# SCAPING BETTER THAN HOPE Right now.

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Every Moment Counts. Don't Stop Now.



2004

CIRM created by Patient Advocates and California Stakeholders-Proposition 71

#### \$3B

Committed to CIRM Mission

#### 1027 AWARDS (200 UNDER ACTIVE MANAGEMENT)

**Cutting Edge Research & Transformative Programs funded** 

#### **68 CLINICAL TRIALS**

First in human, cell & gene medicine, some ready for final marketing approval

#### **>2700 PATIENTS**

Patients enrolled in CIRM Funded Clinical Trials



#### CIRM's Value Proposition:

Proven acceleration-based Funding Partnership Model

Robust portfolio of diverse technology platforms

"De-risk" early but promising science has resulted in industry pull >\$12B in Industry Partnerships (most in the past 3 years)

Enable and enact the evolving FDA regulatory paradigm

Specialized Infrastructure- Alpha Clinics, Genomics Data Hub, Translational Hub

Education & Training Programs have seeded the new field

Patient & community advocate leadership shape the agency



#### **CIRM Investments**

#### 2019-2020 Investments











INFRASTRUCTURE

\$5.7M

\*500K

\$11.1M

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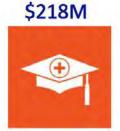
\$49.4M

\$123.8M

\$479M



Total Investments since 2004



\$907M



\$357M

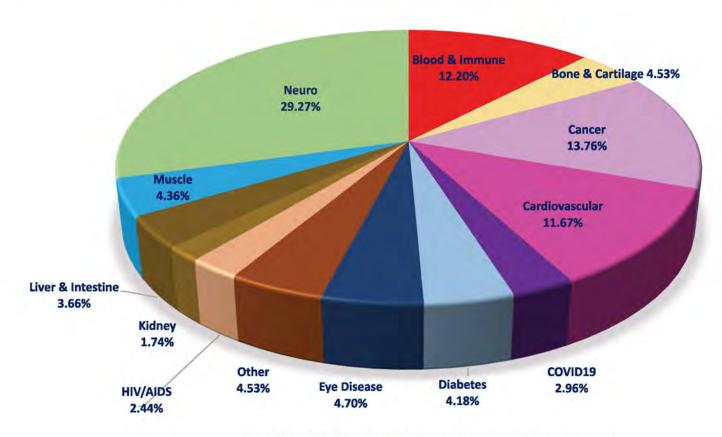


\$730M





# CIRM Research and Development Portfolio



N = 574 R&D Grants, excluding non-disease focused awards



#### 68 Clinical Trials & 25 Translational Programs:

Broad Disease Areas and Approaches to solve Unmet Medical Needs



Blinding Eye Disease Lou Gehrig's Disease

**Blood Cancers** 

Thalassemia

**Brain Cancer** 

Colon Cancer

**Heart Disease** 

HIV/AIDS

COVID

**Genetic Diseases** 

Rare Pediatric

Spina Bifida

**Epidermolysis Bullosa** 

Cerebral Palsy

**Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy** 

**Epilepsy** 

Traumatic Brain Injury

Parkinson's Disease

**Huntington's Disease** 

Kidney Failure

**Lung Cancer** 

Melanoma

Multiple Myeloma

Bone Disease

Immune Deficiencies

Sickle Cell

**Metastatic Cancer** 

**Paralysis** 

Stroke

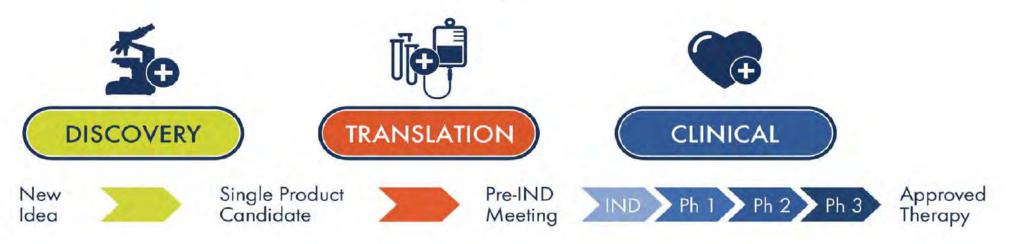
Diabetes



# CIRM COVID-19 Program

- Special program approved by CIRM board March 2020
  - \$5M allocation for Discovery, Translational, preclinical and clinical programs.
  - Leveraged CIRM's Acceleration & Funding Models
  - Research Plans address outreach and inclusion of underserved communities and account for disproportionately affected populations
- Bi-weekly grant review and board approval meetings
- 17 awards approved and launched

### CIRM's COVID Project Portfolio



- Stem Cells to discover drugs against COVID
- Vaccines
- Gene engineered cells (CAR NK cells)
- Biomaterial to combat COVID lung damage
- Novel cell therapy to fight the virus
- · Epitope discovery tool

- Convalescent Plasma to provide immunity
- Immune Natural Killer cells to fight virus
- Cell Therapy (MSC) for lung damage due to COVID

## Multiplier Effect of Collaboration:







- CIRM and NHLBI MOU to jointly fund industry and academic cell and gene programs for the Cure Sickle Cell Initiative
- Leverages CIRM's Processes and Funding Infrastructure
- American Society of Hematology setting up registry & data capacity





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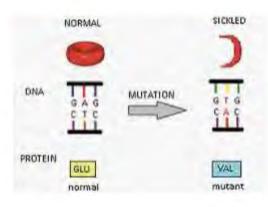
Point mutation in beta hemoglobin gene on Chromosone 11

100,000 in the U.S. & millions worldwide

Average lifespan in U.S. ~ 40 years

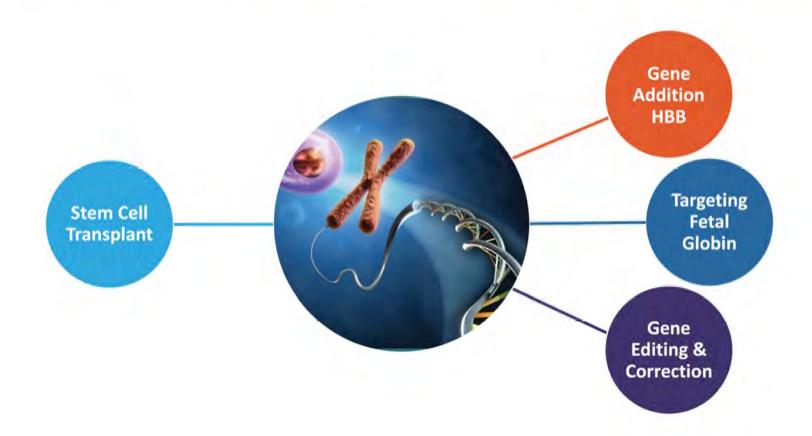
30% growth in the number of globally by 2050

Debilitating pain, organ damage, strokes and hospitalizations





## Stem Cell and Gene Therapy Approaches for Sickle Cell Disease

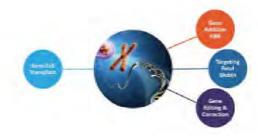




#### Gene Editing of Patient's Stem Cells



Donald Kohn, MD UCLA



Clinical Trial with genetic modification of patient's blood forming stem cells. Lentiviral delivery of an anti-sickling beta globin



#### Converting hemoglobin to protective fetal version



David Williams, MD Boston Children's (with California Sites)



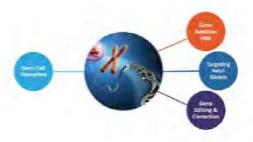
Clinical Trial: Genetic modification of patient's blood forming stem cells to the more functional fetal version. Lentiviral delivery of shRNA that targets BC11A and increases the expression of fetal hemoglobin



#### Gene Correction of Patient's Stem Cells



Mark Walters, MD UCSF Benioff Children's Oakland



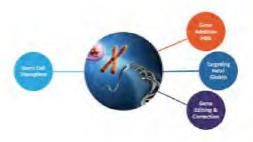
Pre-clinical: Genetic modification of patient's blood forming stem cells with CRISPR/Cas9 to correct mutation leading to Sickle Cell



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Matthew Porteus, MD Stanford University



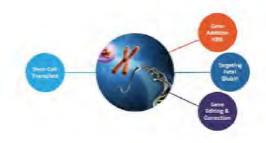
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#### **Blood Stem Cell Transplantation**



Joseph Rosnenthal City of Hope, Beckman Research Institute



Clinical trial to improve the results of blood stem cell transplantation from an immune matched donor using mild chemotherapy



#### **Blood Stem Cell Transplantation**



Pierre Caudrelier, MD ExCELLThera Inc.

Clinical trial with expanded umbilical cord stem cells to treat children and young adults with Sickle Cell



#### Patient Advocates as Advisors in Clinical Trials



Adrienne Shapiro Patient Advocate **Study Endpoints** 

**Patient Recruitment** 

**Informed Consent** 

**Study Design** 



#### Gene Therapy for Parkinson's Disease

# A Phase 1b Safety Study for MRI guided delivery of AAV2-GDNF for the treatment of Parkinson's disease

Proposed MOA: Survival and restoration of dopaminergic neuron function

Preclinical Data: Improved motor performance and restoration of dopaminergic function in relevant preclinical model J Neuroscience 2010

Phase 1a trial demonstrated safety and increase in [18F]Fdopa at 6 and 18 months Mov Disord Jul 2019

Clinical Design: Phase 1b trial, open label, single dose, bilateral putamen delivery, in patients with either early or moderate stage PD

Endpoints: Safety, preliminary clinical efficacy as assessed by motor function and quality of life



Krystof Bankiewicz, M.D., Ph.D., UCSF



# Translational Stage: Cell Therapy for Epilepsy

#### Stem cell-derived therapy for the treatment of chronic focal epilepsy

Off the shelf stem cell-derived cellular therapeutic comprised of inhibitory nerve cells



- Stem cell derived inhibitory neurons are delivered into the seizure focus, integrate, and secrete the inhibitory neurotransmitter GABA to rebalance neural electrical activity in the brain and eliminate or reduce seizures.
- Efficacy has been demonstrated in pre-clinical models of epilepsy.
- This work is a continuation of previous stem cell research started at the University of California, San Francisco by the company co-founders.



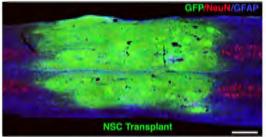
#### Translational Stage: Cell Therapy for Spinal Cord Injury

Human Neural Stem Cells (hNSCs) as a cell replacement that can form new neural "relays" across the injury to restore function.

PI: Mark Tuszynski, MD, PhD UCSan Diego School of Medicine







- Transplanted hNSCs integrate in the injured spinal cord of rhesus monkeys
- Resulted in improved forelimb function
- Form "relays" and new connections
- Restore axonal transmission.
- c/w Efficacy signal in prior rodent studies
- Demonstrated that transplanted neurons overcome the inhibitory milieu of the adult injured spinal cord
- Transplanted cells extend axons over very long distances Feb 26 2017, Nat Med



#### On the Horizon: modified iPSC therapies

Autologous COL7A-1 gene corrected iPSC-derived epithelial sheets to treat dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa in patients with Colorado mutation

PI: Anthony E. Oro, MD, PhD; Stanford University





Paul Martinez, 32, a participant in Stanford's current clinical trial for EB patients.Picture from Stanford Medicine 2015



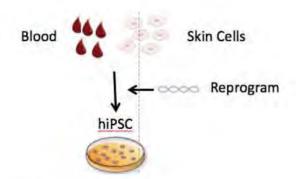
- Patient fibroblasts with mutations in the COL7A-1 gene are genetically edited and reprogrammed to iPSCs and differentiated into keratinocytes, which are prepared as epithelial sheets to graft onto patient wounds
- Developed and demonstrated successful production of gene-corrected skin sheets using a GMP compatible process for one patient and completing work for IND submission to go to clinical trials.



# CIRM hiPSC Repository- 2600 lines

#### World's largest repository\*

- Neurodevelopmental Disorders in Children
- · Neurodegenerative Disease
- · Inherited Dyskinesia
- Major Depressive Disorder
- Blinding Eye Diseases
- Lung Diseases
- Liver disorders
- Cardiomyopathies



- Diverse Ancestries including including African, Admixed American (i.e. Hispanic, Native American), East Asian, European, and South Asian
- Broad Institute has developed "cell villages" with CIRM iPSC lines to study population genetics.

\*Repository managed by FUJIFILM Cellular Dynamics



## CIRM Human Stem Cell Genomics Program

#### Over 20 labs supported by sequencing and bioinformatics COEs

#### Brain



Single Cell Atlas: cortical neurons Single Cell Atlas: glioblastoma iPSC brain organoids: autism donors iPSC motor neurons: ALS donors Dopaminergic neuron QC





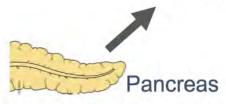
Heart

iPSCs from cardiomyopathy donors for drug responsiveness

Single Cell Atlas: atrial and ventricle cells Single Cell Atlas: congenital heart disease iPSC







Single Cell Atlas: pancreas Single Cell Atlas: pancreatic cancer

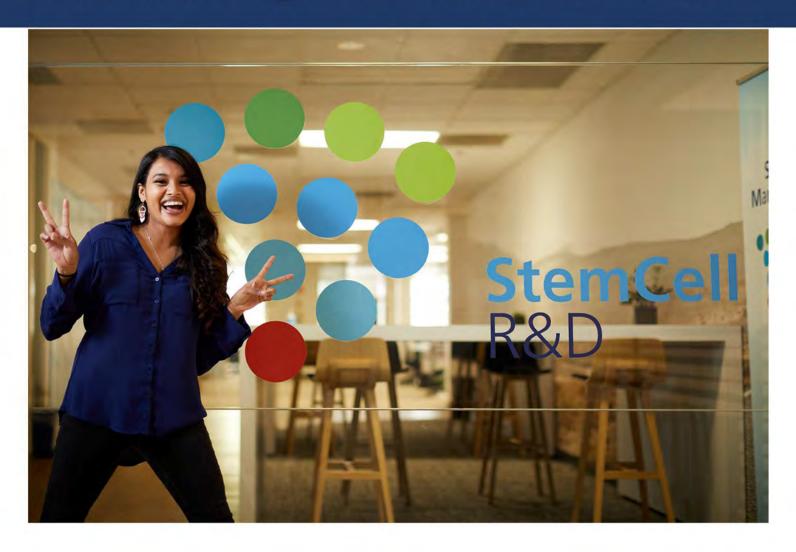
#### Blood

Single Cell Atlas: HSC ESC-HSC differentiation Sickle cell gene editing QC





# Education: Training the Next Generation







### **Bridges Program: 16 Home Universities Across California**

































• 14 currently active programs



- 1507 Alumni, 86 interns
- 51% first generation college students\*
- ~ 200 mentors
- ~ 60 host institutions (and growing)
   33% are biotech companies
   67% academic/nonprofit

#### **Culminating Degrees**





# **Bridges Alumni: Outcomes and Impact**

- > 60% employed in R&D positions
  - 67% academic/nonprofit labs
  - 33% biotech/pharma
- About 35% in PhD, professional, or other graduate programs, including medical school
- Contributed to 274 publications in scientific journals while in program



10<sup>th</sup> Annual Bridges Conference July 2019, San Mateo, CA

#### **SPARK Program: Outcomes and Impact**

- 482 students have completed internships since 2012
- Many trainees are still in high school, but of 76 recent of alumni who reported college attendance:
  - 50% are attending a UC
  - 18% attending another CA school (Stanford, Caltech, CSU)
  - 32% attend schools outside CA (Yale, Columbia, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Duke, etc.)
  - Most pursuing biology or other STEM related fields





# CIRM 5-yr Strategic Goals

2016-2020



\*limited by remaining Prop 71 funds

**NEW CANDIDATES\*** 



#### **CIRM Investment Leads to Industry Pull**

CIRM nurtures and de-risks therapeutic development programs until they obtain compelling data to attract industry partnerships.

CIRM funding has enabled the spinout of 45 companies from academia.

Over 50% of CIRM-funded Clinical Projects are partnered with Industry.

2014 | **\$37.5M** 

Three Portfolio Companies have issued IPOs.

**Industry Partnership** >\$12 Billion 2020 | \$ 8.6B (YTD) 2019 | \$1.5B 2018 | **\$1.3B** 2017 | **\$389M** 2016 | **\$153M** 2015 | **\$45.5M** 



## 2019-2020: Highlighted Industry Partnering Events

Forty Seven, Inc.	Cancer Immunotherapy	Acquired by Gilead Sciences for \$4.9B (2020)
VELOSBIO	Cancer Immunotherapy	Acquired by Merck for \$2.5B (2020)
POSEIDA THERAPEUTICS	Cancer Immunotherapy	\$204.8M Initial Public Offering (2020)
jCyte	Stem Cell Therapies for Retinal Diseases	\$252M Ex-US License to Santen Pharmaceutical (2020)
TENAYA THERAPEUTICS	Gene Therapies for Heart Diseases	Secured \$92M Series B Funding (2019)
Aspen NEUROSCIENCE	Stem Cell Therapies for Parkinson's Disease	Launched (2019) and secured \$75M Series A Funding (2020)
	CRISPR Gene Therapies	Launched with \$45M Series A Funding (2020)

#### **Highlighted Spinouts**

#### **Public/Acquired**





Forty Seven, Inc.









#### **Venture Funded/Biopharma Partnered**































**CIRM's Industry Alliance Program (IAP):** A unique opportunity for the industry to partner with CIRM in accelerating clinical and preclinical stem cell, gene and regenerative medicine therapy programs to market.

#### Launch Partners (2018)







Joined in 2019









Joined in 2020





# Impact of CIRM Funding

>2700 patients enrolled
Specialized Infrastructure
Developed Specialists and Workforce for this new field
Robust Ecosystem- Hub for Partnership
1000 Programs toward Transformative Solutions



Economic Impact in CA\* \$10.7 B Sales Revenue \$651M State & Local Tax >56,500 New jobs

\* 2019 Report from USC Sol Price School of Public Policy



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**Thank You!** 



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