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**A Panel Discussion**  
**“Understanding the Promise and Problems of Stem Cells”**

**University of California, Irvine**  
**School of Medicine, Tamkin Building F-110**  
**Monday, May 9th, 2005**  
**7:00 to 8:30 PM**



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Stem cell research is one of the most fascinating areas of scientific research today. Stem cell biology is advancing knowledge about how an organism develops specialized cells and tissues and how healthy cells replace or repair damaged cells. Scientists hope that embryonic stem cells can be used to replace cells damaged by diseases such as trauma, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson disease, and diabetes. This promising area of science has created both new therapeutic methodologies and public controversies. With the recent approval of Proposition 71 in California in support of funding, questions on the how this resource can best be used arise. Are public expectations misaligned with scientific reality? Has the media given sufficient and accurate attention to the risks and promises of stem cell research? Who is helping and who is creating obstacles to developing stem cell derived therapies -- the scientific community, patient advocates, or politicians? What can we do to better educate the public about stem cells, including anxious patients who already seek stem cell therapies overseas?

This panel discussion will provide an open forum to discuss some of the issues surrounding stem cell research.

**Free Admission**  
**Limited Seating, Please RSVP to William Suh at [wsuh@uci.edu](mailto:wsuh@uci.edu)**