



**Scientific and Medical Accountability
Standards Working Group Briefing Memo:
2010 Annual Meeting**

Meeting Format & Objectives

The 2010 Annual Meeting includes a workshop on cell banking. The goal of the workshop is to solicit perspectives from leaders in the field of cell line development, banking and distribution to understand how CIRM may support access to research materials. The workshop will consist of a series of panel discussion on the following topics:

1. Scientific considerations for cell banking
2. Materials provenance and consent
3. IP and patents impact of banking and distribution
4. Costs and organizational capacity considerations for cell banks

In February 2010, CIRM sponsored a diversity workshop. One conclusion from the [workshop report](#) is that California's extraordinary population diversity creates opportunities for the development of regenerative medicine. CIRM intends to continue to evaluate the need for greater cell line diversity (racial, ethnicity and disease diversity) in future workshops and scientific meetings.

CIRM Policy Governing Procurement and Cells and Tissue

The Standards Working Group has consistently recommended comprehensive policies for the ethical procurement of human cells and tissue. These recommendations are embodied in the Medical and Ethical Standards Regulations. The regulations are particularly prescriptive with regard to the procurement of human cells and tissue supported with CIRM funds.

Additional SWG Consideration for Cell Banking

The Banking Workshop is designed to provide a comprehensive view of issues related to the collection, banking and distribution of cells; however, it would be valuable to for the Standards Working Group to give special attention to the segment on privacy, provenance and safety regulation. CIRM is particularly interested in understanding if there are any additional ethical / policy issues related to banking that need to be considered if the institute were to support a cell banking initiative.