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Learning Activity 3: Spinal Cord Injury & Stem Cell Therapy Case Study Disease, Disability, & Immortality: Hope & Hype Module

We have identified an excellent teaching and learning resource that presents students with an opportunity to take on the roles of various stakeholders participating in a public hearing of a research ethics committee deliberating on the granting of a license for a clinical trial using human embryonic stem cells to treat spinal cord injury. This case study can be contextualized and updated based on the real world situation involving the publicly funded Geron clinical trial in California. Though this case is designed for high school students it can be made more advanced with the materials in the *Disease, Disability, & Immortality: Hope & Hype Module*.

Aug 3, 2011. Ready or Not? A Role Play On Taking Stem Cells Into the Clinic. EuroStemCell. Institute for Stem Cell Research and Innogen (ESRC centre for social and economic research on innovation in genomics), at the University of Edinburgh with support from the Scottish Stem Cell Network and the Moray Endowment Fund award of the University Of Edinburgh. Further developed in 2011 by REMEDI at the National University of Ireland Galway through EuroStemCell. [Link](#)