HTRS 2026 SEARCH Workshop Agenda

Friday, October 23 - Sunday, October 25, 2026
Emory University

Faculty & Attendee Arrival Day Friday, October 23, 2026 7:00-9:00 PM Eastern Time	
Time/Location	**Event**
5:00 PM	**Registration Desk Opens**
6:00 – 7:00 PM *Mountain Laurel*	**Opening Remarks | Faculty & Attendee Introductions** "The Story Behind SEARCH" Alan Mast, MD, PhD *Chair Emeritus, SEARCH Workshop Planning Committee*
7:00-10:00 PM *Wisteria Lanes*	**Welcome Dinner & Team-Building** **"Wear Your College or Institute Swag"**

Workshop Day 1 Saturday, October 24, 2026 8:00 AM-8:00 PM Eastern Time	
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7:30 AM	**Registration Desk Opens**

Workshop Day 1 Saturday, October 24, 2026 8:00 AM-8:30 PM Eastern Time	
Time/Location	**Event**
7:45 AM *Registration Desk*	**Attendee Check-in** *All attendees check at Registration Desk for Day 1*
8:00-8:45 AM *Dining Room*	**Breakfast | H&T Networking Tables** **<u>Undergraduate Table #1a: "Preparing for a Career as a Discovery-based Scientist in H&T"</u>** **Faculty Table Moderator: Alan Mast, MD, PhD** • How do I apply for graduate school/PhD programs? • How do discovery-based researchers and physician scientists work together? **<u>Undergraduate Table #1b: "Preparing for a Career as a Discovery-based Scientist in H&T"</u>** **Faculty Table Moderator: A. Valance Washington, PhD** • How do I apply for graduate school/PhD programs? • How do discovery-based researchers and physician scientists work together? **<u>Undergraduate Table #2a: "Preparing for a Career as a Physician Scientist in H&T"</u>** **Faculty Table Moderator: Bhavya Doshi, MD** • How do I apply for medical school? • How do physician scientists and discovery-based researchers work together? **<u>Undergraduate Table #2b: "Preparing for a Career as a Physician Scientist in H&T"</u>** **Faculty Table Moderator: Lalitha Nayak, MD** • How do I apply for medical school? • How do physician scientists and discovery-based researchers work together?

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Time/Location	**Event**
	<u>Medical Student Table: "Preparing for Medical School"</u> **Faculty Table Moderator: Giancarlo Valiente, MD, PhD** • How do I incorporate research into my medical school training/residency? • How do I choose which research lab to join? **<u>Graduate or Doctoral Student Table: "Getting Started in Research as a PhD Scientist in H&T"</u>** **Faculty Table Moderator: Seema Patel, PhD** • How do I start a research lab as a discovery-based scientist? • How do I fund my research?
8:45-9:00 AM *Mountain Laurel*	**Day 1 | Welcome & Opening Remarks** A. Valance Washington, PhD *Chair, SEARCH Workshop Planning Committee* Alan Mast, MD, PhD *Chair Emeritus, SEARCH Workshop Planning Committee* Bhavya Doshi, MD *Local Host and SEARCH Workshop Planning Committee*
9:00-9:45 AM *Mountain Laurel*	**SESSION 1: Panel: "The Importance of Mentorship"** <u>Session Moderator</u> A. Valance Washington, PhD, and SEARCH Ambassadors <u>Panelists</u> All Faculty
9:45-10:00 AM	**Morning Break | Networking**

Workshop Day 1 Saturday, October 24, 2026 8:00 AM-8:30 PM Eastern Time	
Time/Location	**Event**
10:00-11:00 AM *Mountain Laurel*	**SESSION 2: "Hemostasis & Thrombosis 101"** Session Moderator: Giancarlo Valiente, MD, PhD
10:00-10:15 AM *15 minutes*	Session 2 | **Part A: "Bird's Eye View: H&T History and Impact"** Presenter: Bhayva Doshi, MD
10:15-11:00 AM *45 minutes*	Session 2 | **Part B: "H&T History and Me"** Speed Networking Tables All Faculty *Attendees switch tables every 15 minutes*
11:00-11:10 AM	**Break**
11:15 AM-12:00 PM *Mountain Laurel*	**SESSION 3: "A Day in the Life of a Clinical Hematologist"** Session Moderator: Imo Akpan, MD <u>Panelists</u> All faculty members who are clinical hematologists
12:00-1:00 PM *Dining Room*	**Lunch | Networking**
1:00-2:15 PM *Mountain Laurel*	**SESSION 4: Science Showcase | "My Clinical Science Research"** Session Moderator: Alan Mast, MD, PhD
1:00-1:20 PM	Presenter 1: **Adam Cuker, MD, MSTR** Presentation Title: "My Research Focus"
1:20-1:35 PM	Q&A with Presenter 1
1:35-2:00 PM	Presenter 2: **Lalitha Nayak, MD** Presentation Title: "Finding Your Path"

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2:00-2:15 PM	Q&A with Presenter 2
2:15-2:20 PM	**Overview of Emory Demo Structure & Groups** *Faculty presenting demos at the Emory can leave*
2:30-2:45 PM	**Shuttle to Emory Children's Center**
2:45-5:00 PM	**Session 5: Lab Demos** *Attendees will cycle through all three demonstrations*
	Demo 1: Doshi Lab – Coagulation Assays (Med)
	Demo 2: Patel Lab – Flow Cytometry (Advanced)
	Demo 3: Chonat Lab – Complement Assays (Basic)
5:00-5:30 PM	Board Shuttle | Return to Hotel
5:30-5:45 PM	Break
5:45-6:00 PM	**Group Photo**
6:00-8:30 PM Dinner: *Dining Room* *Team Budling: Hickory*	**Dinner and Team Building Activity**
8:30 PM	**Day 1 Adjourn**

Workshop Day 2 Sunday, October 25, 2026 8:00 AM-12:15 PM Eastern Time	
Time/Location	**Event**
7:30 AM	**Registration Desk Opens**
7:45 AM Registration Desk	**Attendee Check-in** *All attendees check at Registration Desk for Day 2*
8:00-8:45 AM *Dining Room*	**Breakfast | H&T Networking Tables** ***Undergraduate students*** *should sit at the table for topics they did not visit on Saturday morning.* ***Medical and graduate students****: table topics have changed. Please sit according to your current program.* **<u>Undergraduate Table #1a: "Preparing for a Career as a Discovery-based Scientist in H&T"</u>** **Faculty Table Moderator: Alan Mast, MD, PhD** • How do I apply for graduate school/PhD programs? • How do discovery-based researchers and physician scientists work together? **<u>Undergraduate Table #1b: "Preparing for a Career as a Discovery-based Scientist in H&T"</u>** **Faculty Table Moderator: A. Valance Washington, PhD** • How do I apply for graduate school/PhD programs? • How do discovery-based researchers and physician scientists work together? **<u>Undergraduate Table #2a: "Preparing for a Career as a Physician Scientist in H&T"</u>** **Faculty Table Moderator: Bhavya Doshi, MD** • How do I apply for medical school? • How do physician scientists and discovery-based researchers work together?

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9:00-9:45 AM *Mountain Laurel*	**SESSION 6: Faculty Panel Discussion: "A Day in the Life of a Blood Research Scientist"** Session Moderator: Giancarlo Valiente, MD, PhD <u>Panelists</u> All faculty PhDs
9:45-10:00 AM	**Break | Networking**
10:00-11:00 AM *Mountain Laurel*	**SESSION 7: Science Showcase 2 | My Basic/Translational Science Research"** Session Moderator
10:00-10:20 AM	Presenter 1: A. Valance Washington, PhD Presentation Title: "TLT-1's Potential Role in Platelet Function

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10:20-10:30 AM	Q&A with Presenter 1
10:30-10:50 AM	Presenter 2: Seema Patel, PhD Presentation Title: "A Glimpse at Immunology in HT"
10:50-11:00 AM	Q&A with Presenter 2
11:00 AM-11:30 AM	**Next Steps in Your Career and Closing Remarks** "Next Steps in Your Career" Imo Joseph Akpan, MD "Closing Remarks" A. Valance Washington, PhD
11:30-12:30 PM *Dining Room*	**Closing Lunch | Networking**
12:30 PM	**Workshop Adjourns | Shuttle to Airport**