



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
<b>Opening Remarks &amp; Housekeeping Details</b>	
08:45 AM	Welcome to the Symposium: <b>Raj Rajur</b> , CreaGen Inc., Chair, Medicinal Chemistry NESACS & <b>Brian Aquila</b> - Alkermes
<b>Morning Session Chair: Co-organizer</b>	
09:00 AM	<b>Professor Amanda Garner, University of Michigan</b> <b>Title:</b> Enabling Technologies for Revealing Druggable Paths in RNA Biology
10:00 AM	<b>Speaker:</b> TBA <b>Title:</b> TBA
11:00 AM To 11:30 AM	<b>Networking break &amp; refreshments in the Exhibition Hall</b>
11:30 AM	<b>Associate Professor Alison E. Wendlandt, MIT, Cambridge</b> <b>Title:</b> Site-selective Functional Group Migration Reactions
12:30 PM To 01:30 PM	<b>Boxed Lunch Break</b>

## Afternoon Session Chair: Co-organizer

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

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

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