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Subject: [EXT] Dr. Irv Weissman's trial for Breast Cancer that has Metastasized

Hello Scott,

I met Dr. Irv Weissman while making my film, Ending Disease, about the first generation of stem cell and CAR T cell FDA approved clinical trials that were attempting to cure different diseases. I followed ten of the first clinical trials using regenerative medicine, and almost all of those trials were made possible by receiving grants from CIRM.

Irv Weissman was working on his anti-CD47 cancer therapy clinical trial at that time. However, as I interviewed Dr. Weissman I learned about his plans to get back the rights to his purified stem cell clinical trial which had cured one third of the patients with breast cancer that had metastasized, 21 years ago.

I became very interested to learn about this breast cancer trial, and I reached out to patient #1 and patient #2 to interview them for my documentary film. Both of these women had been told by their oncologists that their cancer had spread throughout their bones and that their cancer was terminal. Both of these women elected to go through the breast cancer clinical trial at Stanford, and 21 years later they are both healthy and certainly cured. There were several more women that I could have reached out to from that clinical trial, who were doing well all these years later. I just didn't have the budget to interview more than these two patients from Dr. Weissman's clinical trial.

Both patient #1 and patient #2 are included in a short video that I have edited from my film, and that I am submitting to your committee. In this short video both women talk about how they were so fortunate to have gone through Dr. Weissman's clinical trial as they were able to watch their children grow up, when so many other women with breast cancer that had metastasized only lived an additional 2-3 years. Here is the link to the short film.

<https://vimeo.com/877689268/065b9cf006?share=copy>

I am hopeful that Dr. Weissman will have the opportunity to resurrect his clinical trial using purified stem cell therapy for patients whose breast cancer has metastasized. I have heard first hand from two women whose lives have been saved, and whose families have been spared, when so many other families have suffered the devastating loss of their mother. I hope that Dr. Weissman will have

the opportunity to open this clinical trial once again and save many more women's lives.

Best Regards, Joe Gantz

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