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AGENDA (9:00AM – 7:00PM)

9:00 – 9:30AM – Breakfast | Networking

9:30 – 9:45AM – Opening Remarks

9:45 – 10:15 – Fireside Chat with Patient & Caregiver Advocate

- **Mr. Jon Gluck, Editor** | Author & Multiple Myeloma Survivor
- **Mr. George Eastwood** | Executive Director | Emily Whitehead Foundation (moderator)

10:15 – 12:00PM – Hope for cancer patients with solid tumors through adoptive T cell therapy

- **Dr. Christopher Klebanoff** | Associate Member & Attending Physician | Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
- **Dr. Nicholas Restifo** | Co-Founder & Chief Medical Officer | Medici Therapeutics
- **Dr. Jonathan Villena-Vargas** | Assistant Professor & Cardiothoracic Surgeon | Weill Cornell Medicine

12:00 – 1:30PM – Lunch | Posters | Networking | Sponsor Presentations

1:30 - 3:30PM – Innovations in *ex vivo* cell and gene therapy

- **Dr. Neil Sheppard** | Director of the Therapeutic Innovation in Natural Killer cells (THINK) Lab | University of Pennsylvania Center for Cellular Immunotherapies
- **Dr. Mohamad Hamieh** | Assistant Professor of Pediatrics | Weill Cornell Medicine
- **Dr. Pawel Muranski** | Assistant Professor and Director of Cellular Immunotherapy | Columbia University Irving Medical Center
- **Dr. George Coukos** | Founding Director of the Ludwig Laboratory for Cell Therapy | Weill Cornell Medicine

3:30 – 4:00 PM – Break & Refreshments

4:00 – 5:00 PM – Special Presentations

- **Dr. Marie-Andrée Forget** | Principal Scientist | CTMC
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- **Mr. Jon Pileggi** | Associate Director, Process Development | CTMC
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5:00 – 5:05 PM – Closing Remarks

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