

## Giving stem cell research some muscle

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“The last thing I thought of when I said 'I'll be back,' was stem cell research,” said California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger at a media conference at MaRS, May 30. Researchers and fans looked on while Governor Schwarzenegger and Premier Dalton McGuinty announced a new Ontario-California collaboration to support stem cell research.

The Cancer Stem Cell Consortium will be headquartered at the MaRS centre, under the oversight of the Ontario Institute for Cancer Research. Ontario has promised \$30-million in funding for the project. Before the announcement, the Premier and Governor toured Dr. John Dick's laboratory in the McEwen Centre for Regenerative Medicine, where stem cell research is underway.

Many prominent researchers were on hand for the event, including Drs. James Till and Ernest McCulloch, the Princess Margaret Hospital/Ontario Cancer Institute researchers whose work in the 1960s made the field of stem cell research possible.



California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger (right) said it was a thrill to meet Drs. Ernest McCulloch (seated) and James Till, the PMH/OCI researchers who discovered stem cells in the 1960s.



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