



The Fourteenth Annual
Advances in Chemical Sciences Symposium
Alkermes, Waltham, MA
Date: May 8th, 2026

A day-long symposium focused on Medicinal Chemistry, Organic Synthesis, and Methodology, featuring eminent scientists from industry and academia.

TIME	SPEAKER/SESSION
07:00 AM	Symposium Opens – Breakfast & refreshments in the Exhibition Hall
Opening Remarks & Housekeeping Details	
08:45 AM	Welcome to the Symposium: Raj Rajur , CreaGen Inc., Chair, Medicinal Chemistry NESACS & Brian Aquila - Alkermes
Morning Session Chair: Paul Greenspan	
09:00 AM	Professor Amanda Garner, University of Michigan Title: Enabling Technologies for Revealing Druggable Paths in RNA Biology
10:00 AM	Speaker: Eric Therrien, Schrödinger, New York Title: Discovery of Novel Mutant-Selective Imidazo[3.2-b]pyrazole EGFR Inhibitors Using an In Silico-Enabled Drug Discovery Platform
11:00 AM To 11:30 AM	Networking break & refreshments in the Exhibition Hall
11:30 AM	Associate Professor Alison E. Wendlandt, MIT, Cambridge Title: Site-selective Functional Group Migration Reactions
12:30 PM To 01:30 PM	Boxed Lunch Break

Afternoon Session Chair: Brian Aquila

01:30 PM	Keynote Speaker: Professor Dean Toste, University of California, Berkeley Title: Supramolecular Hosts as Enzyme Mimics
02:30 PM	Libby Hennessy, Merck, Cambridge Title: Discovery of a Potent A2A/A2B Adenosine Receptor Dual Antagonist for Cancer Immunotherapy
03:30 PM To 04:00 PM	Networking break & refreshments in the Exhibition Hall
04:00 PM	Speaker: Matt LaMarche, Sanofi, Cambridge Title: Think Biologically, Act Chemically
05:00 PM To 06:00 PM	Close of Science Session & Opening of Social Event – Raffle, Refreshments & Food

Registration Link: <https://nemedchem.org/conference>

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