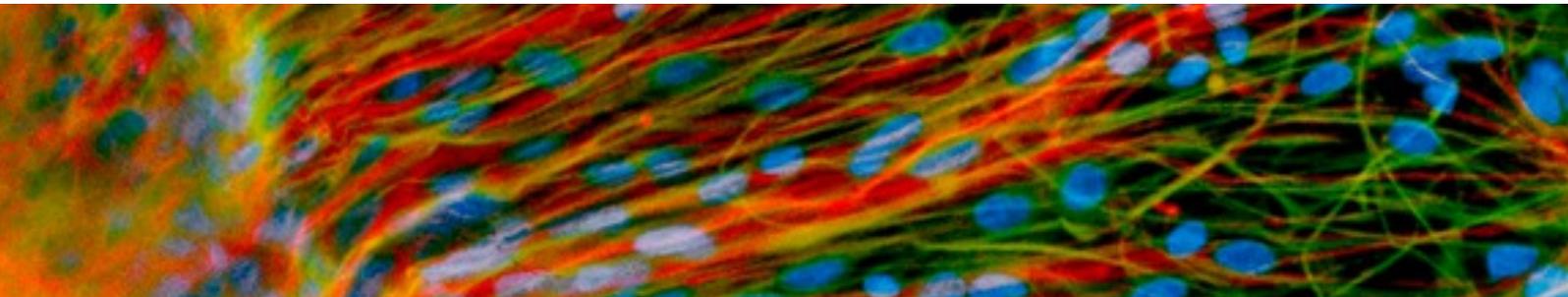




# Seminar Centre for Stem Cell Systems



## Is there a Case for Stem Cell Counsellors?

### WHEN

Tuesday, 30 May 2017, 4.00 - 5.00pm

### WHERE

Level 5 Seminar Room, Kenneth Myer Building,  
Melbourne Brain Centre - 30 Royal Parade Parkville

### SPEAKER

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### ABSTRACT

For many in the community, trying to find out whether 'stem cells' are a realistic option for them is often left to chance. While some may find information online, in the form of advertising or warnings about unproven treatment, often what they really want to do is to speak to someone about their options. In his 2015 paper in Stem Cell Reports, 'The case for stem cell counsellors', Dr Christopher Scott described how a counselling model could potentially better support both potential participants considering enrolling in stem cell clinical trials, as well as through contemplating so-called stem cell tourism. In this presentation he will discuss the model that he initially proposed for the California Institute of Regenerative Medicine's Alpha Clinics. This model includes an outline on what training would be required to provide counsellors with the tools to address major issues facing the clinical stem cell field.

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Dr. Scott is the Dalton Tomlin Chair in Medical Ethics and Health Policy and the Associate Director of Health Policy at the Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy. He received his BA in biology and biopsychology from the University of Colorado (Boulder), his MLA in ethics and policy from Stanford University, and his PhD from the University of British Columbia, Vancouver. His research uses qualitative and quantitative approaches to study the ethical, legal, social, and policy implications of emerging biotechnologies and clinical medicine. Dr. Scott is an emeritus faculty and senior research scholar at the Stanford University Center for Bioethics and past Director of the Stanford Program on Stem Cells in Society.

