

## Today's Commentators

### **CAR-T Primer:**

• Patricia Reilly, Vice President Intelligence Alliances & Unification, Informa

### Panelists:

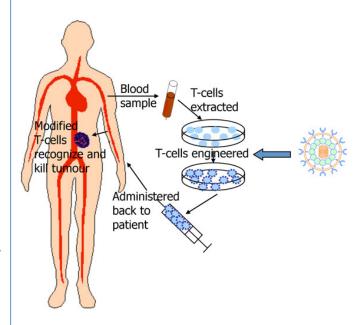
- Heidi Hagen, Chief Strategy Officer & Co-Founder, Vineti (moderator)
- Gwen Nichols, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
- **Bruce Thompson**, **Ph.D.**, Senior Scientific Director, Therapeutic Products Program, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center
- Michael Werner, Executive Director, Alliance for Regenerative Medicine; Partner, Holland & Knight



### Primer: What is CAR-T?

- Uses the body's own defense mechanism, the immune system, to fight cancer.
  - Immunotherapy improves the body's ability to detect and kill cancer cells
  - Engineering patients' own T cells to recognize and attack cancer cells:
  - <u>Chimeric antigen receptor: CAR T-cell therapy</u>
- FDA approved Novartis's CAR T-cell-based gene therapy Kymriah on August 30, 2017.
  - Pediatric/young adult B-cell relapsed/refractory acute lymphoblastic leukemia patients
- FDA approved Gilead's CAR T-cell-based therapy Yescarta on October 18, 2017.
  - Adults relapsed/refractory large B-cell lymphoma after two or more lines of systemic therapy
- CAR T-cell therapies and other cell-based immunooncology technologies will transform the standard of care for many oncological conditions.

#### How CAR-T Works:



Information & graphic provided by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, www.lls.org



### Impact of CAR-T Approval

### Heidi Hagen, Chief Strategy Officer & Co-Founder, Vineti

- Proof of concept for genetic engineering tools used in cell products, creates a platform for other engineering tools such as CRISPR, TALENS, or ZFNs in cell therapies
- Opens the door for more investment funding in next-generation personalized medicine
- Enables patients to be engaged personally in fighting their disease; a sense of control

### Gwen Nichols, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

- New live-saving option for blood cancer patients
- LLS has long recognized the promise and potential of this technology; early funder of CAR T-cell immunotherapy, has invested \$40+ million over the past 20 years towards this research

## Bruce Thompson, Ph.D., Senior Scientific Director, Therapeutic Products Program, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center

- Tremendous impact on patients, on R&D community
- Highlights importance of logistics, manufacturing in broadening patient access

### Michael Werner, Executive Director, Alliance for Regenerative Medicine; Partner, Holland & Knight

- Game-changing therapeutic option, many lives will be saved as a result
- Opens the door for other cell- and gene-based, durable / potentially curative approaches to come to market
- Highlights importance of supportive, innovative reimbursement models



## **Opportunities & Challenges**

### Heidi Hagen, Chief Strategy Officer & Co-Founder, Vineti

- Opportunity: Commercial success in theses cell therapies will pave the way to more efficient and costeffective means to order, manufacture and deliver personalized medicines of all kinds
- Challenge: Creating a value based approach to pricing and reimbursement systems

### Gwen Nichols, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

- Opportunity: Long-awaited medical advance now available to more patients
- Challenge: Bringing this (and other new) technology to additional patient populations & indications

## Bruce Thompson, Ph.D., Senior Scientific Director, Therapeutic Products Program, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center

- Opportunity: Bridging R&D and patient communities
- Challenge: How to improve manufacturing processes, create up/down scalable platforms, logistics

### Michael Werner, Executive Director, Alliance for Regenerative Medicine; Partner, Holland & Knight

- Opportunity: More patients now have a powerful new tool to fight cancer
- Challenge: Ensuring a supportive regulatory and reimbursement environment to facilitate development and broaden patient access



## Creating a Supportive Environment

### Heidi Hagen, Chief Strategy Officer & Co-Founder, Vineti

- Providing patient engagement tools that create greater access to new classes of therapies for deadly diseases
- Means to allow their caregivers more information and control over their care
- Find ways to expand the care provider network capable of prescribing these new products

### Gwen Nichols, Chief Medical Officer, M.D., Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

- Stakeholder education outreach to drive awareness, acceptance, action
- R&D funding and legislative support

# Bruce Thompson, Ph.D., Senior Scientific Director, Therapeutic Products Program, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center

• Building the infrastructure needed to support development & implementation of industry-wide standards, manufacturing and logistics practices

### Michael Werner, Executive Director, Alliance for Regenerative Medicine; Partner, Holland & Knight

- Given transformative nature and immense value of these products, new reimbursement / pricing models are needed
- Ensure providers & institutions are not disincentivized due to upfront costs
- Streamline and converge regulatory pathways to speed safe and effective products to patients in need



