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AGENDA (10:00AM – 7:00PM)

10:00 – 10:30AM – Registration | Refreshments | Networking

10:30 – 10:45AM – Opening Remarks

10:45 – 11:15AM – Fireside Chat with Patient & Caregiver Advocates

- Ms. Laurie Adami
 - Cancer Survivor & CAR-T cell therapy recipient
- Dr. Vicki Plaks (moderator)
 - Sr. Director, Head of Cell Therapy, Oncology Translational Research, J&J

11:15 – 12:00PM – Business Roundtable

- Panelist announcements coming soon!

12:00 – 1:00PM – Lunch | Refreshments | Networking

1:00 – 3:00 PM – Hope for cancer patients with solid tumors

- Dr. Joshua Sasine
 - Associate Director of the CAR T and Immune Effector Cell Program, Cedars Sinai
- Dr. Saul Priceman
 - Director of the KSOM/NCCC Center for Cancer Cellular Immunotherapy Research, USC
- Speaker announcement coming soon!
- Panel

3:00 – 3:30 PM – Break & Refreshments

3:30 – 5:00 PM – Innovations in ex vivo cell & gene therapy manufacturing

- Dr. Lili Yang
 - Professor of Microbiology, Immunology, and Molecular Genetics, UCLA
- Dr. Mohamed Abou-el-Enein
 - Executive Director of Cell Therapy Program, USC/CHLA
- Dr. Talar Tokatlian
 - Director of Discovery Research, A2 Biotherapeutics
- Panel

5:00 – 5:05PM – Closing Remarks

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