

NCI 2007 BREAST CANCER PREOP THERAPY MEETING
OPENING OF DAY 2

DR. JULIE GRALOW: Good morning, everyone. If you could take your seats, we're ready to get started with the second day of our NCI State of the Science conference on "Preoperative Therapy in Invasive Breast Cancer". Welcome back. This morning, we are going to start off with a session on "Local-Regional Therapy after Breast Cancer Preoperative Therapy". We will then spend the rest of the morning with an exciting discussion on "Research Issues in Preoperative Therapy". That will take us to lunch.

After lunch, we will have a set of panelists up here, and spend about an hour and a half on a panel discussion of some of the key issues. I'll remind you that the panel discussion -- it is not intended to be an oral back-and-forth. The way that you will get your question or your issue addressed is to fill out one of these forms -- it will either be pink, blue, or green, depending on the pack that you received. And there's a box to submit them to -- you need to submit them by right before lunch, so that the panelists will be reviewing them over lunch. The ones that you've already submitted have already been reviewed. And that will be the way that we will have our panel discussion take place. And then Eric and I will try to summarize, at the end, everything that we've talked about in the past two days.

So, we're ready to introduce now our moderators for this morning's session. I'm pleased to introduce Dr. Lisa Newman, who's the Medical Director of the Breast Care Center and Associate Professor of Surgery at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center, and Dr. Tim Whelan, a radiation oncologist, professor in the Department of Medicine at McMaster University, and he's co-chair of the Breast Site Group for the National Cancer Institute of Canada. Tim and Lisa, I'll turn it over to you.