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FORUM @ GATEWAY OF PACIFIC

750 Gateway Blvd

South San Francisco, CA 94080

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## AGENDA

**10:00AM - 10:30AM - Registration | Refreshments | Networking**

**10:30AM - 10:45AM - Opening Remarks**

**10:45AM - 11:15AM - Patient Advocate Keynote**

- Ms. Marci McCue

**11:15AM - 12:00PM - Business Roundtable**

- Mr. Ignacio Núñez | BioExcellence
- Dr. Sohel Talib | California Institute of Regenerative Medicine (CIRM)
- Dr. Kanika Chawla | Kanika Chawla Bioconsulting & Pharmefex Consulting
- Ms. Lori Hu | Vertex Ventures HC

**12:00 - 1:00PM - Lunch | Refreshments | Networking**

**1:00 - 3:00PM - Innovations in ex vivo cell & gene therapy manufacturing**

- **1:00 - 1:25 PM** - Dr. Ross Wilson | UC-Berkeley & IGI
  - *"Peptide-enabled ribonucleoprotein delivery for CRISPR engineering (PERC) in primary human immune cells and hematopoietic stem cells"*
- **1:25 - 1:50 PM** - Dr. Ramya Tunuguntla | Stanford Center for Cancer Cell Therapy
  - *"Fully integrated end-to-end manufacturing of autologous CAR T cells"*
- **1:50 - 2:15 PM** - Dr. Ke Li | UCSF & Gladstone Institutes
  - *"A non-viral platform to produce CAR-T cell therapies"*
- **2:15 - 2:40 PM** - Mr. Chris Brown | Seattle Children's Therapeutics
  - *"Shall we dance? High throughput manufacturing of CAR-T cells."*
- **2:15 - 2:40 PM** - Panel

**3:00 - 3:30PM - Break | Refreshments | Networking**

**3:30 - 5:00PM - Hope for kids with rare pediatric cancers**

- **3:30 - 3:55 PM** - Dr. Steve Feldman | Stanford Laboratory for Cell & Gene Medicine
  - *"Potent GPC2-CAR T cells tuned for low antigen density without toxicity"*
- **3:55 - 4:20 PM** - Dr. Andras Heczey | Seattle Children's Research Institute
  - *"Effective manufacturing of CAR-T cells for pediatric cancer without apheresis"*
- **4:20 - 4:45 PM** - Dr. Shahab Asgharzadeh | Children's Hospital of Los Angeles
  - *"Engineering and Development of Tumor Microenvironment-Resistant CAR-T Cells for Pediatric Solid Tumors"*
- **4:45 - 5:00 PM** - Panel

**5:00 - 5:05 PM - Closing Remarks**

**5:05 - 7:00 PM - Dinner & Drinks Reception | Networking | Poster Session**