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1. What is hSCRO?

A: The Human Stem Cell Research Oversight (hSCRO) Committee assures human stem cell activities are in accordance with California Department of Public Health (COPH), California Institute of Regenerative Medicine (CIRM), and applicable UCI policies and procedures.

The Committee reviews the scientific merit of human stem cell activities to assure procedures are consistent with sound research design, considers the ethical and social issues presented by human stem cell activities, and assures that the provenance of gametes, blastocysts, fetal tissue and derivation of human stem cells are documented.

2. I would like to use adult stem cells in my research. Do I need hSCRO approval?

A: The use of adult tissue specific stem cells, such as hematopoietic cells or mesenchymal cells, does not require UCI hSCRO approval UNLESS such cells have been shown to, or are being induced to differentiate into the three major germ lines.

3. I would like to use a line from the NIH registry (H1, H9, etc.). Do I need hSCRO approval?

A: Yes.

4. I'm not doing in vivo research. Do I need hSCRO approval?

A: Yes.

5. Where can I find more information regarding Human Stem Cell Research?

A: For a complete list of human stem cell research Frequently Asked Questions, visit the [webpage](#).