

# Merkel CELLebration 2021 Program

September 13, 2021 from 3:00-5:00 PM PT (6:00-8:00 PM ET)



## *Pre-Meeting Music:*

*2:40 PM PT Marymoor String  
"Quarantet"*

## **Musical selections by Brahms and Bach**

Paul Nghiem, Alex Nghiem, Max Lee, Alistair Jones, & Lennon Aldort

*3:00 – 3:10 PM PT*

**Welcome and Overview** Dr. Paul Nghiem

*3:10 – 4:10 PM PT*

*Clinical & Scientific Updates*

**Annual Patient Update Project** Marika Bierma

**Blood Tests for Detecting Early MCC Recurrences** Dr. Lisa Zaba

**Therapeutic MCC Vaccines** Dr. David Koelle

**Active MCC Clinical Trials** Dr. Lindsay Gunnell

**Overcoming Resistance to Immunotherapy via ATR Inhibition**

Drs. Pete Goff & Rashmi Bhakuni

**Q&A Session (remaining time)**

*4:10 – 4:25 PM PT*

*Patient Stories*

**Patients share their MCC journeys (Video)**

*4:25 – 4:30 PM PT*

**Break**

*4:30 – 5:00 PM PT*

*Smaller Group Discussions*

**Self-Selected Focus Rooms** (choose one)

MCC Blood Tests, Clinical Trials, Caregivers for Patients,  
Therapeutic Vaccines, or Newly Diagnosed Patients

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