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Media Advisory

Patients, Advocates and Scientists to “Rally for Cures” on Anniversary of Stem Cell Decision
Stem Cell Awareness Day: “Rally for Cures,” Aug. 9, 2004

Coral Gables - The Genetics Policy Institute (GPI) will co-host the *Stem Cell Awareness Day: “Rally for Cures”* with the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis of the University of Miami on August 9, 2004 to mark the three-year anniversary of the Bush Administration’s decision on funding of embryonic stem cell research.

- What:** Stem Cell Awareness Day: “Rally for Cures”
- When:** August 9, 2004, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Where:** Lois Pope LIFE Center, 1095 Northwest 14th Terrace, University of Miami
(Located at the South edge of Medical campus)
Conference will be held on the 7th Floor, Auditorium
- Why:** Patient, advocates and scientists rally for public policy supporting future cures
Speakers include:
- Janet Reno, former United States Attorney General
 - Bernard Siegel, GPI Executive Director
 - Sabrina Cohen, GPI advocate and spinal cord injury patient
 - Alison Landes, President, Take Charge Cure Parkinson’s (caregiver)
 - W. Dalton Dietrich, III, Ph.D. Scientific Director, Miami Project to Cure Paralysis
 - Juan Dominguez Bendala, MSc, Ph.D. Diabetes Research Institute, University of Miami
 - Additional patient advocates TBD
- Who:** The public and media are invited to attend

“As we stand at the crossroads of science and public policy, we must not lose sight of how these decisions impact patients and their families,” said GPI Executive Director Bernard Siegel, “This coming Monday will mark three years of dwindling hope that our policy makers will breakthrough the stalemate surrounding stem cell research and the establishment of responsible polices that clear a path for funding and investigative research into treatments and cures for diseases like Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, diabetes and spinal cord injuries.”

“On Monday, we will stand united as patients, advocates and scientists rallying for the hope of future cures and urging our leaders to stand with us to protect and foster stem cell research,” said Siegel, “We must bring hope to those suffering and work towards a consensus on this divisive issue.”

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The Genetics Policy Institute (GPI) is the leading international nonprofit organization dedicated to establishing a legal framework to advance scientific research for future cures and is a leading defender of stem cell research worldwide. Please visit us online at www.genpol.org