



# Retinal Stem Cell Symposium

**October 1, 2007**

8:30 am–5:00 pm

Harvey-Morse Auditorium  
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center  
Los Angeles, California

## Program

- 8: 30 a.m. **WELCOMING REMARKS**  
David Meyer, Ed Cotlier, Nissim Benvenisty & Yaron Rabinowitz
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- 8:40 a.m. **David Boyer**  
Retina Vitreous Associates Medical Group  
*Disease States That Will be the Challenge of the Future*
- 9:20 a.m. **Debora Farber**  
University of California, Los Angeles  
*Inherited Retinal Degenerations:  
Molecular studies of animal models and human disease*
- 10:00 a.m. **COFFEE BREAK**
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- 10:20 a.m. **Derek van der Kooy**  
University of Toronto  
*Optimal Differentiation of Functional Photoreceptors  
from Adult Human Retinal Stem Cells*
- 11:00 a.m. **Thomas Reh**  
University of Washington  
*Human Embryonic Stem Cell Approaches  
for Repair of Retinal Degenerations*
- 11:40 a.m. **Iqbal Ahmad**  
University of Nebraska  
*Regulation of Retinal Stem Cells/Progenitors*
- 12:20 p.m. **LUNCH**
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- 1:40 p.m. **Robin Ali**  
University College London  
*Retinal Repair Through Transplantation  
of Photoreceptor Precursors*
- 2:20 p.m. **Michael Young**  
Harvard University  
*Transplantation of Retinal Stem Cells*
- 3:00 p.m. **Michal Schwartz**  
Weizmann Institute  
*Retinal Stem-Cell Proliferation and Differentiation are Controlled  
by Toll-like Receptors*
- 3:20 p.m. **COFFEE BREAK**
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- 3:40 p.m. **Karl Csaky**  
Duke University  
*Circulating Vascular Progenitors Cells in Adults:  
Implications for retinal disease*
- 4:20 p.m. **Ray Lund**  
Oregon Health & Science University  
*Use of Stem Cells to Slow the Progress of Retinal Degeneration:  
Animal studies and the path towards clinical application*



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