

## Diabetes: Progress toward stem cell therapies, a Live Google Hangout

California's Stem Cell Agency (CIRM) hosted a live Google Hangout about recent progress in stem cell based strategies for diabetes therapies.

The speakers included:

Francisco Prieto, MD - CIRM's diabetes patient advocate governing board member. Dr. Prieto is a practicing physician and researcher who has been active in diabetes care, patient and professional education and exercise promotion throughout his career.

Chris Stiehl, a patient advocate for diabetes who has been living with type 1 for 50 years and a former Board member for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

Kevin D'Amour, PhD Chief Scientific Officer and Howard Foyt, MD, PhD, Chief Medical Officer, ViaCyte, Inc.

Viacyte, a CIRM-funded, San Diego-based company has developed a device that is implanted under the skin and that secretes insulin and other hormones to keep blood glucose levels under control. The device contains insulin-producing pancreatic beta cells derived from human embryonic stem cells. The product is scheduled to enter clinical this year.

For more information about CIRM-funded diabetes research visit our fact sheet

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