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**

- Dennis Walsh, President, Government Relations, Bravo Group
- Kurt Imhof, Sr. Vice President, State Policy and Public Affairs, Life Sciences Pennsylvania

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 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**

- *Introduction: State Representative Steve Malagari*
- Katy Morton, MSW, Macro Social Worker and Behavioral Health Advocate
- Jessica Paul, Executive Director, CSS-PA
- Lizzie Karns-Waters, Patient Advocate

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

11:15am | **GLP-1 Access: The Patient Perspective**

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

Moderated by: Chris Gallagher, Policy Advisor, Obesity Action Coalition

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

- Karen Sandone, Co-Founder, Surviving the Now

Moderated by: Lara Flynn, Sr. Director, Federal Policy and Public Affairs, Life Sciences Pennsylvania

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