

# 2026

## Montagna Symposium on the Biology of Skin

*Sponsorship packet*

**Resident Memory T Cells in Health  
and Disease**

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# The Montagna Symposium on the Biology of Skin



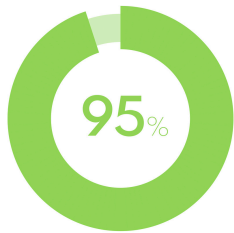
## About

For more than 75 years, the Montagna Symposium on the Biology of Skin has set the scientific agenda in dermatology. Montagna is widely regarded as the most prestigious investigative dermatology meeting in North America.

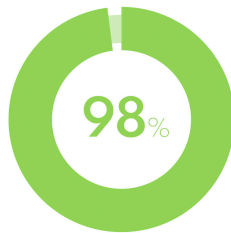
Each year, approximately 150 of the world's leading skin scientists, physician-scientists, translational researchers, and high-potential trainees gather for four immersive days at Skamania Lodge in the Columbia River Gorge.

Montagna is intentionally intimate: attendees share meals, discussions, and outdoor experiences that foster meaningful collaboration and lasting professional relationships.

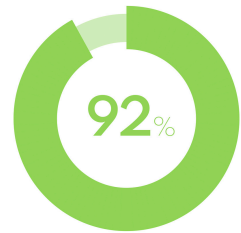
The results speak for themselves:



95% of attendees report forming new research or clinical collaborations



98% learn novel strategies applicable to treating skin disease



92% gain information directly applicable to their work

Montagna is not simply a meeting — it is where careers accelerate, collaborations are born, and the future of dermatology is shaped.



# Tissue-Resident Memory T Cells (TRM) in the Skin

The 2026 Symposium explores one of the most transformative discoveries in immunodermatology: Tissue-Resident Memory T Cells (TRM).

Human skin contains an estimated 20 billion immune cells that never leave their tissue. These resident memory cells retain a lifelong imprint of infections, allergens, inflammatory insults, and tumors—fundamentally reshaping our understanding of chronic and recurrent skin disease. This science explains:

- Why psoriasis recurs in the same anatomical locations
- Why vitiligo reappears in previously affected skin
- How the immune system keeps early melanomas dormant
- Why checkpoint immunotherapies are dramatically effective in certain skin cancers
- Why eczema flares recur in predictable patterns
- How next-generation vaccines may be delivered through the skin

The therapies that will define the next decade of dermatologic care—targeted biologics, cancer immunotherapies, durable remission strategies, and skin-based vaccines—are being built on this biology.

The investigators presenting at Montagna are the scientists driving these breakthroughs.

# A Once-in-a-Career Faculty

The 2026 Montagna Symposium Program is directed by:

*Symposium Chair*

**Rachael Clark,  
M.D., Ph.D.**

Harvard /  
Brigham &  
Women's  
Hospital



Dr. Clark discovered that human skin harbors twice as many immune cells as the bloodstream

*Co-organizer*

**Liv Eidsmo,  
M.D., Ph.D.**

Karolinska Institutet /  
University of Copenhagen

*Elucidated mechanisms of psoriasis recurrence*



*Co-organizer*

**Thomas  
Gebhardt, Ph.D.**

University of Melbourne

*Demonstrated immune-mediated melanoma dormancy*



*Co-organizer*

**William Crisler,  
M.D., Ph.D.**

Harvard / Brigham &  
Women's Hospital

*Applying cutting-edge sequencing, spatial transcriptomics, and proteomics to human skin disease.*



## Symposium Co-directors



**Alex Ortega, M.D.,  
M.C.R.**  
OHSU



**Sancy Leachman,  
M.D., Ph.D.**  
OHSU



**Tamia Harris-Tryon,  
M.D., Ph.D.**  
UT Southwestern

In addition to the organizing committee, invited speakers include leaders from Harvard, Penn, Columbia, Michigan, MGH, NYU, and other major international institutions, covering:

- Inflammatory skin disease
- Skin cancer and tumor immunity
- Infection and vaccination
- Emerging therapeutic strategies



# Why industry partnership matters

Industry support strengthens the scientific foundation upon which clinical innovation depends. Supporting Montagna signals a commitment to scientific excellence, innovation, and the future of dermatologic therapeutics. Industry is a critical piece of our puzzle.

True to this commitment (and in the spirit of the Montagna Symposium) we develop our program around meaningful, personal engagement opportunities for all of our participants – including our sponsors.

## Sponsors align themselves with:

- The most influential physician-scientists in dermatology
- NIH-funded principal investigators
- Department chairs and endowed professors
- The next generation of academic and translational leaders



# Sponsorship Levels



## Associate Sponsor

- Two badges
- Logo placement & acknowledgement in conference materials

**\$3,000**

## Patron Sponsor

- Two badges
- Logo placement & acknowledgement in conference materials
- Exhibit table

**\$5,000**

## Benefactor Sponsor

- Two badges
- Logo placement & acknowledgement in conference materials
- Exhibit table
- Participation in small group breakout activities

**\$10,000**

# Sponsorship Levels (cont.)



## Sustainer Sponsor

- Two badges
- Logo placement & acknowledgement in conference materials
- Exhibit table in premium space
- Participation in small group breakout activities

**\$15,000**

## Champion Sponsor

- Two badges
- Logo placement & acknowledgement in conference materials
- Exhibit table in premium space
- Participation in small group breakout activities
- Participation in industry leaders' panel

**\$25,000**

# Sponsorship Levels (cont.)

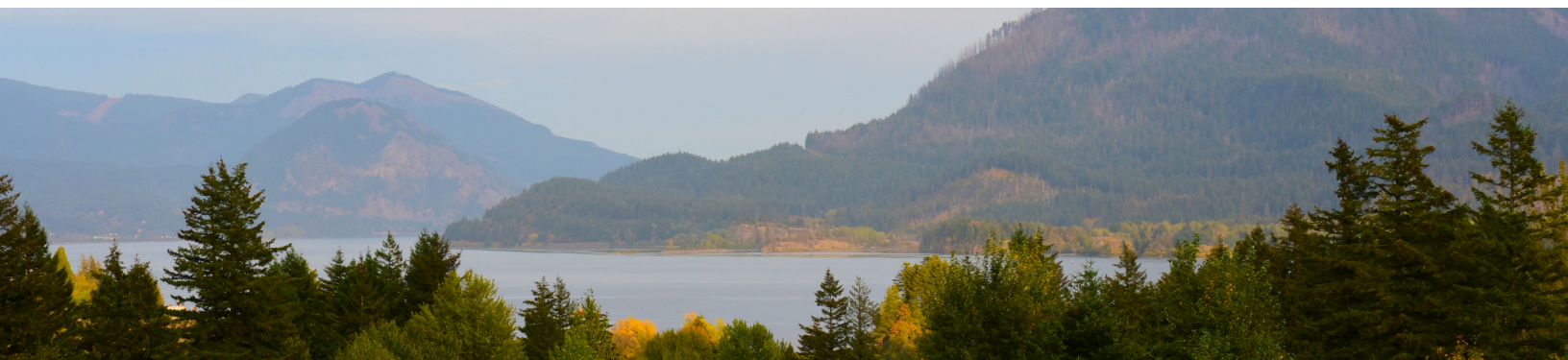


## Platinum Sponsor

- Two badges
- Logo placement & acknowledgement in conference materials
- Exhibit table in premium space
- Participation in small group breakout activities
- Participation in industry leaders' panel
- 1:1 or small group meetings with select speakers and attendees

**\$40,000**

*Note:* All of the above sponsorship opportunities include refreshments throughout the day and meals. Additional badges purchased in conjunction with the above sponsorship levels can be purchased for \$1000.



# Sponsorship À la carte



- Travel awardee sponsorship: **\$2500** (multiple available)
- Recreational activity sponsorship: **\$5,000** (multiple available. Options include activities such as golf, axe throwing, karaoke, etc)
- Reception sponsorship: **\$10,000** (two available)
- Lanyard sponsorship: **\$15,000** (one available)
- Poster competition sponsorship: **\$20,000** (one available)
- Meeting app sponsorship: **\$25,000** (one available)



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