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New York State Institute for Stem Cell Research (NYSIESCR)

“The goal for this project is to develop a plan for the New York Institute for Ethical Stem Cell Research, NYIESCR (pronounced “nicer”), a resource center that will provide education, training, information and analysis on an on-going basis on the economic, social, legal, public policy and educational issues (so-called “ELSIE” issues) involved with stem cell research in New York State. Stem cell research in New York takes place in a complex and dynamic ethical, legal and policy environment in which there are multiple funders and associated ethical standards. Some aspects of the research remain politically and ethically controversial. Consequently, a strong research infrastructure with the capability to advance stem cell research requires a resource, like NYIESCR, where on-going ethical, legal and policy debates can be addressed in the New York context and where analysis and information can be provided to policy makers and their staffs, advocacy groups, stem cell researchers, ESCROs, IRBs, journalists, editorial boards, and the general public. Such a resource center would develop an on-going program of conferences, scholarly research, publications, training programs for educators and stem cell researchers, as well as consulting services that would allow the stem cell researchers and policy makers to identify, address and resolve ethical, legal, and policy issues in a timely matter. This project will develop a plan for addressing these issues as they are identified by researchers, policymakers, and the public.”

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