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11:00AM - 12:00PM: Lunch | Networking | Believe Bundle Creation | Posters

12:05 - 12:05PM: Opening Remarks

12:05 - 1:00 PM: Business Roundtable

- Mr. Ignacio Núñez, BioExcellence (moderator)
- Mr. George Eastwood, Emily Whitehead Foundation
- Mr. James Bowen, Penn Center for Innovation
- Panelist Announcement Coming Soon!

1:00 - 1:15 PM: Break & Refreshments

1:15 - 3:15 PM: Innovations in ex vivo cell & gene therapy manufacturing

- **1:15 - 1:45 PM:** Dr. Boro Dropulić, Caring Cross
- **1:45 - 2:15 PM:** Dr. Saba Ghassemi, University of Pennsylvania
- **2:15 - 2:45 PM:** Mr. Raymond Luke, Verismo Therapeutics
- **2:45 - 3:15 PM:** Panel

○ *Chaired by Dr. Michael Lotze*

3:15 - 3:30 PM: Break & Refreshments

3:30 - 5:30 PM: Hope for solid tumor cancer patients

- **3:30 - 4:00 PM:** Dr. Smita Chandran, Memorial Sloan Kettering
- **4:00 - 4:30 PM:** Dr. Patrick Hanley, Children's National
- **4:30 - 5:00 PM:** Dr. Ekaterina Doubrovina, Rutgers University
- **5:00 - 5:30 PM:** Panel

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5:30 - 5:35 PM: Closing Remarks

5:35 - 6:00PM: Intermission (Free Museum Exhibit for Attendees)

6:00 - 9:00 PM: Dinner Reception