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Dialogue 6

Therapeutic and Reproductive Cloning:
Building a Framework to Protect Research

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Rosenstiel Building 3109 (Microbiology Conference Room)

Lunch will be provided
(No RSVPs required)

Scientists, patient advocacy groups and social conservatives are debating – with ever more ardor – the moral and legal status of nuclear transfer or cloning technology. The United Nations is wrestling with a proposed treaty calling for a total ban on reproductive and therapeutic cloning. The resolution of the debate will critically influence the future of scientific research. Can the world build a legal framework to protect research?

Mr. Siegel, the South Florida attorney who challenged Clonaid regarding its cloning claims, is the executive director of the Genetics Policy Institute. GPI led non-governmental organizations defending therapeutic cloning in the United Nations, and is seeking an advisory opinion from the World Court that opposes reproductive cloning.

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