

Day 0, Tuesday, September 22, 2026
Schedule at a Glance

8:00a - 10:00a	Pre-Conference Tutorials - AM					Sponsors
	Business Acumen for Quality Professionals: 10 Tips that Deliver	Structured Root Cause Analysis: Empowering Auditors to Drive System-Level Improvements	GxP for Supplier and Internal Audits	Advanced Problem Solving: Applying the 8D Methodology to Strengthen Corrective Action Performance	ISO 9001 Revision Requirements (USA Style)	
	Rai Chowdhary	Denis Devos	James Shore	Angelo Scangas	Paul Russell	
	Tate	Pollock A	Pollock B	Warhol A	Warhol B	
10:00a - 10:15a	Break, Snacks - Pollock & Warhol Foyer					
10:15a - 12:00p	Pre-Conference Tutorials - AM continued					
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12:00p - 1:00p	Lunch - Pollock & Warhol Foyer					
1:00p - 3:00p	Pre-Conference Tutorials - PM					
	Your Audit Report – False Assurance or Stamp of Authenticity	Structured Root Cause Analysis: Empowering Auditors to Drive System-Level Improvements	GxP for Supplier and Internal Audits	Advanced Problem Solving: Applying the 8D Methodology to Strengthen Corrective Action Performance	ISO 9001 Revision Requirements (USA Style)	
	Rai Chowdhary	Denis Devos	James Shore	Angelo Scangas	Paul Russell	
	Tate	Pollock A	Pollock B	Warhol A	Warhol B	
3:00p - 3:15p	Break, Snacks - Pollock & Warhol Foyer					
3:15p - 5:00p	Pre-Conference Tutorials - PM continued					
	Your Audit Report – False Assurance or Stamp of Authenticity	Structured Root Cause Analysis: Empowering Auditors to Drive System-Level Improvements	GxP for Supplier and Internal Audits	Advanced Problem Solving: Applying the 8D Methodology to Strengthen Corrective Action Performance	ISO 9001 Revision Requirements (USA Style)	
	Rai Chowdhary	Denis Devos	James Shore	Angelo Scangas	Paul Russell	
	Tate	Pollock A	Pollock B	Warhol A	Warhol B	
5:00p - 6:30p	No programming					
6:30p - 8:30p	Sponsor-Funded Networking Reception - The Ashburn (located inside of Loews Hotel)					

Sponsor Booth Setup

Pollack & Cassatt Foyer
8:00a - 5:00p

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Day 1, Wednesday, September 23, 2026						
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7:30a - 8:00a	Coffee / Tea / Snacks - Pollack & Cassatt Foyer					Sponsors
8:00a - 8:05a	Opening Announcements - Cassatt C/D					Sponsor Hall Open Pollack & Cassatt Foyer 8:00a - 4:40p
8:05a - 8:10a	Guest Speaker - Sid Bhatnagar					
8:10a - 8:15a	Keynote Intro - Cassatt C/D					
8:15a - 9:00a	Keynote Speaker - Jd Marhevko - Cassatt C/D					
9:00a - 9:15a	Sponsor Presentation(s) - Cassatt C/D					
9:15a - 9:25a	Pre-Conference Announcements, Housekeeping Items - Cassatt C/D					
9:25a - 9:40a	Break, Sponsor Bingo - Pollack & Cassatt Foyer					
9:40a - 10:30a	50-minute concurrent sessions - Main Track				FDC Track	
	A1: Future Ready: The AI-Enabled Auditor	B1: Social Audits: Strengthening Ethical Practices Across Global Supply Chains	C1: Holistic Approach to Prepare Auditors for the Future	D1: Quality Auditing as Investigative Analysis: Break Out Your Inner Sleuth!	E1: Food Safety Culture as a Strategic Asset: Driving Excellence Beyond Audits	
	Kellan Ilse	Jennifer Stepniowski	Aditya Desai & Dani Hestermann	Michael Ford	Jennifer DuCree	
	Room: Pollock A	Room: Pollock B	Room: Cassatt A	Room: Cassatt B	Room: Tate	
10:30a - 10:50a	Break, Sponsor Bingo - Pollack & Cassatt Foyer					
10:50a - 11:40a	50-minute concurrent sessions - Main Track				FDC Track	
	A2: AI-Powered Regulatory Intelligence and Auditing: What the Future Brings	B2: Yes, Humans Can Be Calibrated As Effective Gages	C2: The Future of Quality Auditing: Insights from a Futurist on the Evolving Role of Auditors	D2: How Do I validate This QMS Software?	E2: Medical Device Product Development: What An Auditor Should Look for in Every Stage	
	George Kwiecinski	Jd Marhevko	Kathy Lyall	Jame Shore	Nish Abeysiriwardena	
	Room: Pollock A	Room: Pollock B	Room: Cassatt A	Room: Cassatt B	Room: Tate	
11:40a - 12:00p	Break, Sponsor Bingo - Pollack & Cassatt Foyer					
12:00p - 12:05p	Midday Announcements, Lunch Starts - Cassatt C/D					
12:05p - 12:15p	Paul Gauthier Award Presentation - Cassatt C/D					
12:15p - 12:20p	Keynote Intro - Cassatt C/D					
12:20p - 1:05p	Keynote Speaker - Michael Fank - Cassatt C/D					
1:05p - 1:20p	Sponsor Presentation(s) - Cassatt C/D					
1:20p - 1:30p	Break, Sponsor Bingo - Pollack & Cassatt Foyer					
1:30p - 2:20p	50-minute concurrent sessions - Main Track				FDC Track	
	A3: Future-Ready Audits: Risk-Based Validation of AI, Software, and Automation in GxP Environments	B3: Auditing Smarter with Copilot: Applying Generative AI Without Losing Trust	C3: Your Most Important Audit: Applying the Auditor's Mindset to Your Financial Future	D3: Open Ended Requirements: More Keep Coming, How Do I Audit Them?	E3: Auditing for FSMA Intentional Adulteration Rule	
	Manish Dnyaneshwar Baviskar	Amanda Lyon	Rai Chowdhary	Paul Russell	Cathleen Howick	
	Room: Pollock A	Room: Pollock B	Room: Cassatt A	Room: Cassatt B	Room: Tate	
2:20p - 2:40p	Break, Sponsor Bingo - Pollack & Cassatt Foyer					
2:40p - 3:30p	50-minute concurrent sessions - Main Track				FDC Track	
	A4: Audit Smarter: Practical AI Techniques for Everyday Auditing	B4: Demystifying Calibration Accreditation Scopes	C4: Auditing Risk Assessment Quality (Not Just Scoring)	D4: ISO 9001:2026 - What's Next?	E4: How to communicate with your conformity assessment body	
	Shwetha Jayachandran	Heather Wade	Angelo Scangas	Lance Coleman	Balasz Bozsik	
	Room: Pollock A	Room: Pollock B	Room: Cassatt A	Room: Cassatt B	Room: Tate	
3:30p - 3:50p	Break, Sponsor Bingo - Pollack & Cassatt Foyer					
3:50p - 4:40p	50-minute concurrent sessions - Main Track				FDC Track	
	A5: Empowering Auditors with Agentic AI: Build, Validate, and Audit with Confidence	B5: Identifying and Avoiding Lean's 10 Wastes in Audits	C5: Auditing the "Gray Areas": How to Evaluate Effectiveness (Not Just Conformance)	D5: Benchmarking Internal Audit Duration: Are Organizations Under-Auditing?	E5: Cosmetic Manufacturer Auditing: Update on MoCRA Compliance and Auditing Trends	
	Attrayee Chakraborty	Christy Furlan	Laura Halleck	Dan Cannon	Steve Ault	
	Room: Pollock A	Room: Pollock B	Room: Cassatt A	Room: Cassatt B	Room: Tate	
4:40p - 6:30p	No Programming					
6:30p - 10:00p	Gala - Cassatt Ballroom					

Day 2, Thursday, September 24, 2026

Schedule at a Glance

7:30a - 8:00a	Coffee / Tea / Snacks - Cassatt C/D					Sponsors
8:00a - 8:10a	Morning Announcements, Snacks - Cassatt C/D					Sponsor Hall Open Pollack & Cassatt Foyer 8:00a - 11:40a
8:10a - 8:15a	Keynote Intro - Cassatt C/D					
8:15a - 9:00a	Keynote Speaker - Lori Ledenbach - Cassatt C/D					
9:00a - 9:20a	Sponsor Presentation(s)					
9:20a - 9:25a	Announcements, Housekeeping Items - Cassatt C/D					
9:25a - 9:40a	Break, Snacks, Sponsor Bingo - Pollack & Cassatt Foyer					
9:40a - 10:30a	50-minute concurrent sessions - Main Track				FDC Track	
	F1: Navigating the New Regulatory Landscape: EU MDR 2.0 & US QMSR	G1: From Reactive Audits to Preventive Control: Building a Risk-Tiered Contract Governance Model	H1: Third-Party Verification as a Catalyst for System Quality Improvement	I1: A First Look at ISO 9001:2026	J1: Who Owns Quality?: Auditing Considerations for Own Label Distributors Dietary Supplements	
	BJ Johnson & Urmi Vidyarthi	Kristin Schuler	Melody Scott	Denis Devos	Shelly Blackwell	
	Room: Pollock A	Room: Pollock B	Room: Cassatt A	Room: Cassatt B	Room: Tate	
10:30a - 10:50a	Break, Sponsor Bingo - Pollack & Cassatt Foyer					
10:50a - 11:40a	50-minute concurrent sessions - Main Track				FDC Track	
	F2: Beyond Compliance: Future-Ready Auditing for Risk and Safety in the QMSR - ISO 9001:2025 Era	G2: Playing Defense: Strategies for Avoiding, Containing, and Resisting Audit Findings	H2: Step-By-Step Audit of Digital Twin of Digital Twin-Controlled Robotic Assembly Systems	I2: Data Quality - Auditing the Digital Factory	J2: Standards for EU Medical Device Regulatory Compliance	
	Whitney Davis	Derek Purdy	Srividia Narayanan & Lavanya Ramnath	Denholm Kendall	Balasz Bozsik	
	Room: Pollock A	Room: Pollock B	Room: Cassatt A	Room: Cassatt B	Room: Tate	
11:40a - 12:00p	Networking Break, Sponsor Bingo Winners Announced - Pollack & Cassatt Foyer					Sponsor Booth Breakdown
12:00p - 12:15p	Announcements, Bingo Prizes, Lunch Starts - Cassatt C/D					
12:15p - 1:15p	Keynote Speaker - Michael Ford - Cassatt C/D					
1:15p - 1:30p	End-of-Conference Announcements, Thank You's - Cassatt C/D					

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