§ 100060. SCRO Committee Membership and Function.

(a) A SCRO committee shall be comprised of persons with expertise in, including but not limited to, developmental biology, stem cell research, molecular biology, assisted reproduction, and ethical issues in stem cell research. A SCRO committee shall include at least one non-scientist member of the public who is not employed by the relevant research institution and who is not part of the immediate family of a person who is affiliated with the institution. In addition, a SCRO committee shall include at least one patient advocate.

(b) Any member of a SCRO committee may be reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses for attending the meeting, not including lost wages. No SCRO committee may have a member participate in the SCRO committee’s initial or continuing review of any project in which the member has a conflicting interest, except to provide information to the SCRO committee.

(c) The designated SCRO committee shall provide scientific and ethical review of CIRM-funded research consistent with the requirements of Section 100070 and other applicable CIRM requirements.

(d) The SCRO committee shall facilitate education of investigators with applicable requirements of this chapter.

(e) A SCRO committee may provide oversight for two or more funded research institutions, provided the SCRO committee has oversight authority consistent with the requirements of this chapter.

(f) A SCRO committee may be convened by an institution, a group of institutions, the CIRM or other state agency.

Note: Authority cited: Article XXXV, California Constitution; and Section 125290.40(j).