler-Reya, PhD , Columbia University Marta Alonso, PhD , Cima University of Navarra
12:00 pm	Networking Lunch
1:30 pm	DIPG/DMG Publishing and Research Resources Saheli Sadanand, PhD , Nature Medicine Journal Tim Finkel, DIPG Family Member/Research Advocate
2:15 pm	Combinatorial Frontiers Breakout Sessions Team One Leads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelle Monje MD, PhD, Stanford University • Andrea Franson MD, MS, University of Michigan Team Two Leads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mariella Filbin MD, PhD, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute • Sabine Mueller, MD, PhD, University of California, San Francisco Team Three Leads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Jones, PhD, The Institute of Cancer Research • Cassie Kline, MD, MAS, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

2:15 pm **Combinatorial Frontiers Breakout Sessions (continued)**

Team Four Leads:

- [Suzanne Baker, PhD](#), St. Jude Children's Hospital
- [Lindsay Kilburn, MD](#), Children's National Hospital

3:15 pm **Coffee Break**

3:30 pm **Working Groups**

Continuation of breakout sessions

KENSINGTON HOTEL

7:00 pm **Poster Session**

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Researchers and ChadTough Defeat DIPG Partners

Saturday, May 9, 2026

KENSINGTON HOTEL

- 7:45 am **Networking Breakfast**
- 8:30 am **Welcome**
[Ann Friedholm](#), ChadTough Defeat DIPG Foundation
- 8:45 am **Keynote**
[Nada Jabado, MD, PhD](#), McGill University
“Hijacked Chromatin: The Oncohistone Blueprint of Diffuse Midline Glioma”
- 9:45 am **Coffee Break**
- 10:00 am [Amy Barone, MD](#), Food and Drug Administration
“Regulatory Considerations on Clinical Trial Design for Pediatric Brain Tumors”
- 10:30 am [Kamal Menghrajani, MD](#), Massachusetts General Hospital
“Health Policy to Improve Cancer Care: Past, Present, and Future”
- 11:00 am **Roundtable with Researchers and Family Foundations**
Highlights from Friday’s breakout sessions
- 11:30 am **Boxed Lunches**

CRISLER CENTER

- 5:30–11:00 pm **ChadTough Defeat DIPG Gala**
Shuttles from Kensington Hotel to the Gala depart at 5:15 pm and 5:45 pm
Shuttles from the Gala to Kensington Hotel return at 10:30 pm and 11:15 pm