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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 | 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 – 1:30 PM** – Dr. Ross Wilson | UC-Berkeley & IGI
  - *"Peptide-enabled ribonucleoprotein delivery for CRISPR engineering (PERC) in primary human immune cells and hematopoietic stem cells"*
- **1:30 – 2:00 PM** – Dr. Ramya Tunuguntla | Stanford Center for Cancer Cell Therapy
  - *"Fully integrated end-to-end manufacturing of autologous CAR T cells"*
- **2:00 – 2:30 PM** – Dr. Ke Li | UCSF & Gladstone Institutes
  - *"A non-viral platform to produce CAR-T cell therapies"*
- **2:30 – 3:00 PM** – Mr. Chris Brown | Seattle Children's Therapeutics
  - *"Shall we dance? High throughput manufacturing of CAR-T cells."*

3:00 – 3:30PM – Break | Refreshments | Networking

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

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

5:00 - 5:05 PM – Closing Remarks

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