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International Medical Society Announces World's First Clinical Stem Cell Conference

Denver, CO, October 29, 2009 – The International Cellular Medicine Society, a physician and scientist led, independent nonprofit association, announced today the world's first stem cell conference devoted to physicians who use cellular therapy as part of their daily medical practice. "Unlike other conferences that have focused on early stage clinical trials or what might be possible some day, the ICMS conference will feature physicians from around the world dedicated to the safe use of stem cells in their medical practices," stated Christopher J. Centeno, M.D., one of the presenters at the conference. "These are doctors using stem cells every day," continues Centeno, "They are coming together to share data and build consensus on clinical and treatment guidelines and standards." Centeno will be speaking on the use of stem cells in orthopedic conditions such as knee cartilage lesions, shoulder rotator cuff tears, and ankle injuries.

The announcement of the conference comes on the heels of the landmark ICMS Off-Shore Clinic Survey. This survey report, with data compiled by patients and analysis provided by medical doctors, represents a major shift towards educating patients about the scientific validity of various available treatments. Through a comparison of stem cells utilized, costs, treatment practices and clinical procedures, this report (available at [www.cellmedicinesociety.org](http://www.cellmedicinesociety.org)) provides an unbiased examination of these non-US based stem cell clinics.

The ICMS conference will feature speakers from around the world and a wide range of topics focused on the clinical application of stem cells. "This conference is a one of a kind event," says John Schultz, M.D., who will be speaking on how autologous, adult stem cells are being used to treat degenerative disc disease. "The fact that all of the physician speakers are using cellular medicine means that we are advancing treatment, rather than just promoting research. Rather than discussing what might work, we're in the trenches everyday treating patients and finding out what works."

Other speakers will focus on basic stem cell science and collection techniques. Alan Harris, M.D., PhD will focus on the collection, storing and potential clinical uses of Adult Autologous Stem Cells, including a novel adult stem cell type called Very Small Embryonic Stem Cells (VSEL's

While the application of stem cells in patient treatment is an important focus of the conference, presentations aimed at educating practitioners on U.S. regulatory issues will also be discussed at the conference. Christine Humphrey, Esq., a ten year veteran at the FDA and a renowned expert in the merging field of the FDA regulatory policy on adult stem cells will also be presenting on the issues of FDA jurisdiction as it relates to the autologous use of stem cells in medical practice. "What's unique about ICMS," stated Humphrey, "is that the physicians are presenting data and clinical experiences from their own medical practices. There is a real world focus about this conference. It speaks about safe and effective treatments available today and how the practice of medicine has a significant impact on stem cell therapies."

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The 2009 Annual ICMS conference will be held at the Red Rock Resort & Spa Las Vegas, Nevada November 5, 2009. The conference is in partnership with Age Management Medicine Group. For a complete agenda for the conference, please visit [www.cellmedicinesociety.org](http://www.cellmedicinesociety.org)

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**About the INTERNATIONAL CELLULAR MEDICINE SOCIETY**

The ICMS is a physician lead 501(c)(3), independent nonprofit organization that manages a comprehensive re-implantation registry to track the efficacy and long term outcomes of adult stem cell based procedures and therapies, publishes clinical and laboratory guidelines written and reviewed by physicians and researchers that define standards of minimal culture and re-implantation of autologous adult stem cells and provide un-biased patient education to increase awareness of and access to safe stem cell therapies. The society maintains the website, [www.cellmedicinesociety.or](http://www.cellmedicinesociety.or) that is focused on adult stem cell awareness, education and research.