Logon wanna thank everyone for joining us for Cancer Center grand rounds and we really are very fortunate to have a special guest speaker today, Doctor Roy Herps. Before I introduce Troy as some of you may have over heard, I alluded to just want to remind everybody that tomorrow at 5:00 o’clock we have a special smile. Oh, town Hall with a guest Speaker, Doctor Ned Sharpless, the director of the National Cancer Institute, too. Provide some comments and answer questions.
As many of you may have seen on Friday, Doctor Sharp lez offered up his priorities for the NCI for the coming year and I think it would be great to get clarity on what his plans are, how that aligns with our initiatives and interests and to assist in general have him answer our questions. So without further ado, let me introduce our speaker, who really requires no introduction. Doctor Roy purposes, the Ensign Professor of Medicine, Professor of pharmacology, the chief of medical oncology.
and The Associated Cancer Center

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And that work continues with

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such impact in productivity.
Roy’s accomplishments span far beyond just his ability to innovate as a researcher and clinician. But also as a leader, having brought the spore to the long program, which now makes it one of the most effective, impactful thoracic oncology programs on the planet. Roy has beyond that, trained countless leaders globally. And frankly, the influence of his commitment to clinical care, education, and research really can be.
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this grand rounds translational lung Cancer Research at Yale. 10 years in review. And here in my disclosures. So long answer of course is a major problem in cancer. In medicine you can see on the left with the pie chart. Lung cancer is the biggest single piece of that pie you know you can see breast and prostate right there. Of course GI cancers, but the leading cause of cancer death in most countries. 84% of lung cancer is non small cell
lung cancer and more than half present in the advancement of static setting.

That tobacco is the single largest preventable cause of lung cancer and cancer in general and in lung cancer.

We have actionable genetic mutations, so those are mostly in non smokers.

But there’s been a great deal of progress and I’m going to talk about that today.

Well, I went into lung cancer when I was a fellow at the Dana Farber in the mid 90s and this was the status of lung cancer at that time.

And you might ask, why did I go into the field? You can see here’s survival curves
In progression free survival curves for patients with lung cancer, this was the top trial at the time that took platinum plus gemcitabine or paclitaxel docetaxel and the bottom line is all of the regiments were about the same. The one year survival was 33% and median survival was only 7.9 months. So if you have a diagnosis of metastatic lung cancer, it wasn’t really that much hope. There were no predictive markers. Why did I go into the field? Well, two reasons I happened.
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00:05:33.486 --> 00:05:35.550 we've seen a new era in lung cancer.

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00:06:04.007 --> 00:06:06.210 the large population of lung cancer.  
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00:06:06.210 --> 00:06:08.829 And then of course in the last decade alot
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00:06:11.910 --> 00:06:14.376 So I’m going to tell you a little bit about our young spore and the areas where we’ve made progress in lung cancer really mirror what we study in our long sport.

00:06:22.054 --> 00:06:23.639 Whether it be smoking cessation, targeted therapy. Immunotherapy and then I have some future thoughts that I want to share with all of you.

00:06:29.159 --> 00:06:30.670 But we’re very fortunate to have such an amazing team here.

00:06:38.034 --> 00:06:39.870 the nurses to the research scientists,
the whole Cancer Center.

So we put Asporin started working on this when I arrived here in 2011.

We were awarded a lung cancer spore in 2015.

That’s the New Haven Country Club where we had a little celebration.

We renewed this more in 2020.

We couldn’t, of course go to the Country Club, but we had a very nice zoom cocktail party.

We’ve now refunded the sport and you can see the four major areas.

we started with targeting PD one.

Obviously with leaping,
targeting, EGFR resistance,

smoking cessation,

and we had a project with micro RNA with

Frank Slack who has since left for Boston.

And we have a team and just an amazing team.

And these are just the leaders of the team.

There are so many others that

have developmental projects and

career developmental projects.

But working together to combat

this deadly disease,

and I'm really fortunate to have been

able to work with such an amazing group.

So here is the spore,

as it's a volved and I'm going to tell
you about each of the projects in
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the EGFR pathway in lung adenocarcinoma.
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intervention project for tobacco treatment.
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I trained with Weinke Hung and if
we prevent cancer, will actually save many more lives in any other therapies ever talk to you about today?

And one important thing is we develop that new project on the left from 2 developments or research projects over the last six years.

So here again are the projects in the leaders.

I just want to point out the cores.

The amazing thing about aspor other cores.

I’m very fortunate to have a partner, an Ed captain who I’ve been working with now for six years and has
helped to bring the team together.

Very successful.

They had an export.

was just funded in large part to it.

His efforts working with Barbara statistics and Bioinformatics.

I won’t say much about it because their work in every project I talked about today.

But Steve Mahan Usau he can’t do anything without statistics.

And I will highlight a little bit of by open specimen.

Core pathology is key tissue banks,

but found he studies and then the developmental research program
00:09:06.592 --> 00:09:08.060 in career enhancement program.

00:09:08.060 --> 00:09:09.380 I thank Karen Anderson, Pat Larusso and Harriet Kluger for this.

00:09:09.380 --> 00:09:11.710 50 projects.

00:09:11.710 --> 00:09:12.366 Young investigators.

00:09:12.366 --> 00:09:13.022 People who weren’t working in lung cancer in the developmental field.

00:09:15.046 --> 00:09:16.686 Now we’re working on lung cancer with many nuara ones and other team grants.

00:09:16.690 --> 00:09:18.958 So it really has created a whole culture of lung Cancer Research at Yale.

00:09:18.958 --> 00:09:21.338 I don’t want to forget the clinic I’m in North Haven today.

00:09:21.340 --> 00:09:24.268 He can’t do this without the clinic.

00:09:24.268 --> 00:09:31.229 It’s gotta be a seamless transition
and I won’t have too much time to talk about the top program today. Maybe another grand rounds, but we had to retreat back in 2012 and then you can see. And this is just as we both care centers in the care centers are critical to this. I’m out of care center patients are being seen here with lung cancer. Tissue specimens are going back to Cedar St. This is what we need. The top team? Linton Uian Frank form top. 1520 years ago, it’s tremendous user clinical trials director Roy Decker. This is our most recent retreat
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00:10:11.728 --> 00:10:14.328 biopsies and help get this war going.

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00:10:16.334 --> 00:10:17.670 the health consequences of

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00:10:19.010 --> 00:10:21.320 80 to 90 different toxins in tobacco

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and a sensation after diagnosis

clearly improves treatment tolerance,

So we have a very concerted effort on smoking cessation here.

And it was one of the projects of the score.

Certainly we want to do a lot of work with policy.

I've been involved with the ACR

we've now gotten into work with the cigarettes you can see on the bottom

right this to chytra with me at

we're done one with Senator

Blumenthal as well.
We need to stop the initiation of tobacco use.

We worry about the E-cigarettes and whether patients and people will start to smoke tobacco cigarettes.

Smoking rates still remain about 18%, but why is it so important? Because it’s higher in our community. Because we have a more diverse community that has more long-term smokers.

So look at the right for a section a second, you can see that we did a study personalized intervention project. I could see 42% of...
our people on that study where
unemployed or on disability.
You can see the large number of minority
patients that were on this trial.
So this is so vital for our community.
Along with the team
and Susan main work with us before
she came and Brenda Cartmel created
a trial where we had patients.
Our target was 276.
We enrolled about 200 and we’re
analyzing the data now and they
either had standard cessation
either had cessation treatment or they had cessation
treatment with personalized messaging.
Gained frame messaging.
What is that for?
Anyone who’s traveled?
We haven’t done that too much recently and you’ve seen those cigarette cartoons in the airports that have those really horrible looking pictures.
That’s negative non gained frame messaging, but more positive messages which we actually translated.
Into several languages were used to see if that would help patients to stop smoking and then to keep them from smoking.
We had a biomarker biofeedback method that Susan main developed looking at skin carotenoids which actually got
higher in patients who stop smoking and patients could see their number. So this trials under analysis right now. But you can see the team that came together to do this and now of course Lisa for Cheeto who leads that effort here at Yale. Now with the team doing a great job, we brought that group to Medical University of South Carolina. Here’s the team there. We would go out to different. Forums and we talk about our work. You can see it was only possible because of the work of linen afoul rose at the VA, and Alyssa Roy Tobacco treatment groups
at yeah and all the different groups.

And there I am doing the Roman spectroscopy wasn’t too difficult procedure,

but you know the real thing is it got us into the community.

We’re continuing this work.

We spoke with a caring ambassador program.

There’s teacher Johnson and that program and we were able to work with them to get this out there.

We were able to get grand Beth Jones.

Tina and myself,

a grant from BMS to go out and do more of this work in the community

and here we are just last week.
Giving masks at Fair Haven clinic

as an and the message of sensation

so smoking cessation very important.

What about targeted therapy?

Well,

I got into this about 1990 seven

when I was first at MD Anderson

and I was called into the office

with John Mendelsohn and kihon.

I talked to them about you know,

some targeted therapy and I've been

some targeted therapy and I've been

reading about this and I said,

how would you like to lead this effort

and it says sure,

and Fortunately there were trials,

both in-house trials and industry
trials at the time. And there’s a drug called ZD 1839 and we did the first phase one trial of that. It works. Now you can see I ended up working with my future collaborator and friend Pat Aruiso. We met in 1998 working on this trial and patients with lung cancer like this, he would have had less than six months to live had these wonderful results. So this was the dawn of EGFR therapy in lung cancer, and they have a friendship and partnership with Pat that’s lasted to this day.
So of course I’m not going to go through everything in this short talk, but through those works, the EGFR Mutation was discovered. Of course, Tom are former director was very involved in that and Bruce Johnson and Pasion in the group Boston. We actually got to a point in the mid 2000s where patients could live. Here’s a patient with metastatic lung cancer who is living with cancer, taking oral EGFR inhibitor each day, some some skin issues, some mild diarrhea. But Tara Parker, Pope wrote this article in 2003. Why curing your cancer may not
be the best idea. The idea was lung cancers become a disease like hypertension or diabetes. The problem with the targeted therapy for EGFR is no ones really ever cured. Resistance will ultimately develop well here. So we started in 1997. The second line therapies with the different nib or laugh and have some of those agents. The mutations were discovered right around in here. The decision was made to give these drugs only to patients with mutations.
So then we started to use these drugs in the frontline setting. And then we had new generation drugs and a new generation drive was Aston Martin. If this drug being less toxic because it was targeted just to EGFR Mutant Receptor, the other drugs targeted all EGFR receptor, so it had fewer side effects. And it also was developed to go to the brain to the CNS. So with this drug we had better therapy in the metastatic setting. When I’m going to tell you about now is something that I got involved with right around this time with the team to take the drug to Azure and therapy,
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00:16:02.739 --> 00:16:04.794 curable setting. Well, we did that.

00:16:04.794 --> 00:16:06.274 So in early lung cancer.

00:16:06.280 --> 00:16:08.074 Let’s say someone where to find

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00:16:14.300 --> 00:16:16.379 The chance of them being cured with

00:16:16.379 --> 00:16:18.161 surgery is reasonable, but it’s not.

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better back in the team would cut these out.

But then we might even give acumen chemotherapy.

Which maybe has a 5% or so improvement in outcome but still in stage one disease.

The earliest disease you know only 60 to 70% of patients are cured.

Stage two patients only 47 to 55%.

So if you have these patients and they have each year for mutations and it’s only 10 to 15% of patients in the US, about 20 to 30 in Asia but still enough lung cancer patients that if you could find these patients and give him something else,
it could make a big difference.

Well here comes the Adora trial. I was very fortunate to be one of the people who designed this along with Masahiro Suboi from Japan and Ylang Wu in China. Of course, EGFR mutations being much more prevalent there.

We’ve been working on this for almost a decade, so here we took patients who quit completely respected stage 1B, two or three. A disease with or without active chemotherapy.
So patients could receive their standard care and you can see they all had recently good performance status. They all had rain. Imaging they had the two most common types of each year for mutations in Exon 19 or 21, and they could have actually been therapy. They started within 10 weeks if they did not have action in chemo and within 26 weeks if they did. There were stratified by their stage. The trial is about an equal number of stage one B2 and three a weather each year from mutation status 19 or L858R21 or their
race Asian versus non radiation.

About 1/3 of the patients came were non Asian, 2/3 Asian and a very simple trial and you know simple trouser.

Sometimes the best answer merchant 80 milligrams orally once a day versus placebo.

I’m often asked how could you do a pussybow because there was no other standard of care.

We just waited for these tumors to come back.

Coding insights like the brain delivering the bone 682 patients on trial.

The planned duration of treatment is 3 years, so they got three years of
treatment and they stopped.
If they record and the follow up you can see every 12 weeks for the first few years and then every 24 weeks.
The primary endpoint of this trial was disease free survival, so surviving without recurrence for a hazard ratio of 0.7. So for 30% improvement.
The secondary endpoint was disease free. Survival in the overall population with source continuing and then and five year landmarks.
Overall survival, safety and quality of life.
I was not expecting to be presenting these data this year. It was a plenary talk at ASCO. I gotta call during Passover. I guess it was on Good Friday. So around April 10th or so the trial had been underlined. Because the independent data monitoring committee unblinded study early. Do the Efficacy they were doing a safety review, but they saw that the Efficacy was so good, which is almost unheard of and they did an unplanned interim analysis and
the study had completed enrollment.

All patients ran for at least one year, so they decided to unblind the trial.

So I got that call and by the next week we were already preparing an Astro presentation. Why? Because these were the data. Remember, I told you that was powered for a 30% improvement, but look here on the left. These are patients with stage two and three a disease. The primary population. This is a disease free survival for patients on the astroneer can have the pill versus those on the placebo. The hazard ratio here is 0.1 seven.
That means there’s an 83% improvement.

Again, we expected that this drug would work, but with this much magnitude. It was just incredible.

And then when you add in the 1B patients, patients who would have a good prognosis to begin with, I told you half of those were cured.

The hazard ratio still zero 80% improvement. So these these data were quite impressive to all of us and that’s why it was presented so quickly.

This is a forest part, which is often done in these types of trials.
Here you can see the unity line, anything to the left favors the App Store merchant and they think of the right favors. The placebo. You can see everything is to the left, whether it be sex, age, former smokers still did well whether they were Asian or non Asian. The race, the stage I told you, equal numbers and all three. Even the early stage ones still make it across the line and then each information status didn’t matter. And of course. Whether they got acumen chemotherapy
00:20:49.152 --> 00:20:50.949 enough or not didn’t seem to

00:20:50.949 --> 00:20:52.299 make a difference as well,

00:20:52.300 --> 00:20:54.102 so all this was positive, really,

00:20:54.102 --> 00:20:55.310 really very positive trial.

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00:20:57.410 --> 00:21:01.268 I’m sure many of you want to know

00:21:01.268 --> 00:21:02.830 what about overall survival.

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00:21:06.744 --> 00:21:08.249 and that will be filed.

00:21:08.250 --> 00:21:10.258 But right now we want to know the

00:21:10.258 --> 00:21:11.859 local versus disease recurrence,

00:21:11.860 --> 00:21:13.365 including the sites of recurrence

00:21:13.365 --> 00:21:14.569 I mentioned the brain,
the liver and the bone.
And actually I this is a nice.
Picture from an Chang and an article she wrote with Johann Mascia number years ago, but that’s the thing.
Even without the survival result, our patients are occurring in these very sensitive sites.
What were the subsequent therapies in one of the quality of life?
All this is still percolating and will present it shortly.
In fact, I’d like to just say a word about this.
The idea that we’ve taken targeted therapy, and we’ve added it to our best surgery,
an Azure in therapy.

And now we’re seeing better outcomes for patients.

And I can’t help but think about my late mentor, Isaiah Fiddler,

He digester earlier this year.

He would always talk about that that biology is the foundation of therapy and

that’s what we’ve done with your trial.

Now I wish I could tell you more,

so I hinted to you about the brain Mets.

I’ll tell you that it’s good

enough that there’s going to be an embargoed presentation at Esmo this
Saturday at 12:30 our time and a paper coming out in the Journal.

I’m not supposed to talk about it, but in a Journal that the Mass Medical Society publishes.

So this will be out. So this will be out.

You’ll be able to see it by Saturday.

So where are we at with this now?

Now we have to even add in more science.

So now we have an alliance with Astra Zeneca that Patton Russo and I were able to develop.

And you can see we’re working with their tool compounds with them on all the different questions I just talked about brain metastases,
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So all of this is very exciting and really speaks to how we’ve evolved over 20 years and how science has gone into the clinic to really make a difference in lung cancer with these targeted agents. You can see here project two of the spore so Katie Poletti leads us along with the rest of the team. And you can see here’s project two of the spore so Katie Poletti leads us along with the rest of the team. You’ll see in a moment, so we actually have programs here to optimize approaches to counter on target. EGFR dependent mechanisms of resistance so you can see up here we have mice when patients recur,
we get tumor and they go into the mouse and we have mice that are resistant to these drugs and we can try to look at new therapies and correlate that with patient data. Some of these are genetically engineered mice and then we can look at vulnerabilities of Teeki Resistance. In two minutes without on target. Here for resistance, there are other mechanisms and we have clinical trials and studies to look to understand why the patients would become resistant, because as good as we are,
we’re going to see this resistant merge. So we have to stay one step ahead of this. And that’s what Katie and the team are doing.

So here’s that wonderful project team I mentioned Katie working with Sarah Goldberg and Mark Lemon Collaborative Group. You know each other projects has its own team that meets on a regular basis.

Here’s the list, samples from the clinic PDX models, genetic models, drugs in collaboration with industry investigator initiated trials. That’s the way we’re going.
to continue to make progress in lung cancer. And you can see productivity. No problem with this group. You can see a number of key publications, allele specific patterns of resistant resistance approaches to overcome and prevent the emergence of resistance mutations to ascertain if which of course has only been used for a couple of years. So it’s taking time to develop all this and molecular modeling to understand these mechanisms. So really really talented group working together.
And then, of course brain metastases.

We have a separate team doing that.

We have done along with Veronica Chang neurosurgeon done being a basic scientist and Abby patellar radiation oncologist.

That translation researcher, so there trying to look at mediators of CNS metastasis to lung cancer.

were getting CSF samples from patients who have lung metastases.

To understand what’s going on in the CSF in the cerebral spinal fluid.

And then we’re going to understand adaptive mechanisms of tumor dissemination and drug resistance in the brain.

A number of key papers already published,
and then we're going to use this CSF to identify biomarkers and genetic drivers of metastases.

So all of this already on going again, the lab, the clinic interspersed together.

So with that on now focused on immunotherapy.

So if all we have already talked about was not enough, amino therapy is perhaps even more powerful tool if we can learn how to harness it.

Well, I've been at yell since 2011. The patient from 2010, so one of the reasons I was attracted to come here as I met with Scott and
Mario and they told me about this thing. I was at MD Anderson. We didn’t know anything about it. We weren’t doing any immunotherapy and Scott showed me some X Rays and I said wow and really initiated this clinical field. Patients with refractory lung cancer. This is Maureen. This is a center point so I’m able to show her picture. But here we have a patient with refractory disease three times refractory squamous lung cancer.
Very few of them Lego markers would be there.

There would be very little targeted therapy for this type of patient,

but look at this response but more important than this amazing response is now 10 years later,

she’s still alive and well. So we actually because of the work we’ve done subsequently,

Bob Sherwin and teacher Johnson put us in for Team Science Award at the Association for clinical and Translational Science and loan.

Behold, we got it. You know,
a little bit of money that we split,
but you can see you know these are just a few of the many people at captain.
Of course, Harriet Mario snow.
And then of course sleeping my good friend and collaborator a team working on this,
and I’m going to show you more.
So I’m going to ask the question and I don’t know if it’s the beta is watching if this weather regular grand rounds.
I looked on the right and I’d seen there, but he’s inspired me for many years.
Can we cure metastatic lung cancer?
A question you wouldn’t even asked 20 years ago. Of course, not even ten years ago, but I’d like to ask that question today. And then we’ll talk about it at the very end of my talk. I tried to read up a little bit. What’s the definition of cure to restore health to bring about recovery from? I look up at Hippocrates. Cure sometimes.

Treat often comfort always, but this is the most inspiring book we, of course, had a grand rounds with Vince and Elizabeth a few years ago.
The way that they cured, Lymphoma and adult lymphomas. Can we do that in lung cancer? Remember, lung cancer is a little bit different. Disease also affects people who are older and more comorbidities, but keep that question in mind. 'cause I'm going to ask you again in about 20 minutes. Well, lung cancer therapies just evolve so quickly, so this first round up here keynote, one call later, was the of this. He’s an author on the New England Journal of Medicine Paper.
We had this in our phase one clinic. You'll still bump into patients in the Hall who were on this trial 678 years ago who are alive and well. This was Pember Lizum app. It was given to all comers in a number of different lung cancer types, but subsequently the biomarker was shown to predict who did a bit better PDL 1. I got involved. This is a trial Iran keynote 10. This resulted in Pember Lizum app getting licensed in the second line setting. We actually showed that a two doses when you use pembrolizumab versus docetaxel,
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This is stage three lung cancer using their vile map and you can see improvement in survival.

But I wanted to show some of our own data, so here's Scott's trial. Scott and Mario. She was on this trial and look at the actuarial five year survival from that first trial.

And if all mad here at Yeah 16% and you know what Scott knows, everyone of those patients who is alive and he's got their samples and he's analyzing them right now.
But you know, it’s really all about the tail. So if you look at this survival curve now, we gotta do better here. We lose a lot of patients early on when they get to this tale. Is it as good? I look at this with Mario. Today is it as good as Melanoma? Maybe not quite it, still earlier too. And this is a disease you know of. People who smoke and have other mutations, but you know what? It’s looking pretty darn good to me. And then of course, you know you’ve got a credit Harriet, for her constant mentor ship.
00:30:36.890 --> 00:30:39.146 We know working with Sarah early on in her tenure here and Veronica again, our neurosurgeon.

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we were able to get a relationship with Merck. It helped us to get this drug in lung and Melanoma. They collaborated together and what this is showing as this is a wonderful plot. Each of these points below the line is a patient who responded, but what you can see is the response in the brain and the lung looked to be about the same. So now real world trials and neutrals are allowing patients with brain Mets to get parallelism at 'cause it apparently works across the blood brain barrier.
That’s very important.

So where are we at right now?

Again, I only have an hour,

but here’s a nice slide made by hand Chen.

She wrote a beautiful review in nature

reviews clinical oncology earlier this year,

and basically we look at squamous

or nonsquamous lung cancer.

And we look at PDL one expression

and we have we have therapies for

patients who have less than 1% PDL,

one to 49% pdo one or greater

than 50% PDL 1,

and that’s sort of the way things
are assorted right now and approved as a single agent are two drugs.

Humble is a map and a Texel is a map where you can give these to patients with high PD L1. They don’t even need chemotherapy just for the sake of today’s discussion, I’m going to talk about a Tesla is a mad ’cause Yale has had a very big part in its development and I’m going to show you how we took this drug all the way from the very first in human dose now to face.

So about 2012 you know Paul and I were approached by by IRA Mellman.
of course, had an affinity for Yale.

He had, I believe he was the scientific director of the Cancer Center for many years, and I actually knew him 'cause I took his course as a Rockefeller graduate student.

So I've ever called and they said, would you like to be involved in this trial? And he said, yes, we said, can we do a trial with your new drug test Alyssa Map, which is a PD L1 inhibitor.

That PD, one PD, L1 or can we include biopsies because we like to do biopsies.
We had that working and we want to understand the mechanism and they actually said sure so working closely with Scott and then Petrol Act was very involved. They had amazing data and bladder cancer and with Paul and then Pat. When she arrived we did this trial and we treated almost 30 patients, maybe 35 here. And yeah and we got biopsy. So here’s a patient with multiple lung metastases who had a complete response. And in this patient we gotta buy a seat recruitment and biopsy where they they went off treatment. And that’s very helpful because you could look at CD 8 cells and these are T
cells and you can see before treatment there's not very much CD sales here. But after treatment the T cells all swarm into the tumor. That's an example of the adaptive immune response, and from this work described what was happening at the level of the tumor in patients who are getting these drugs even more incredible was this RNA chip that we did. Again, working with Iran. Danshen Steve Odeon Farberware involved. We had a collaborative team as many
These clinical trials are but you can see pre and post on this. The Green is pretty yellow is post so you can see Granzyme is an enzyme that’s made by cells having an active immune response so you can see the grandson goes up in the post. This is a patient having good immune response on here is perforant preference thing about Perforant as being an enzyme that makes a hole in the tumor cell and cause it to burst. Looking at the hyperforin that you see after treatment versus before, so we defined in this the adaptive active immune response.
This was 20% of the patients keep that number in mind, but most of the patients did not respond, so we also had profiles of Nonresponders. So here are three different profiles again with CDA we had one group called immune ignorance. These are patients with no T cells to begin with and no T cells to be at the end. The tumor just laughs at what we’re doing. We call this the immune desert. Then you have the non functional immune response. We can see a good number of
cytotoxic T cells,
maybe get a little bit of an increase.
It's in the paper.
I don't have time to show it to you with
that immune ship would be negative.
No activation of the T cells.
You don’t send it.
See anything going up and then
we have the immune excluded.
This is very interesting where the
T cells don’t get to the tumor and
this is something we’re very actively
studying in the lab.
How can we get these T cells
to the tumor because of their
interact with the tumor and within?
They’re not going to activate, so we understood the patterns of resistance. Now let’s do something about it. Well, we get a great deal of work with the Tassel is a might Academy licensed in the second line setting. You’ll see patients around our center who are benefiting from this. It’s just amazing. So then we’re off for the opportunity to lead the phase three trial using the drug in the frontline setting and we said sure here you can see this is the trout in Power 110 and this trial chemotherapy naive PDL,
one selected patients with stage four non small cell lung cancer, either squamous or nonsquamous. So untreated patients 572. We used a little bit of a different asset here. Based on the work we had done in the biopsies, we thought it would be important to look at PDL one both in the tumor cells more than 50% and also PDL one in the immune cells more than 10%. So we call that TC three IC 3. In this study we also use a slightly different antibody.
I'll get to that in a moment, but it's pretty simple design at TES Alisme am versus chemotherapy. Maintenance of Texel is a map versus maintenance chemotherapy endpoint being survival. Well, here is that result in. These data are now impressed, though not too long from now. You can see the curves. Cross definitely tells us we still could do a little bit better with our biomarker, but here's the patients who had the high PD L1 and got the test losing Matt here.
The patients who got the control chemotherapy has a ratio is 0.59 and these data will be followed out more. But again an incredible result. Single agent immunotherapy versus chemotherapy. We also then looked at this in this paper with other markers, Here’s the SP 142 which is the market we used for this study. It’s the one that’s used in breast cancer. Is the antibody against PDL one. And then here you can see there are more commonly used to see three ’cause I believe what we
run at least used to run it.

Yeah the results with the same slightly different populations.

I won’t get into this today but this trial allowed us to sort of develop some of the biomarker comparisons which beforehand had not been done. But even more interesting,

I wanted to show this just one slide and again the full report will be out soon. This was already presented at Esmo, but what you can see is we looked at tumor mutational burden, the number of vacations for megabase
using the foundation medicine platform

and what you can see is here’s another one of those forest plots.

Here’s all patients with any PDL one expression, but you can see that when you took patients with a blood based tumor mutational burden, you see a progressive increase in referee survival as you go up in the number of mutations per megabase.

Why is this important?

Predict that someday will use this as a biomarker, perhaps in Association with other biomarkers in this setting.

Well, what about biomarkers developed at Yale and mechanisms of resistance?
Again, I'm giving an overview today, but you know, so fortunate to have such an amazing team. These are two papers with Scott's first author, but when was led through Katie's lab and was led through Kurt slab just really seminal results. So and I have to credit Rick Lifton. We used to meet with Rick and work with him. We used to go meet weekly at his lab so we had a great team working together so we actually sequenced patients at resistance. I've actually learned a whole lot.
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These are patients that have low T cells and very little. These are patients that have low T cells and these are patients. These two groups that have a lot of T cells. But then he looked at the characteristics of the T cells. These T cells had low CD67 and located at 67. So we’re sort of exhausted and these details you can see by the white. They had high K 67 and high granzyme and lo and behold, he showed that that group that had the low CD67 and a low granzyme.
They did the best small numbers, but we're now using our stand up for cancer alliance to validate this more, but it shows that you can identify a group of patients who probably had more ability to respond to immunotherapy biomarkers. Very exciting, this work continues. I just point that out now, what about resistance? So we have to understand resistance better. This is work from David Rim, he now leads among group at NYU and what
you can see is we actually took 450 samples from our archive here at Yale. When I told you pathology is key and we actually found that only 17% of the tumors at high PD L1 and hide the same 1720%. I've been telling you. Do real well, but here’s 26% of the tumors that have a lot of PDL one have sorry they have a lot of chill but no PDL one so it doesn’t matter. how much you block PDL 1 here, it’s not going to matter, but perhaps there are other.
checkpoints in play and then
you can see type one and four.
These are tumors where there are no tells their cold tumors,
so it doesn’t matter how much you play around with these
immune checkpoint inhibitors,
we have to inflamed them first so we call 1,
three and four off target.
Target missing resistance and type one is the on target resistance.
Let me talk about that first.
Even when you give immunotherapy to these patients,
they still only respond 30-40% of the time,
so something else is going
in the macro environment.

Well known, behold, we have David Rahman team quantitative mean for essence lovely paper recently looking at Co localization in macrophages. The macrophages are going to be important to micro environment and outcome looking at markers of PDL one and macrophage this is what we need to do more of like not just these two markers that markers in other cell types in the tumor microenvironment. And we had some extra money on the store.
We still need more money Charlie,

but we just had a little bit of extra surplus last year.

So what we did is we put it into tissue microarray with some of the responders nonresponders very valuable so we can test different biomarkers now.

And I think they've been in his group for their complete innovation.

And you can see the rim lab, just just a wonderful lab.

The only problem is David is so good he is now part of it.

Had an export of course he’s leading breast cancer for many years.

We need many more groups like this
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all my other administrative work,

but I got an office over there and and

we work very closely together and I

learned to laugh, even put me to work.

They they got me working

in the lab and I I’m a PhD.

I did this 20 years ago,

so it’s actually really good

to get in the lab,

but it’s about the people

talking to people at coffee and

understanding the different projects.

I also went back to school.

It went back up to Science Hill

and I took immunology course.

There’s Peter Cresswell, you know,
when I learned and through that. I learned what was going on in the lab even better, and I said, Hey, here’s a project we should take to the clinic. So that’s project 1, So this is a sciatica acid bound, electing its a receptor. It’s known to be on macrophages Annand. Micelles this came through a large screen that leaping had developed in the lab to find new targets. Looking at other membrane jeans home Alexa PDL one so we were going
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Here is the responder I mentioned, so this drive already in phase one and we said OK, maybe we can learn more about the mechanism in the lab and more about the mechanism in the clinic and make this a trial in our long spore. So it is project one and we have other candidates of course that we’re developing as well. But this is this is a project now and again path being very closely involved the phase one results.
more science and from a biomarker.

So one of the things I was able to do having been working in the lab is I put David rim together with sleeping in the company and it’s taking a few years. This is not simple stuff. You don’t just developing Immuno Chemistry Assay. You’ve gotta validate it. You’ve got to know the prevalence of that marker. Might not be so high you have to enhance for it. So David now I believe has an assay to measure S 15615 and actually it’s very interesting as he’s looked at it.
He found that when you look at patients that are high in PD, L1, the tumors tend to be low in S15. So it looks like there might be some mutual exclusivity there. Which could be very important as we decide who to treat, so this works on going and the new trial we’re going to do that. Yeah, the plan is very soon to include biomarker selection. And then here’s the Travis Scott gettinger is running as an IIT. We reached out to next cure but
also through our great deal of work with mercantilism app. They’ve provided us Pember Lizum app for this trial. So now we’re going to take patients who have failed immunotherapy. And I’m hearing clinic today. I almost every patient. I see there having issues. You know, they need what’s next after being in therapy. So for that we now need to get new biopsies and we’re going to have either NC or NC 318 plus. that signal 15 or NC 318 plus.
take refractory patients and either give them the single agent alone, hopefully someday with biomarker selection or a combination with the standard immunotherapy. We're also going to few patients in the frontline setting, so we're very excited about this. This should hopefully be open very soon. So again, science from Yale moving to the clinic with science going back to the lab. And of course, again, I can’t emphasize enough. Today. It’s all about the team. So Katie Kirk came to visit,
so that was easy to form an idea.

So people who wanted to be in the picture, you know there sleeping.

There’s pad.

Pleinair Charlie, I got myself a good spot. You can see we have a team.

It’s all these people. The other ones were doing the work.

This is just amazing. The team we have probably have.

that we’re seeing the patience

Jochim This is just amazing.

The team we have probably have.

I know we have the best phase

when you did in the world.

So I’ve talked.

I’ve gone through a couple of

little vignettes you can see.
I’m excited, I’m enthusiastic. I think we’ve made a difference. I’ve seen it myself. There’s nothing like seeing a patient who’s alive 10 years later that you’ve treated it with your own clinic. What is the future? But it’s very hard to predict the future. But can we cure metastatic lung cancer with immunotherapy? And I’ve been asking this question to a lot of people and I’m going to say yes. But in some cases, or at least patients can remain alive with controlled disease, we’ve seen it.
I started to Scott earlier today in the clinic we have 10 years survivors from the very first trial. Maybe 1020 of them. Know we have people who are alive. Maybe that 10 years, but ten years up to 10 years at seven six years we used to celebrate survival at MD Anderson in stage three disease at five years. So it might be time to start getting these patients together. We have to learn though a little bit more. My point now to all of you. Is we can treat these patients.
but we need to know in advance who are these patients so that those who can get immunotherapy alone can get it. And those that the combinations of drugs or chemotherapy. They can get it. So that’s where I think we need to put all of our efforts in the next few years. So do we need to personalize immunotherapy? Absolutely. We spent 20 years personalizing targeted therapy. I showed you that we’re still not there yet. We’re still waiting for more data. It’s still a small population that we’re treating. We need biomarkers.
We need better combos.

We need more science.

We need innovative trial designs, collaboration, and public private partnerships.

I would say to all of you watching right now.

The future is now. I’m going to give you an opportunity to work with us in the last slide. So what are we waiting for? It’s time to target immunotherapy, and you know, we can’t just give these drugs to all patients. We’ve we’ve we’ve, it’s amazing the number of diseases that it benefited.
All diseases benefit to some extent, but there are cold tumors there too. Is it don’t have much PDL? One we have to better understand this and that’s going to mean better science in the clinic. Now Scott shared this with me this morning and this is our exceptional responder cohort, so you can see these are patients for whom we have tissue, and you can see months from starting immunotherapy. So we’ve got quite a few there that are out three four years. So now what we need to do is we
need complete analysis of these patients apples to inform future studies to personalize immunotherapy. That's on going. My prediction is it’s not going to just sequencing if we do sequence, we’re going to sequence. So tumor and the host. So maybe this generations project will help us that’s being done at Young Haven, but this is something we can do. We will do, we must do. Adaptive trial designs and new protocols are needed. I didn’t have much time to talk about this today,
but a lot of this tissue sampling has come from the battle trial. It’s 15 years since we started that trial at MD Anderson. I think the same principles would apply adaptive trial design. Europe, England has a national lung matrix project. I think this is something that we certainly want to think about. Targeted therapy for patients based on biomarkers we already happened in the US. This is the lung map trial in which I’m the Pi. A large public private partnership.
About 100 of us in the leadership working together, we have this open at yellow or one of the number one cruisers. Her child does a great job with this, and if so, how? At the VA, but targeting patients with mutations but also patients who are immune resistant. There are many new drugs we need to work with these drugs. We need to combine these drugs. Again, this I just meant to show that if we combine them, You have to do it rationally and
we have to do it based on the science and what we’ve learned about the immune microenvironment. This is an amazing trial that Scott leads with Richard for Val, David, Hafler, Kurt, Katie. We have ample amount of all map now and approved regimen and we have about 3040 patients in this trial. It’s at 9 or 10 other sites. Everyone gets tissue, blood and stool for microbiome and we’re putting the markers together. It’s just at the point now. It’s been 3 four years,
then we’re going to try to get some information on who benefits and who doesn’t.

So finally I told you I’d give you a challenge. I would propose that we need to do the eye bulldog trial, and I’ve been talking to Pat and best phase one and drug developer.

She understands a science Ed Captain. We need him. It’s just the amazing, most amazing person at bringing teams together and where we work so well together.

So we’re going to actually take a trial. Now we’re going to try to use biomarker development.
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00:52:04.940 --> 00:52:06.020 the best clinical science.
00:52:06.020 --> 00:52:07.640 I’d like to merge them together.
00:52:07.640 --> 00:52:10.340 I can tell you it’s not really easy.
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00:52:12.500 --> 00:52:14.468 Used to work a lot of the Folkman
00:52:14.468 --> 00:52:16.520 he used to tell me that’s exactly
00:52:16.520 --> 00:52:18.440 the time when you should do it,
so we’re going to make this happen and I’m very excited, and I think I’ve shown you that progress can be made. So I just want to thank all of you today. It’s just been an amazing team effort. I want to especially thank the Yale School of Medicine by Albert for his support. The teacher grants that have led to these spores and now Nancy Brown and her team have continued to support this. Brian Smith and of course Charlie in the Yellow Cancer Center for all the money we get from the NCI we get all the resources of the Cancer Center. We get additional money for the DRP&C.
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questions on the chat function,

but I'll start while people are typing

so you have a couple of questions.

One that I'm just curious 'cause I've seen the data from the Bureau study before,

but I didn't fully appreciate

when you look at mutation type

There seemed to be potentially a difference depending on the mutation

type where it almost look like.

They're confidence limits were not overlapping.

did I misinterpret that

no well, the good news is that both

mutation types benefited in this
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was empowered to compare the two.

And then sort of on a related note.

Curious to see what your you know

what your expectations are for IO

in the future value in the Agement

set setting and then you know to

what extent targeted agents in iok

and can be combined either in the

That’s a great question,

so I of course trials are ongoing so.

They are being done in many cases

without biomarker, so I worry a little

bit about that because you know,

these agents do have to access city.

I didn’t mention it, I know I assume
most of us are familiar with this, but the idea is that you can get with these immune therapies while mostly low level. Certainly pneumonitis is something to worry about, and Carditis and other things. In the aggregate setting, I think that I would give it a 5050. Whether these trials will be positive. It’s hard to file. We don’t know the PD-L1 status often of these. These tumors were not following micrometastatic disease.
going to use MRD techniques and these bespoke models to know who has minimal residual disease and much rather see it. Try where we know that someone has minimal residual disease and then use that route immune therapy to enhance that so it’s being done sort of just as the next step and it might be that these are tumors that are not driven by PDL 1 maybe. They are the type 1 three or five or four. So I do worry about that a little bit, but you know, like anything else, depending on the population, they get. If it’s a highly smoking related population that might have higher
tumor mutational burden,
perhaps it will be positive, but no,
it gets all the same questions.
How long to treat know what are you treating?
But I’m glad that the experiments are
ongoing and hopefully there are blood
samples that are being obtained from
those trials so that we can look and
see what’s happening in real time now.
The other question you answer is.
But I’d love to do, you know,
we know that targeted therapy you
have in each year for mutation,
80% chance of tumor,
will respond to patient.
Feels better within days,

so why not use immunotherapy
targeted therapy early on,

knowing that resistance will ultimately
develop and then bring on the immune therapy,

which takes awhile to work,

but will have a mug shot but will have

a much more durable response that’s

been tried at least in lung cancer.
The toxicity has just been.

Unbearable both in Asia and in the US.

Not sure why,

but I guess the reactivation of the

immunity in patients that are getting

these EGFR agents that do tend to

have issues with the skin and the
long term institutional lung disease.

Those toxicities have precluded that so far.

That said, there are other ways to other agents that can be looked at that are now being tried.

Lag 3 Tim. Maybe the cyclic that all should be looked at.

So I think that.

That has to be the next step,

because each year for mutated disease,

as good as it is,

at least in the metastatic setting,

we still have many patients.

In fact, most will recur,
and so I think trials are warranted there and then. You know, I’m hoping that in the Dora the longer duration of therapy with better agent in an earlier setting will result in. Curious, but we don’t know that yet either. Going to follow those patients for awhile for survival. Thank you. Actually a few questions coming in one comment that will offer quickly is Stephanie Lien Rights. Congrats, beautiful multiple exclamation points Stephanie. Thank Stephanie Pat Larusso asks, do you think the scenario will be the same with G12C rash mutations
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00:58:41.730 --> 00:58:43.818 You know that’s been presented already.
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00:58:43.820 --> 00:58:46.172 In fact, Yosi and I wrote an
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immune competent animal models.

So I do think that those agents are just begging to be combined with a new therapy.

The one thing we don’t know yet and hopefully will see this weekend.

What is the durability of response for K Ras agents alone you worry since K racs so upstream, but they’re going to be so many bypassed pathways there.

Will it have a median duration of response of at least six months or more?

In fact, if not, I probably have to be combined so my phone is that very nice that we have these agents.
the Q 12 see not as good in colon cancer,
of course, but that’s a smoking related KRS abnormality.
Now we do have data that K Rasputin patients to respond to immunotherapy.
But I think that combination is something that hopefully we’re already doing here at yeah.
Sarah Goldberg already is running trials.
Navid have fares as a trial in the face.
These are all things were studying here and then. Final question from David.
Rim is a diagnostic test needed to see who will benefit in the admin setting or should every mutation patient get? I guess those emergent OSI here, right? So I imagine I was hurt. And at this point, no. I think everyone who’s EGFR Mutant. You know, you know. Again, you know there are going to be some who say we don’t have survival data. I can share if I were giving this talk a week from now. I think I could put the nail in the case because you know, certainly if when we’re not metastasized to the brain.
I think that's a good thing, but I think that yes, you know we're going to have to learn from this. I can't wait till dawn when gets those samples and he can sequence them and tell us who's going to metastasized to the brain. So we know that advance. We can look at the cell free DNA and know that someone is developing early resistance and maybe we get Katie. Some tumor actually can develop an animal model. There's still room to do better,
but I think right now, assuming approval, I think will use this. Then one of our surgeons right here. I have to convert him that he should send the sample for each year from Mutation and hopefully will do that. And hopefully David will help me with that. Alright, thank you, I know we’re out of time is a fantastic talk. Great, great work. Thank you for all that you’re doing in your leadership. And again, thank you for a fantastic presentation. Thanks for all your support. Again. It’s it’s the Cancer Center that supports
the teams that really can make the difference that can help the patients.

Eventually everyone have a good day and will see you next week.