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**Friday, September 10**

Time	Topic
10:00 – 10:20 AM Central Time (CT)	<p><b>Welcome</b> Ralph DeVitto, <i>ABTA President &amp; CEO</i></p> <p>Carla Varner, <i>ABTA Board Chair</i></p> <p>Shawn Hervey-Jumper, MD, FAANS, <i>University of California San Francisco</i> <i>ABTA National Conference Chair</i></p> <p>Evanthia Galanis, MD, <i>Mayo Clinic</i> <i>ABTA National Conference Chair</i></p>
10:20 – 10:50 AM CT	<p><b>ABTA Session: Who We Are, What We Offer &amp; How to Get Involved</b> Learn more about invaluable ABTA resources and programs offered to patients, caregivers and families that can provide support along the trajectory of a brain tumor diagnosis.</p> <p>Introductions by: Ram Subramanian, <i>ABTA Vice Chair, Chair of Mission Committee</i></p> <p>Nicole Willmarth, PhD, <i>ABTA Chief Mission Officer</i></p> <p>Alicia Morris, <i>ABTA Director, National Volunteers</i></p>
10:50 – 10:55 AM CT	<b>Break</b>
10:55 – 11:40 AM CT	<p><b>Know Your Tumor</b> Learn how brain tumors are diagnosed and how doctors use genetic markers to both classify tumors and predict outcome.</p> <p>Daniel J Brat, MD, PhD, <i>Northwestern Medicine</i></p>
11:40 – 11:45 AM CT	<b>Break</b>
11:45 – 12:30 PM CT	<p><b>Neurosurgical Advances</b> This session will inform attendees about the role of surgery to improve patient outcomes and how surgeons maximize safety and efficacy.</p> <p>Shawn Hervey-Jumper, MD, FAANS, <i>University of California San Francisco</i>, <i>ABTA National Conference Chair</i></p> <p>Alfredo Quiñones-Hinojosa, MD, <i>Mayo Clinic</i></p>
12:30 – 1:15 PM CT	<b>Lunch</b>



1:15 – 2:00 PM CT	<p><b>Personalized Medicine &amp; Individualized Treatment</b> Understand how genetic alterations in tumors can be used to create new personalized, patient specific treatment options.</p> <p>Ingo K. Mellinghoff, MD, FACP, <i>Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center</i></p> <p>Priscilla Brastianos, MD, <i>Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School</i></p>
2:00 – 2:05 PM CT	<p><b>Break</b></p>
2:05 – 3:15 PM CT	<p><b>Brain Tumor Board</b> Listen in as a multi-disciplinary panel of expert clinicians simulate the review of brain tumor cases to determine the best course of treatment for patients.</p> <p><u>Facilitator:</u> Mark R. Gilbert, MD, <i>Center for Cancer Research, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health</i></p> <p><u>Panelists:</u> Neuro-oncologist:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nancy Ann Oberheim Bush, MD, PhD, <i>University of California San Francisco</i></li> </ul> Neurosurgeon:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alfredo Quiñones-Hinojosa, MD, <i>Mayo Clinic</i></li> </ul> Radiation Oncologist:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ranjit S. Bindra, MD, PhD, <i>Yale School of Medicine</i></li> </ul> Neuro-pathologist:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Daniel J Brat, MD, PhD, <i>Northwestern Medicine</i></li> </ul> </p>
3:15—3:20 PM CT	<p><b>Break</b></p>
3:20 – 4:00 PM CT	<p><b>Keynote Session: TBD</b></p>
4:00 – 4:10 PM CT	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b> Introductions by: Carla Varner, <i>ABTA Board Chair</i></p> <p>Susan Kramer, <i>ABTA Co-Founder, Honorary Board Member</i></p>
4:10 – 5:00 PM CT	<p><b><u>Optional:</u> Volunteer Happy Hour for Current and Future Volunteers</b> Join a fun, interactive hour with ABTA volunteers from all across the country! We will discuss all the great ways volunteers can spread awareness and get involved in their communities.</p> <p>Alicia Morris, <i>ABTA Director, National Volunteers featuring ABTA Volunteers</i></p>



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## Saturday, September 11

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10:00 – 10:10 AM Central Time (CT)	<p><b>Welcome</b> Ralph DeVitto, <i>ABTA President &amp; CEO</i></p> <p>Don and Gail Segal, <i>ABTA Honorary Board Members</i></p>
10:10 – 10:40 PM CT	<p><b>Joel A. Gingras Jr. Award Presentation:</b> Introductions by: Carla Varner, <i>ABTA Board Chair</i></p> <p>Johnathan Gingras, <i>President, Joel A. Gingras, Jr. Memorial Foundation</i></p> <p>Rick Sontag, <i>The Sontag Foundation</i></p>
10:40 – 10:45 AM CT	<b>Break</b>
10:45 – 11:30 AM CT	<p><b>How to Navigate Clinical Trials</b> Participation in clinical trials can offer patients and families access to novel brain tumor treatments. This session shares with attendees strategies in considering clinical trial enrollment.</p> <p>John F. de Groot, MD, <i>MD Anderson Cancer Center</i></p> <p>David Reardon, MD, <i>Dana Farber Cancer Institute</i></p>
11:30 – 11:35 AM CT	<b>Break</b>
11:35 – 12:05 PM CT	<p><b>Patient Navigation: Guiding and Empowering Patients and Caregivers</b> Patient navigation is still considered a relatively new term in the health care industry, measured by metrics and tools. This session explores the positive impacts of Brain Tumor Navigation through the metric that matters most: the patient experience.</p> <p>Jenna Tozzi, <i>Neuro-Oncology Nurse Navigator, Brain Tumor Network</i></p> <p>Tracy Edwards, <i>Oncology Social Worker, Brain Tumor Network</i></p>
12:05 – 1:05 PM CT	<p><b>Lunch featuring:</b></p> <p><b>Meet the ABTA Board of Directors</b> Meet the ABTA Board of Directors and hear why they are involved with ABTA.</p> <p>Carla Varner, <i>Chair</i> Ram Subramanian, <i>Vice Chair, Chair of Mission Committee</i> Bob Kruchten, <i>Treasurer</i> Brandon Starkoff, <i>Secretary</i> Jim Reilly, <i>Immediate Past Chair</i></p>



Mitch Berger, MD, *Member*  
Jacqueline Lemke, *Member*  
Danny Monson, *Member*  
Mindee Plugues, *Member, Chair of Development Committee*

1:05 – 1:50 PM CT

**Treatment Resistance**

Learn about mechanisms of brain tumor resistance to drug treatment and strategies to overcome it.

Nancy Ann Oberheim Bush, MD, PhD, *University of California San Francisco*

Ranjit S. Bindra, MD, PhD, *Yale School of Medicine*

1:50 – 1:55 PM CT

**Break**

1:55 – 2:40 PM CT

**Looking to Immunotherapy to Move Forward from Resistance**

Hear about innovative immuno-oncology approaches that can increase brain tumor responsiveness to immunotherapy strategies.

Evanthia Galanis, MD, *Mayo Clinic, ABTA National Conference Chair*

Nino Chiocca, MD, PhD, *Brigham And Women's Hospital*

2:40 – 2:45 PM CT

**Break**

2:45– 3:30 PM CT

**Managing Mental Health After a Tumor Diagnosis**

Learn to manage distress during the brain tumor journey in order to enhance emotional wellbeing and extend quality survival.

Ashlee R. Loughan, M.Ed., Ph.D., *VCU School of Medicine*

3:30 – 3:35PM CT

**Break**

3:35 – 4:20 PM CT

**Living with a Brain Tumor: Patient and Caregiver Panel**

Learn key strategies and approaches to navigate your brain tumor journey or that of your loved one in this lively and interactive brain tumor patient and caregiver panel. Get ideas for how to cope and where to find resources and support.

Facilitator:

Heather E. Leeper, MD, MS, *National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health*

Patient and Caregiver Panelists: *TBD*

4:20 – 4:30 PM CT

**Closing Comments & Adjournment**



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