2026 Patient Summit Agenda:

8:00am | **Registration Opens, Breakfast and Networking**

8:45am | **Welcome Remarks**

- Christopher Molineaux, President & CEO, Life Sciences PA

8:50am | **2026 Election Implications for Patient Access to Innovative Treatments**

9:30am | **Clinical Trial Network: Advancements in Breast Cancer Research**

- David Wade, Chief of Staff for the Governor's Office of Transformation and Opportunity
- Caroline Abi-Khattar, Patient Advocate, Living Beyond Breast Cancer
- Sean T. McCarson, MPA, Director of State Regulation and Policy, Community Oncology Alliance

Moderated by: Adrelia Allen, Pharm.D., PMP, Executive Director, Clinical Trial Patient Diversity, Merck

10:25am | **Prior Authorization: Putting "Patients Before Paperwork" in Mental Health**

- State Representative Steve Malagari
- Katy Morton, MSW, Director of Advocacy, Pennsylvania Mental Health Consumers' Coalition Family Training & Advocacy Center
- Jessica Paul, Executive Director, CSS-PA
- Lizzie Karns-Waters, Patient Advocate

Moderated by: Joee Lindbeck, Director, State Government Affairs, Otsuka

11:10am | **GLP-1 Access: The Patient Perspective**

- Ajay D Rao MD, MMSc, Section Chief, Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism, Professor of Medicine, Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University
- Jason Krynicki, Patient Advocate, Obesity Action Coalition

Moderated by: American Diabetes Association

12:00pm | **Patient Spotlight: The Alzheimer's Caregiver**

- Karen Sandone, Founder, Surviving the Now

Moderated by: Michele Oshman, Chief Patient Advocate & Senior Vice President, BIO

12:35pm | **Lunch and Networking**