

2007 Spinal Cord Injury Research CART/IDEA RFA  
Questions and Answers

1) If the PI were to leave New York would the award travel to the new lab?

No.

2) Would the timing of the move make a difference (e.g., moving after the funding began, but before it was complete versus moving before the funding began, etc.)?

If the move preceded the beginning of funding we would simply cancel the contract and demand return of the funds, if any. If the project had gotten well underway, we would probably require the continued involvement of the previous PI, but, require the replacement of the PI with a new, qualified, New York PI who would run the project on a day-to-day basis.

3) If the PI is collaborating with a New York lab, but the PI moves outside of New York, would the funding remain intact?

See previous response.

4) Is the CART program appropriate for studies that have already been proven out in rodents and now need to be feasibility tested in non-human primates?

Yes. Progress in science is incremental.

5) Is it appropriate to consider use of experimental models in non-human primates that involve surgically induced partial or complete spinal cord injuries?

Yes. Many of our projects make use of such injuries.

6) Under what circumstances could a budget larger than \$300 thousand/year be appropriate for a CART?

If the intention is to greatly exceed this customary limit, under almost no circumstances. If the amount by which this usual upper limit is to be exceeded is slight, it would have to be essential to the work.