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Pacific Time	AMGEN AUDITORIUM	KITE, A GILEAD COMPANY AUDITORIUM	THE LUNDQUIST INSTITUTE STARTUP AUDITORIUM
11:00AM PST	<p>11:00AM UCLA CHANCELLOR GENE BLOCK WELCOME ADDRESS</p> <hr/> <p>11:00AM ERIC GARCETTI, MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES WELCOME REMARKS</p> <hr/> <p>11:00AM – 11:30AM KEYNOTE ADDRESS: “WHY LA” “Why LA”: Los Angeles’ attraction as a bioscience ecosystem, its exciting growth, competitive advantages, and its future including hosting the 2028 Summer Olympics, LA28. • Eric Esrailian, Chief, Vatche and Tamar Manoukian Division of Digestive Diseases, UCLA Health • Jaime Lee, Chief Executive Officer, Jamison Realty • Gene Sykes, Co-chairman of Global Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A) and Co-chairman of the Global Technology, Media and Telecom Group, Goldman Sachs</p>		
11:30AM PST	<p>11:30AM – 11:35AM OPENING REMARKS David Piacquad, Senior Vice President, Business Development, Amgen</p>		
11:35AM PST			<p>11:35AM – 12:20PM GROWTH AND RETENTION OF BIOTECH START-UPS IN LOS ANGELES Bioscience CEOs will discuss their experiences, decisions, challenges and future opportunities with being located in Los Angeles. Moderator: Peter Moglia, Co-CEO and Co-Chief Investment Officer, Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc. • Bassil Dahiyat, Chief Executive Officer, Xencor • JJ Kang, Chief Executive Officer, Appia Bio • Hallie Kuhn, Vice President of Science & Technology, Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc. • Dave Licata, President and Chief Executive Officer, 1200 Pharma and TOL BioTherapeutics • Richard Markus, Chief Executive Officer, Dantari Pharmaceuticals</p>
12:00PM PST	<p>12:00PM – 1:15PM MEET LEADERS IN THE BUSINESS OF LIFE SCIENCES Biopharma leaders will address scientific innovation, drug development, financing and startups trends in Los Angeles. Moderator: Arie Belldegrun, Chief Executive Officer, Bellco Capital • David Chang, Chief Executive Officer, Allogene Therapeutics • Levi Garraway, Chief Medical Officer, Genentech • Craig Gordon, Partner, Capital Group • Daphne Koller, Chief Executive Officer, insitro • Christi Shaw, Chief Executive Officer, Kite, a Gilead Company</p>		
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1:00PM PST		<p>1:00PM – 1:45PM CIRM STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND 2020 With the passage of Prop 14, an additional \$5.5 billion have been allocated to fund stem cell research. Leaders in the field will discuss strategy and new opportunities in neuropsychiatric and other disorders. Moderator: S. Thomas Carmichael, Professor & Frances Stark Endowed Chair, Department of Neurology; Acting Director, Broad Stem Cell Research Center at UCLA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andy McMahon, Director, Eli and Edythe Broad CIRM Center for Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Research at USC • Maria Millan, President and CEO, California Institute for Regenerative Medicine • Al Rowlett, CEO, Turning Point Community Programs • John Zaia, Director of the Center for Gene Therapy, City of Hope 	
1:15PM PST			<p>1:15PM WELCOME ADDRESS The Lundquist Institute</p>
1:30PM PST	<p>1:30PM – 2:15PM AMGEN R&D / ACADEMIC STRATEGIES Industry leaders discuss how to strategically work with academia to develop a pipeline for research, development and talent. Moderator: John Mazziotta, Vice Chancellor UCLA Health Sciences, CEO of UCLA Health</p>		<p>1:30PM HISTOFI, INC. Cancer-specific digital health platform that distributes AI-powered diagnostic and treatment decision support tools to providers.</p>
1:45PM PST	<p>Amgen Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tara Arvedson, Executive Director Oncology Research & Global Fastlane Network Lead • Ray Deshaies, Head of Global Research 		<p>1:45PM RAYDIANT OXIMETRY Novel optical-sensing technology for non-invasive, trans-abdominal fetal pulse oximetry</p>
2:00PM PST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chetan Goudar, Vice President of Process Development • Saptarsi Halder, Vice President Cardiometabolic Disorders • Philip Tagari, Head of Therapeutic Discovery Research 	<p>2:00PM – 2:30PM HOW KITE, A GILEAD COMPANY IS BUILDING A GLOBAL CAR T FRANCHISE OUT OF LOS ANGELES Learn how Kite’s focus on cell therapy to treat cancer has advanced industry-leading pipeline of chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) and T cell receptor (TCR) product candidates to treat both hematological cancers and solid tumors. Moderator: Antonio Bernardo, Dean and John E. Anderson Chair in Management, UCLA Anderson School of Management Kite, a Gilead Company Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mert Aktar, Vice President and Head of Corporate Development • Matt Hostetler, Vice President and Head of Human Resources • Francesco Marincola, Global Head of Cell Therapy Research • Frank Neumann, Global Head of Clinical Development 	
2:30PM PST			

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2:30PM PST	2:30PM – 3:00PM UCLA AND CALTECH PROFESSOR SPOTLIGHTS PRESENTATIONS • Rachelle Crosbie • Manish Butte • Melissa Spencer	2:30PM – 3:00PM CITY OF HOPE PROFESSOR SPOTLIGHTS PRESENTATIONS • Don Diamond • Linda Malkas • Guido Marcucci • Gordon Ogembo • Yanghong Shi • Nagarajan Vaidehi	2:30PM VERISKIN Veriskin is a medical device company dedicated to facilitating and improving the accuracy of skin cancer screening	
2:45PM PST	• Arjun Deb • Varghese John • Matthew Retting • Wei Gao		2:45PM NURLABS Creating a new class of reagent-free diagnostics to detect cancer early	
3:00PM PST	3:00PM – 4:00PM UCLA AND CALTECH PROFESSOR SPOTLIGHTS LOUNGE ROUNDTABLE	3:00PM – 4:00PM CITY OF HOPE PROFESSOR SPOTLIGHTS LOUNGE ROUNDTABLE		3:00PM – 5:00PM VISIT THE LABEST EXHIBITOR HALL, POSTER PLAZA, LOUNGE ROUNDTABLES
3:15PM PST			3:15PM EARLYDIAGNOSTICS, INC. Providing accurate, affordable, and non-invasive methods for early cancer detection and health monitoring	
3:30PM PST			3:30PM CELL CARE THERAPEUTICS Advanced biologics to restore blood tissue barrier function	
3:45PM PST			3:45PM WESTWOOD THERAPEUTICS Develop novel inhibitors of the ENPP1 gene to treat diseases and the underlying pathologies	
5:00PM PST				

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11:00AM PST	11:00AM – 11:30AM KEYNOTE ADDRESS E.L.I.T.E Every player has their part. Teamwork and responsibility are key.			
11:15AM PST	Martin Jarmond, The Alice and Nahum Lainer Family Director of Athletics, UCLA		11:15AM WELCOME ADDRESS The Lundquist Institute	
11:30AM PST	11:30AM – 12:15PM ADVANCING INCLUSIVE RESEARCH In order to enhance the accessibility and affordability of effective therapies, new models for the conduct of clinical trials will be discussed.		11:30AM FORCYTE BIOTECHNOLOGIES Transforms contractile cell force into a quantitative assay	
11:45AM PST	Moderator: Jamie Freedman, Sr. Vice President US Medical Affairs, Genentech <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melissa Archer, Director, Clinical Trials Office at the Keck School of Medicine of USC Narimon Honarpour, Vice President and Head of Translational Medicine, Amgen 		11:45AM OCULOGENEX Developing an adeno associated virus-mediated modifier gene therapy to reverse macular degeneration	
12:00PM PST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karol Watson, Director of the UCLA Women’s Cardiovascular Health Center Dave Whelan, CEO, BioscienceLA 	12:00PM – 12:45PM STARTUP ENGINES: ACADEMIC – INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS Learn about new partnerships and models of collaboration between academia and industry to advance innovative research into new bioscience startups.	12:00PM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INNOVATIONS PTSD Reaction Index	
12:15PM PST		Moderator: Ildiko Csiki, Chief Commercial R&D Officer, City of Hope <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike Caligiuri, President, City of Hope National Medical Center Mary Beth Campbell, Director of Corporate Partnerships, Caltech John Delaney, Executive Director, Research at Amgen Michelle Kim-Danely, SVP Operations, Autobahn Labs Sunil Sharma, Physician in Chief Translational Genomics Research Institute and Professor of Medicine, City of Hope 	12:15PM VIBO HEALTH Everyone can track their health status using a quick, painless wrist scan	
12:45PM PST				

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12:30PM PST	<p>12:30PM – 1:15PM MOVING MICROBES FROM BENCH TO BEDSIDE An expert-led discussion of the promise of microbial-based treatments for disease while addressing the major obstacles in clinical translation and integrating microbiome-based treatments into the standard of care. Moderator: Elaine Hsiao, Assistant Professor, Department of Integrative Biology and Physiology, De Logi Chair in Biological Sciences, Division of Digestive Diseases, UCLA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raja Dhir, Co-Founder & Co-CEO, Seed • Denise Kelly, Investment Advisor, Seventure Partners • Nikole Kimes, CEO, Siolta Therapeutics • Sarkis Mazmanian, Luis B. & Nelly Soux Professor of Microbiology, Caltech 		<p>12:30PM MITOTRACE Mitochondrial metabolism is central to cancer development, progression and therapy response</p>	<p>9:00AM – 5:00PM VISIT THE LABEST EXHIBITOR HALL, POSTER PLAZA, LOUNGE ROUNDTABLES</p>
1:00PM PST		<p>1:00PM – 1:45PM IMMUNO-ONCOLOGY 2021 AND BEYOND After three decades of research, immune-based therapies have become potent new cancer treatments. Recent advances are focused on furthering our understanding of the mechanisms of action and improving access. Moderator: Mike Teitell, Professor and Director, UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mohamed Abou-el-Enein, Exec. Director, Joint USC/CHLA Cell Therapy Program, USC • Yvonne Chen, Co-Director, Tumor Immunology Program, Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, UCLA • Ute Dugan, Chief Medical Officer, The Parker Institute for Cancer Immunotherapy • Robert Rickert, SVP, Chief Scientific Officer, Cancer Immunology Discovery, Pfizer • Steven Rosen, Chief Scientific Officer, City of Hope 	<p>1:00PM AVENDA HEALTH Prostate Cancer Treatment</p>	
1:15PM PST			<p>1:15PM INTERSECT DIAGNOSTICS Seed-stage translational biomarker laboratory</p>	
1:30PM PST	<p>1:30PM – 2:15PM VENTURE CAPITAL AND SYNDICATION IN LOS ANGELES Learn how prominent Venture Capitalists are focusing on Los Angeles bioscience innovation and how the increasing availability of capital is generating robust innovative startups. Moderator: Deborah Palestrant, Head of 4:59 Ventures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Barrett, Partner, Freeflow • Yinghong Gao, Venture Partner, Viva BioInnovator • Helen S. Kim, Senior Managing Director, Vida Ventures • Sean Harper, Partner, Westlake Village BioPartners • Nina Kjellson, General Partner, Canaan Partners 			
2:00PM PST		<p>2:00PM – 2:15PM PEARL COHEN POSTER AWARDS Mark Cohen, Senior Partner & Chair of Life Science Practice Group, Pearl Cohen</p>		
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2:30PM PST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carla Koehler • Gay Crooks • Paul Boutros • Amander Clark • Paul Krogstad • Andre Nel 		2:30PM MYOGENE BIO Developing cutting edge therapies for muscle diseases starting with a gene editing therapy for Duchenne muscular dystrophy	
2:45PM PST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neil Bhowmick 		2:45PM CDR3 THERAPEUTICS Stem cell immunotherapy that delivers CARs and TCRs for treatment	9:00AM – 5:00PM VISIT THE LABEST EXHIBITOR HALL, POSTER PLAZA, LOUNGE ROUNDTABLES
3:00PM PST	3:00PM – 4:00PM UCLA AND CEDARS-SINAI PROFESSOR SPOTLIGHTS LOUNGE ROUNDTABLE		3:00PM VAULT PHARMA Developing immune medicine for treatment of cancer and chronic infectious diseases	
3:15PM PST			3:15PM IMAGINAB Non-invasive, whole body, in vivo Immuno-PET imaging of CD8 T cells	
3:45PM PST			3:45PM BIOVINC LLC Bisphosphonate Bone Targeting Platform Technology	
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11:00AM PST		<p>11:00AM – 11:30AM KEYNOTE ADDRESS: COVID 19 AND BEYOND – PREVENTING THE NEXT PANDEMIC BEFORE IT STARTS Anne Rimoin, Professor, Dept. of Epidemiology, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health</p>		<p>9:00AM – 5:00PM VISIT THE LABEST EXHIBITOR HALL, POSTER PLAZA, LOUNGE ROUNDTABLES</p>
11:20AM PST		<p>11:30AM – 11:35AM OPENING REMARKS William Mitchell, Founding Partner, Sequel Venture Partners, LLC and Chair of UCLA TDC Board of Directors</p>	<p>11:20AM WELCOME ADDRESS The Lundquist Institute</p>	
11:30AM PST		<p>11:35AM – 12:30PM HOSPITAL CEOS SHARING INNOVATIONS CEOs of Los Angeles’ hospital systems will share their best practices and resulting innovations to address the COVID-19 pandemic and how their collaborative efforts will shape the future of hospital systems and the health of Los Angeles County. Moderator: Judy Fortin, Executive Director of Communications, UCLA Health & David Geffen School of Medicine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elaine Batchlor, CEO, MLK Community Healthcare • Rod Hanners, Interim CEO, Keck Medicine of USC • Jeff Smith, EVP and COO, Cedars Sinai Health System • Johnese Spisso, President, UCLA Health; CEO, UCLA Hospital System; Associate Vice Chancellor, UCLA Health Sciences 	<p>11:35AM ORIGAMI THERAPEUTICS, INC. Disease-modifying treatments for neurodegeneration caused by toxic protein misfolding</p>	
11:35AM PST			<p>11:50AM HILLHURST BIOPHARMACEUTICALS Novel platform that enables oral delivery of low dose carbon monoxide (CO)</p>	
11:50AM PST			<p>12:05PM NAVEGA THERAPEUTICS A radically different approach to treat chronic pain and tackle the opioid epidemic</p>	
12:05PM PST			<p>12:20PM MACULA DENSA CELL LLC New tissue regenerative therapeutic approaches for chronic kidney disease (CKD)</p>	
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12:45PM PST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dan Geschwind, Gordon and Virginia MacDonald Distinguished Professor, Neurology Psychiatry and Human Genetics, UCLA Viviana Gradinaru, Professor of Neuroscience & Biological Engineering, Caltech 		<p>12:45PM VITALEX BIOSCIENCES Immuno-based therapies and diagnostic assays against multidrug resistant (MDR) infections, including mucormycosis.</p>	
1:00PM PST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linda Liao, Chair of the UCLA Department of Neurosurgery and Director of the UCLA Brain Tumor Program, UCLA Richard Ransohoff, Partner, Third Rock Ventures Greg Rippon, Vice President, Chief Medical Partner Neurology, USMA, Genentech 	<p>1:00PM – 1:45PM SCALING GENE & CELL THERAPIES TO REACH MORE PATIENTS GLOBALLY Due to a complex, multi-step treatment journey, there are numerous logistical challenges when it comes to expanding the reach of cell and gene therapies. How can we leverage bio manufacturing speed and scale to unlock the potential of cell and gene therapies and ensure they can get to the patients who need them? Moderator: Gregory Theyel, Director, Biomedical Manufacturing Network</p>	<p>1:00PM CBIO Digitally encodes biological samples for rapid digital diagnostics</p>	
1:30PM PST	<p>1:30PM – 2:15PM AMGEN VENTURES AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT IN LOS ANGELES How much bioscience business development is really happening in Los Angeles? Moderator: Rajit Malhotra, Executive Chairman of Dyve Biosciences and TDG Board Member Amgen Panelists:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chuck Calderaro, Global Head of Technical Operations, Kite, a Gilead Company Robert Deans, Chief Scientific Officer, Synthego Joe Gold, Manufacturing Director at the Center for Biomedicine & Genetics at Beckman Research Institute, City of Hope Alison Moore, Chief Technical Officer, Allogene Therapeutics 		
2:15PM PST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Casey Capparelli, Executive Director, Strategy Carlyn Crisostomo, Executive Director, Technology Strategy & Innovation Jessica Droge, Vice President of Business Development Rachna Khosla, Vice President of Business Development Janis Naeve, Executive Director 			

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