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10:30-10:45am Morning Coffee

10:45-11:00am WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

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11:00-12:15pm PANEL: Lung

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12:15-12:45pm LUNCH

12:45 -1:30pm KEYNOTE:

Paul Bunn, MD (BRIANNA.ULVEN@CUANSCHUTZ.EDU)

James Dudley Chair in Cancer Research

Distinguished Professor, Medicine-Medical Oncology

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1:30-2:45pm PANEL: Melanoma

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2:45-3:00pm WRAP-UP *Taofeek Owonikoko, MD and Bill Nelson, MD, DSc*