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Translational Virology of Oncogenic Viruses: From Epidemiology to Intervention In Sub-Saharan Africa

Hosted by the University of KwaZulu-Natal's (UKZN) Discipline of Virology at the Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine, the symposium will take a translational approach to highlight the burden of cancers driven by viral infections and discuss relevant oncogenic viruses research and implementation of interventions in sub-Saharan Africa. The scientific meeting will have thematic seminars and abstract-driven presentations as well as a practical workshop targeted at postgraduate students.



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