

The background of the entire poster is a silhouette of the Seattle skyline against a vibrant sunset sky. The sky transitions from a deep purple at the top to a bright orange near the horizon. The skyline includes the Space Needle on the left, several skyscrapers in the center, and a mountain range in the distance on the right.

2026 FALL ADRC MEETING *Seattle*

October 25-27, 2026
The Westin Seattle Hotel



MEETING SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 25

START (PT)	END (PT)	SESSION	CHAIR(S)	IN-PERSON LOCATION
3:00 pm	6:00 pm	NEUROPATHOLOGY & DATA CORE WORKSHOP <i>(attendees must RSVP)</i>	Kate Rankin, PhD Margaret Flanagan, MD	Grand 1

Monday, October 26

START (PT)	END (PT)	SESSION	CHAIR(S)	IN-PERSON LOCATION
7:00 am	8:00 am	BREAKFAST WITH CORE NETWORKING	—	Fifth Avenue
7:00 am	8:00 am	ADMINISTRATORS MEETING <i>(invite only; hybrid)</i>	—	Grand 1
8:00 am	9:45 am	DIRECTORS SESSION, PART 1	Sudha Seshadri, MD	Grand 2 & 3
9:45 am	10:30 am	NETWORKING BREAK	—	Grand Foyer
10:30 am	12:00 pm	DIRECTORS SESSION, PART 2	Sudha Seshadri, MD	Grand 2 & 3
12:00 pm	2:00 pm	LUNCH	—	On Own
12:15 pm	1:45 pm	DIRECTORS STRATEGY MEETING <i>(invite only; in person only)</i>	—	Grand 1
2:00 pm	3:30 pm	ORE CORE SESSION	Annalise Rahman-Filipiak, PhD Jaime Perales Puchalt, PhD	Grand 2 & 3
3:30 pm	4:00 pm	NETWORKING BREAK	—	Grand Foyer
4:00 pm	5:00 pm	ADVANCING THE NETWORK: OPPORTUNITIES, SCIENCE, AND COLLABORATION WITH NACC	Kari Stephens, PhD	Grand 2 & 3
6:30 pm	9:00 pm	CENTERS' RECEPTION <i>(all in person attendees are welcome)</i>	Alzheimer's Association	Offsite TBA

Tuesday, October 27

START (PT)	END (PT)	SESSION	CHAIR(S)	IN-PERSON LOCATION
7:00 am	8:00 am	BREAKFAST	—	Fifth Avenue
8:00 am	9:30 am	NEUROPATHOLOGY CORE SESSION	Margaret Flanagan, MD	Grand 2 & 3
9:30 am	10:15 am	NETWORKING BREAK	—	Grand Foyer
10:15 am	11:45 am	DATA CORE SESSION	Ana Capuano, PhD	Grand 2 & 3
11:45 am	1:15 pm	LUNCH	—	On Own
12:00 pm	1:30 pm	NACC STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING <i>(invite only; hybrid)</i>	—	Grand 1
1:15 pm	3:00 pm	REC POSTER SESSION <i>(in person only)</i>	Tatjana Rundek, MD, PhD	Cascade
3:00 pm	4:00 pm	CLARiTI SESSION	Sterling Johnson, PhD Beth Mormino, PhD	Grand 2 & 3

Wednesday, October 28

START (PT)	END (PT)	SESSION	CHAIR(S)	IN-PERSON LOCATION
9:00 am	11:00 am	VIRTUAL REC POSTER SESSION <i>(virtual only)</i>	Tatjana Rundek, MD, PhD	—



Sunday, October 25

Neuropathology Core and Data Core Workshop

3:00 - 6:00 pm PT

Planned together by the NACC Data and Neuropathology Core Steering committees, this workshop will address current issues at the intersection of data management/biostatistics and neuropathology. During the first half, we will look at breaking trends in neuropathology data management with a focus on comparing approaches used by different ADRCs to **create digital pathology archives**. In the second half, we will focus on **research design and analysis methods specific to neuropathology data**. Topics will include understanding potential analytic pitfalls when using NACC neuropathology variables, evaluating novel analytic strategies such as incorporating AI into neuropath analysis, and performing automated quantification of white matter and amyloid. This three-hour, hybrid format workshop will blend presentations by topic experts with interactive discussions focused on problem solving and sharing methodologic approaches across centers.

Part 1—New Approaches to Archiving Digital Neuropathology

3:00 - 3:15 pm

15 minutes

The Brain Digital Slide Archive (BDSA): A Cross-Core Platform for Archiving, Sharing, and Analyzing Digital Brain Autopsy Slides

Margaret E. Flanagan, PhD
Arizona ADRC

3:15 - 3:30 pm

15 minutes

Building a Scalable Digital Pathology Infrastructure for Quantitative Cerebrovascular Neuropathology at the Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center

Alifiya Kapasi, PhD
Rush University ADRC

3:30 - 3:45 pm

15 minutes

An Open-Source Platform for Digital Histopathology in ADRC

Paul Yushkevich, PhD
Penn ADRC

3:45 - 4:15 pm

30 minutes

Breakout Discussions, Part 1

4:15 - 4:30 pm

15 minutes

Break

Part 2—Analytic Design with Neuropathology: Pitfalls and Breakthroughs

4:30 - 4:45 pm

15 minutes

Designing Informative Studies With Scarce Human Brain Specimens

Ana Capuano, PhD
University of Chicago

4:45 - 5:00 pm

15 minutes

NACC Neuropathology Data: A Chamber of Secrets

Davis Woodworth, PhD
UC Irvine ADRC

5:00 - 5:15 pm

15 minutes

A Continuous Severity Score for White Matter Injury in Post Mortem Human Tissue

Javier Ramos Benitez, PhD
University of Washington ADRC

5:15 - 5:30 pm

15 minutes

Improving Reliability of AI-Based Amyloid Plaque Classification Across Institutions and Histopathology Artifacts

Uma Maheswara Rao Meleti, PhD
Wisconsin ADRC

5:30 - 6:00 pm

30 minutes

Breakout Discussions, Part 2



Monday, October 26

Directors Session, Part 1

8:00 - 9:45 am PT

National Institute on Aging

8:00 - 8:05 am

5 minutes

Introduction

Sudha Seshadri, MD
South Texas ADRC

8:05 - 8:25 am

20 minutes

NIA Update

Richard Hodes, MD
National Institute on Aging

8:25 - 8:40 am

15 minutes

NIA Division of Neuroscience Update

Jennie Larkin, PhD
National Institute on Aging

8:40 - 8:55 am

15 minutes

ADRC Program Update

Nina Silverberg, PhD
National Institute on Aging

8:55 - 9:05 am

10 minutes

NIA Q&A

NACC, NCRAD, NIAGADS

9:05 - 9:15 am

10 minutes

NACC Update

Kari Stephens, PhD
NACC

9:15 - 9:25 am

10 minutes

NCRAD Update

Tatiana Foroud, PhD
NCRAD

9:25 - 9:35 am

10 minutes

NIAGADS Update

Li-San Wang, PhD
NIAGADS

9:35 - 9:45 am

10 minutes

NACC, NCRAD, NIAGADS Q&A



Monday, October 26

Directors Session, Part 2

10:30 am - 12:00 pm PT

Prediction, Preclinical Diagnosis, and Prevention

10:30 - 10:45 am

15 minutes

Advances in Treatment of Preclinical AD

Reisa Sperling, MD
ACTC

10:45 - 10:55 am

10 minutes

Lived Experience of DIAN-TU Participant

Brian Whitney
Participant

10:55 - 11:10 am

15 minutes

Targeting RBD and Preclinical Lewy body Disorders

Jesse Cedarbaum, MD
Yale University

11:10 - 11:20 am

10 minutes

Lived Experience of Research Participation in LBD Prevention Studies

Bob Norman
Participant

11:20 - 11:35 am

15 minutes

Advances in Trials of FTLN Prevention

Adam Boxer, MD, PhD
University of California, San Francisco

11:35 - 11:45 am

10 minutes

Lived Experience of Participation in FTLN Prevention Trials

Linde Jacobs
CURE MAPT FTD

11:45 am - 12:00 pm

15 minutes

Q&A

Reisa Sperling, MD
ACTC

Bob Norman
Participant

Brian Whitney
Participant

Adam Boxer, MD, PhD
University of California, San Francisco

Jesse Cedarbaum, MD
Yale University

Linde Jacobs
Participant



Monday, October 26

ORE Core Session

2:00 - 3:30 pm PT

As recruitment becomes increasingly central to the success of ADRC and ACTC research, there is a growing need to treat recruitment as a science rather than solely an operational activity. This session will examine evidence-based recruitment and engagement practices, strategies for connecting ADRC registries with ACTC trials, participant-centered triaging approaches, and the role of CABs/PABs in shaping recruitment efforts. Panelists will discuss opportunities to build a stronger national recruitment infrastructure through systematic tracking of outreach activities, monitoring of community engagement networks, and the use of public health, behavioral, and economic frameworks to improve recruitment efficiency, external validity, and impact.

2:00 - 2:10 pm

10 minutes

NACC Best Practice Guidelines: Community and Participant Advisory Boards

Jamie Perales Puchalt, PhD
University of Kansas ADRC

Annalise M. Rahman-Filipiak, PhD
Michigan ADRC

2:10 - 2:15 pm

5 minutes

Steering Committee Membership Changes

Jamie Perales Puchalt, PhD
University of Kansas ADRC

Annalise M. Rahman-Filipiak, PhD
Michigan ADRC

2:15 - 2:55 pm

40 minutes

Evidence-based Recruitment Strategies for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias

Mireille Jacobson, PhD
University of Southern California

2:55 - 3:25 pm

30 minutes

ACTC & ADRC Panel on Recruitment

Crystal M. Glover, PhD
UC Irvine ADRC

Mireille Jacobson, PhD
University of Southern California

Joshua Grill, PhD
UC Irvine ADRC

Elizabeth Rhodus, PhD
University of Kentucky ADRC

3:25 - 3:30 pm

5 minutes

Closing Remarks

Raina Croff, PhD
OHSU ADRC

Darby J. Morhardt, PhD
Northwestern University ADRC



Monday, October 26

Advancing the Network: Opportunities, Science, and Collaboration with NACC

4:00 - 5:00 pm PT

4:00 - 4:05 pm

5 minutes

Welcome and Introduction

Kari Stephens, PhD
NACC

4:05 - 4:15 pm

10 minutes

NACC Updates

Jess Welsch, MBA
NACC

4:15 - 4:35 pm

10 minutes present, 10 minutes Q&A

Collaborating with the Gateway Exposome Coordinating Center (GECC)

Kari Stephens, PhD
NACC

Jinkook Lee, PhD
GECC

4:35 - 4:55 pm

10 minutes present, 10 minutes Q&A

AD Data Initiative Integration

TBA

4:55 - 5:00 pm

5 minutes

Closing Remarks

Kari Stephens, PhD
NACC



Tuesday, October 27

Neuropathology Core Session

8:00 - 9:30 am PT

Marking four decades of NIA-funded ADRCs, this session celebrates what ADRC Neuropathology Cores have delivered and where the field stands today. Anchored by the 2025 Alzheimer's & Dementia celebration paper (Fischer et al.) and the consensus papers that defined the modern neuropathology era, this program traces the arc from proteinopathy, selective vulnerability, and stereotypic spread to today's co-pathology-aware, data-rich neuropathology focus. Three trainee/former trainee talks showcase "where we are now" across 1) computational/digital neuropathology, 2) neuroinflammation and resilience, and 3) vascular neuropathology operationalized from NACC NP data. A brief introduction to PATH-FIND and emerging network initiatives bridges to a closing senior-leader panel on the evolving role of neuropathology in AD/ADRD research. Throughout, imaging, digital infrastructure, and biomarkers are framed as tools that extend neuropathology rather than separate parallel domains.

Where are we now?

8:00 - 8:05 am

5 minutes

Celebrating Neuropathology's Contributions to ADRCs: Partners for the Road Ahead

Luke Fischer, MD, PhD
UCSF ADRC

8:05 - 8:21 am

11 minutes present, 5 minutes Q&A

Operationalizing Small Vessel Disease Burden and VCID Likelihood from NACC Neuropathology Data

Angelique Gonzalez
Arizona ADRC

8:21 - 8:37 am

11 minutes present, 5 minutes Q&A

From REC Scholar to Computational Neuropathology: How ADRC Neuropathology Core Resources Shaped a Digital Pathology and AI Research Program

Jeff Nirschl, MD, PhD
Wisconsin ADRC

8:37 - 8:53 am

11 minutes present, 5 minutes Q&A

The microenvironment promoting resilience in aging, cognition, and careers

Aivi Nguyen, MD
Mayo Clinic ADRC

8:53 - 8:58 am

5 minutes

PATH-FIND and Emerging Neuropathology Initiatives Across the ADRC Network

C. Dirk Keene, MD, PhD
UCSD ADRC

8:58 - 9:30 am

32 minutes

Panel Discussion: The Evolving Role of Neuropathology in AD/ADRD Research

David Irwin, MD
Penn ADRC

Brittany Dugger, PhD
UC Davis ADRC

Julie Schneider, MD
Rush University ADRC

Konstantinos Arfanakis, PhD
Rush University ADRC



Tuesday, October 27

Data Core Session

10:15 - 11:45 am PT

Advancing ADRC Data Science: Multimodal AI and Digital Assessment

10:15 - 10:25 am

10 minutes

Introduction

Ana Capuano, PhD
University of Chicago

10:25 - 10:40 am

10 minutes present, 5 minutes Q&A

Remote vs. In-Person Cognitive Testing: The Impact of Visit Modality on Longitudinal Cognitive Outcomes in Older Adults

Sudeshna Das, PhD
Massachusetts ADRC

10:40 - 10:55 am

10 minutes present, 5 minutes Q&A

A Multi-Scale, Multi-Omics Explainable AI Framework Linking Deep Polygenic Risk to Gene Expression and Neuroimaging Phenotypes for Alzheimer's Disease

Da Ma, PhD
Wake Forest ADRC

10:55 - 11:10 am

10 minutes present, 5 minutes Q&A

SPHERE ADRC: An Openly Shareable Synthetic Twin of the Stanford ADRC Cohort with an Integrated AI Analysis Agent to Accelerate Alzheimer's Research

Zihuai He, PhD
Stanford ADRC

11:10 - 11:25 am

10 minutes present, 5 minutes Q&A

Dissemination of Speech Data: Digital Voice (dVoice) Working Group Progress Report

Hiroko Dodge, PhD
Massachusetts ADRC

11:25 - 11:40 am

10 minutes present, 5 minutes Q&A

PHILTER: A Local, Human-in-the-Loop Protected Health Information De-Identification Pipeline for UDSv4 Audio Recordings

Andrew Weakley, PhD
UC Davis ADRC

11:40 - 11:45 am

5 minutes

Opportunities for Continued Collaboration and Closing Remarks

Ana Capuano, PhD
University of Chicago



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CLARiTI Session		4:00 - 5:00 pm PT
4:00 - 4:10 pm		10 minutes
CLARiTI Study Updates		Sterling Johnson, PhD Wisconsin ADRC
4:10 - 4:20 pm		10 minutes
Plasma Proteomics Project		Sarah Biber, PhD Knight ADRC, Washington University
4:20 - 4:30 pm		10 minutes
CSF for CLARiTI		Nick Ashton, PhD Arizona ADRC
4:30 - 4:35 pm		5 minutes
CSF for CLARiTI		Henrik Zetterberg, MD, PhD Wisconsin ADRC
4:35 - 4:45 pm		10 minutes
CSF for CLARiTI		Beth Mormino, PhD Stanford ADRC
4:45 - 4:50 pm		5 minutes
CLARiTI Fellow Announcement		Beth Mormino, PhD Stanford ADRC
4:50 - 5:00 pm		10 minutes
Q&A	Sterling Johnson, PhD Wisconsin ADRC	Sarah Biber, PhD Knight ADRC, Washington University
	Beth Mormino, PhD Stanford ADRC	Nick Ashton, PhD Arizona ADRC
		Henrik Zetterberg, MD, PhD Wisconsin ADRC