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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. Sharon King** | Chief Operating Officer | National MPS Society
- **Dr. Barbara Savoldo** (moderator) | Champion Mitchell Distinguished Professor | UNC

11:15 – 12:00PM – Business Roundtable

- **Dr. John Powderly II** | President & CEO | Carolina BioOncology Institute & BioCytics
- **Dr. Bruce Thompson** | President & Chief Technology Officer | Kincell Bio
- **Mr. Ignacio Nunez** (moderator) | Founder & Principal | BioExcellence
- **Mr. Mike Carnes** | Vice President, Emerging Company Development | North Carolina Biotechnology Center

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

1:00 – 2:45PM – Hope for solid tumor cancer patients through adoptive TIL therapy

- **Ms. Pamy Noldner** | Team Lead for Product & Process Development | Duke University
- **Dr. Shikhar Mehrotra** | Professor | Medical University of South Carolina
- **Dr. Chrystal Paulos** | Director of Translational Research | Emory University
- Panel moderated by **Dr. Jose Ramon Conejo-Garcia**

2:45 – 3:15 PM – Break & Refreshments

3:15 – 5:00 PM – Innovations in allogeneic $\gamma\delta$ T cell therapy

- **Dr. Daniel Abate-Daga** | Scientific Director, Cell Therapy Facilities | Moffitt Cancer Center
- **Dr. Richard Lopez** | Founder & CEO, Phosphogam | Associate Professor, Duke University
- **Dr. Christopher Doering** | Chief Scientific Officer | Expression Therapeutics
- Panel moderated by **Dr. Jose Ramon Conejo-Garcia**

5:00 – 5:05PM – Closing Remarks

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