

**THE SCIENTIFIC AND MEDICAL RESEARCH FUNDING WORKING GROUP OF
THE
CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE**

Approval of per diem Payment for Subject Specialists to Provide Expertise in the Review of Grant Applications.

To accelerate the development of treatments and move the field of stem cell research forward expeditiously, CIRM encourages research on novel ideas and approaches that could cover a wide range of areas. Review of such applications requires reviewers with the appropriate background and expertise. Therefore, CIRM may from time to time acquire the help of subject experts or Specialists to participate in the review process. These Specialists do not vote but will provide in-depth knowledge of special and specific areas of science. They will be assigned to review select applications based on the needed expertise, and will participate in the discussion of the assigned applications by teleconference and answer questions that may arise from the Working Group. To compensate them for their assistance to the Working Group, the CIRM requests approval to provide a per diem of \$400 to Specialists for their review activities.