

## Seminar Intro: Autism, Toxicology, Environmental Health and Stem Cell Science

Since World War II, over 80,000 chemical compounds have been developed in the U.S. About 3,000 of these chemicals are produced at rate of one million pounds per year. Do these chemicals have potential public health risks? Can exposure to these chemicals be linked to childhood development disorders, such as autism? What challenges do environmental health programs face in trying to identify toxic chemicals? Could stem cell science help assess the toxicity of these chemicals? A panel of speakers addressed these questions at the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine on September 30, 2009.

Geoffrey Lomax, PhD, introduced the panel of speakers. The seminar was presented at the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine in San Francisco. Lomax is the Senior Officer to the CIRM Standards Working Group.

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