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SUBJ: Update on Connecticut's Stem Cell Research Program

1. Funding Update

On March 31, 2009, the State of Connecticut Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee directed the allocation of \$9.8 million in stem cell research funds to investigators based in New Haven, Middletown, Farmington and Storrs. This allocation is the third installment of grants from the Stem Cell Research Fund, established by the Connecticut General Assembly and signed into law by Governor M. Jodi Rell in 2005. To date, Connecticut has allocated nearly \$40 million in support of human and embryonic stem cell research. Between 2005 and 2015, the committee is tasked with allocating approximately \$100 million in order to encourage stem cell research in Connecticut.

2. Policies

For the first time since the program inception in June 2005, members of the Connecticut Stem Cell Research Peer Review Committee received a measure of compensation for their efforts on behalf of the state in the latest round of funding. Peer Reviewers were compensated between \$100 and \$400 per review based on the type of application. No reviewer received more than \$2550, and one of the fifteen reviewers chose to return his compensation to the Connecticut Stem Cell Research Fund.