

### Strategic Progress and Priorities of CIRM

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#### **OUR MISSION**

Accelerating world class science to deliver transformative regenerative medicine treatments in an equitable manner to a diverse California and world







Data as of: Sep 2022 \*Include DISC and CLIN awards funded with Prop 71 money





#### \$3.6B in total grants to date



# **CIRM's Investment in Diverse Disease Etiologies**



Data as of: Sep 2022 % normalized to total R&D awards

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# CIRM Prop 14-Era: Our 5-Year Strategic Plan



- Develop shared resources
- Build knowledge networks



- Advance therapies to marketing approval
- Create a manufacturing partnership network
- Expand Alpha Clinics Network
- Create Community Care Centers of Excellence



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- Build a diverse and highly skilled workforce
- Deliver a roadmap for access and affordability

### A commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion







Principal Investigator/ Institution	<i>Ex Vivo</i> Cell-Gene Therapy Approach	Pre-Clinical	Early-Stage Clinical (Phase 1 and 2)	Late-Stage Clinical (Phase 3)
Matthew Porteus Stanford University	Gene Correction of mutation (AAV6 delivery) CRISPR/Cas9		Phase 1 Graphite Bio	
Donald Kohn UCLA	Genetic modification (Lentiviral delivery) Anti-sickling globin		Phase 1 CIRMO CANNON / THE OLI MADY	Evie Jr James
Mark Walters UCSF Benioff Children's Oakland	Gene Correction of mutation (non-viral delivery) CRISPR/Cas9		CIRM –NIH partnership Phase 1	
David Williams Boston Children's Hospital	Fetal hemoglobin prevents sickling but is silenced post-natally. shRNA to BCL11a (repressor fetal hemoglobin expression)	National Institutes of Health	CIRM –NIH partnership Phase 1/2	







PI: Diana Farmer, UC Davis

### Phase 1/2 trial in newborns *in utero* using a stem cell matrix

• Spina Bifida happens when the neural tube doesn't close all the way, often resulting in damage to the spinal cord and nerves and paralysis.

#### CuRe Trial:

Placental stem cells on amniotic membrane patch (approved) for dura replacement – pilot study with 6 patients

Encouraging, preliminary results 3 babies have been born and are being monitored for 6 years with a key checkup at 30 months



### **CIRM** DEI Tracking in our Clinical Programs

	Black	Hispanic	White (Non-Hispanic)	Multi Racial	American Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pl
California census	7%	39%	37%	4%	2%	16%	1%
3004 subjects enrolled in 61 CIRM clinical trials*	9%	14%	58%	1%	1%	5%	0%
US census	13%	19%	60%	3%	1%	6%	<1%

\*As of Q1 2021 2% "other" 9% "unkown" \*\*Including cancer, neurodegenerative disease, and rare disease (Also as of Q1 2021)

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#### **DEI Enhancements to CIRM Clinical Programs:**

- DEI milestone incorporated in the Grant Notice of Award to hold the Awardee accountable for their proposed DEI plan
- Monitor DEI Plan implementation and progress through Quarterly Reports and Clinical Advisory Panels
- Improve tracking of demographics along with disease indications and expanded categories, including social determinants, in accordance with best practices and evolving descriptors and guidelines (e.g. State of California, National Academies, NIH)

### **CIRM** | DEI Review Criteria for Board Members

**Basis for DEI Score on <u>Clinical</u> Applications** 

1. Commitment to DEI: How well the project team demonstrates a commitment to developing a therapy that will ultimately serve the unmet medical needs of the diverse California population, including underserved and disproportionately affected populations. Teams are asked to describe disparities that may impact populations that would ultimately utilize their product, set reasonable trial enrollment targets, and allocate appropriate resources to meeting DEI goals within their project.

2. Project Plans: How well the project team plans for and proposes activities that are likely to achieve inclusive outreach, engagement, enrollment, and retention of trial participants from underserved or disproportionately affected populations.

**3.** Cultural Sensitivity: How well the proposal addresses and will increase cultural sensitivity on the project team and at partner institutions.

CIRM CLIN Program DEI Rubric						
	Score of 0 to 2	Score of 3 to 5	Score of 6 to 8	Score of 9 to 10		
CRITERIA	Not Responsive	Not Fully Responsive	Responsive	Outstanding Response		
1. Commitment to DEI	Fails to address how success of this project would lead to a therapy that positively impacts underserved or disproportionately affected communities.	Inadequately addresses how success of this project would lead to a therapy that positively impacts underserved or disproportionately affected communities.	Adequately describes how success of this project would likely lead to a therapy that positively impacts underserved or disproportionately affected communities.	Convincingly and clearly describes how success of this project would lead to a therapy that positively impacts underserved or disproportionately affected communities.		
	Does not set goals for diverse trial population enrollment and provides no justification for the target enrollment.	May set trial population enrollment goals that are inappropriate or infeasible relative to the population affected or at risk for the indication.	Sets adequate goals for trial population enrollment relative to the population affected or at risk for the indication.	Trial population goals are based on a deep understanding of health dispartites and disease burden.		
	Inadequate personnel/expertise or budget to implement DEI- oriented activities.	May have inadequate personnel/expertise or budget to implement DEI- oriented activities.	Adequate personnel/expertise or budget to implement DEI- oriented activities.	Strong personnel/expertise and appropriate budget to implement DEI-oriented activities.		
2. Project Plans	Planned activities do not reflect a good faith effort and are unlikely to be effective in outreach and engagement.	Planned activities are incomplete or inadequate and may not reflect a good faith effort for outreach and engagement.	Planned activities reflect a good faith effort and have the potential to be effective in outreach and engagement.	Planned activities reflect an outstanding and comprehensive effort for outreach and engagement.		
	Does not demonstrate an understanding of the potential barriers to participation in the clinical trial.	Does not fully demonstrate an understanding of the potential barriers to participation in the clinical trial.	Demonstrates an understanding of the potential barriers to participation in the clinical trial.	Demonstrates a clear understanding of the potential barriers to participation in the clinical trial.		
	Inadequate plan to address potential barriers to participation.	May not have an adequate plan to address potential barriers to participation.	Has an adequate plan to address potential barriers to participation.	Has a strong plan to address potential barriers to participation.		
	Unlikely to achieve the recruitment of trial participants from underserved or disproportionately affected populations.	May not be able to achieve the recruitment of trial participants from underserved or disproportionately affected populations.	Likely to achieve the recruitment of trial participants from underserved or disproportionately affected populations.	Very likely to achieve the recruitment of trial participants from underserved or disproportionately affected populations.		
3. Cultural Sensitivity	Does not include activities to increase cultural sensitivity on the team or at partner institutions, or activities proposed are not appropriate.	Proposed activities may not be effective or sufficient to increase cultural sensitivity on the team or at partner institutions. Activities may not match the needs of the project.	Has appropriate plans to increase cultural sensitivity on the team or at partner institutions. Activities match the needs of the project.	Outstanding plans to increase cultural sensitivity on the team or at partner institutions. Activities are well matched to the needs of the project.		

DEI Score: 0-10 scale

Our Key Mechanisms for Advancement of Therapies: Current Programs and Future Priorities

- 1) De-risking programs
- 2) Serving as a reliable resource for both non-profit and for-profit sectors (especially in volatile financial climates)
- 3) Bridging the valley of death
- 4) Creating a manufacturing network
- 5) Providing a network of top California medical centers to deliver CGT clinical trials to patients through partnerships
- 6) Expanding the access of clinical programs to ensure diversity, equity and inclusion



### CIRM Funding Dre-Risks Programs and Attracts Industry Investment

2014 | **\$37.5M** 

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

CIRM funding has enabled the spinout of **50 companies** from academia.

Over **50% of CIRM-funded clinical projects** are partnered with industry.

6 portfolio companies have gone public; 4 were acquired



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#### **Cell Therapy for Retinitis Pigmentosa**

Single Product

Candidate

**In Utero Cell Therapy** 

New

Idea









Goal: To overcome manufacturing hurdles for the delivery of regenerative medicine therapies by building a public-private manufacturing partnership network

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# CIRM Alpha Clinics Network: Making Clinical Trials Accessible to Many



- Currently supporting 6 Alpha Clinics sites and recently funded 3 additional one
- \$100M investment in patient-centered care and training, to-date
- Successfully accelerating cell and gene-therapy clinical trials
- Over 200 trials supported since 2015
- Over \$100M in industry-contracts





# CIRM's Training Programs Train the Future Workforce

### SPARK/EDUC3



### **HIGH SCHOOL**

530 alumni (9 summers, \$4M) 2012-2021 ~80% in college or beyond

### UNDERGRAD/MASTERS

**Bridges/EDUC2** 

1707 alumni (13 years, \$93M)

#### 2009-present

65% of alumni are employed; 62% in science-related fields

### Research Training/EDUC4



PRE/POSTDOCTORAL and MD

> 940 alumni (11 years, \$117M) <mark>2006-2017</mark>

56% continued to further training 19



# CIRM Distrust Feeds Disparity in Science and Medicine



(Pew Research Center analysis of federal government data)



# Patients are most likely to participate in a trial when asked by a trusted provider (Woodcock et al. NEJM 2021)

#### About a third of Hispanic adults say they would prefer a health care provider who speaks Spanish

% of Hispanic adults who say they would strongly or somewhat prefer a health care provider for routine care who is a ...



Goal: Foster a culturally competent and diverse scientific and medical workforce



## **CIRM** Fostering Diversity in Science through Education

CIRM Education programs under Prop 71 were designed to "broaden participation of individuals representing the diversity of California" including those who "may not have had opportunities" and are "hindered by socioeconomic constraints."

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#### Keau Wong, MBT



CSU San Marcos 2011 Clinical Lab Specialist, Illumina Dir. Bioscience Dev. Workforce Hub, MiraCosta College Bridges Program Trainee

> Industry Position

COMPASS Leadership Team Membership

Photo sources: K. Wong, Solano College

#### Michael Silva, MS



CSU Channel Islands 2012 Sr. Bioprocess Tech, Genentech Professor, Solano Community College

# CIRM Creating a Roadmap for Access and Affordability



- \$15.6M resulting from revenue sharing provisions of funding was returned to the state and into a Patient Assistance Fund created by Prop 14
- Medical Affairs department created
- Developing a steering committee
- Developing a patient support program