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**GLADSTONE RECEIVES CIRM GRANT FOR RESEARCH INTO CARDIOVASCULAR
DEVELOPMENT AND REPAIR**

Pioneering work to discover how stem cells differentiate into components of the heart

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—March 16, 2007 ---The J. David Gladstone Institutes announced they have been awarded a four-year grant from the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) to fund work on cardiovascular development and repair. Deepak Srivastava, MD, Director of the Gladstone Institute of Cardiovascular Disease (GICD) received \$3.16 million to discover the factors that change stem cells into heart and potentially skeletal muscle.

“We’re pleased to expand on our research into the role of stem cells in heart development and disease,” said Dr. Srivastava. “While this is still early research, we believe we can begin to illuminate possible pathways to use stem cells for therapeutic purposes.”

Gladstone has been a leader in developing stem cell research capability. The institutes were an early recipient of CIRM grants for training stem cell researchers and last month received more than \$2.3 million in seed grants to investigate other ways stem cells differentiate and factors that influence their applications in immunology and mental disorders.

About the Gladstone Institutes

The J. David Gladstone Institutes, affiliated with the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), is dedicated to the health and welfare of humankind through research into the causes and prevention of some of the world’s most devastating diseases. Gladstone is comprised of the Gladstone Institute of Cardiovascular Disease, the Gladstone Institute of Virology and Immunology and the Gladstone Institute of Neurological Disease. More information can be found at www.gladstone.ucsf.edu.

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