



# Panel

A podium discussion at scientific conferences is also referred to as a panel. In these discussions, experts exchange their positions on a specific topic.

**TASK** First, imagine a timeline. The timeline begins with fertilization and ends at birth. Stand at the position you represent. Describe your position and why you represent it.

Send four representatives with different positions to a panel. Possible positions may be:

Position 1: **From fertilization**

Position 2: **At implantation in the uterus**

Position 3: **The embryo becomes worthier of protection with time**

Position 4: **Only after it is viable outside the womb**

**OBJECTIVE** The four panel participants debate for 10 minutes. The public may then ask questions.

**TIP** In addition to the Panel material sheets, you can also use the Poster A material sheets to give your position a legal basis.





## Poster

Posters are used at conferences to present research projects and results. They are often designed using a template that conference participants use for the presentation.

**TASK** Work in two groups. One group designs a poster on the topic *Legal framework for stem cell research in Germany*. The other group designs a poster on Subject protection: *questions that patients should ask*.

**OBJECTIVE** Your poster offers a brief overview of your topic. The most important regulations should be apparent in the legal framework. Historical developments should be recognizable. Develop a patient checklist for subject protection.

**TIP** Use the Legal Basis and Subject Rights material sheets to prepare, as well as the short film *Patient Cells – an Ethical-Legal View* with Nils Hoppe.

**BONUS** Establish a comparison between international legislation and jurisprudence.

### Poster topics

Poster A: Legal framework for stem cell research in Germany

Poster B: Subject protection: questions that patients should ask





# Pitch

A pitch is a short presentation advertising a project. Scientific pitching of research projects to find support for your research proposal.

**TASK** Work in two groups.

One group prepares a pitch on a research project. The project aims to produce induced pluripotent stem cells for disease models.

The other group are conference participants. They examine the project on three levels:

1. Feasibility: Is it legally, organizationally and financially feasible?
2. Benefit: Who profits from the project and who may be harmed?
3. Morality: Are any ethical values violated by the project?

**OBJECTIVE** Your pitch should convince the conference participants that the project is important and worthy of funding. As a conference participant, you should question this critically

**TIP** In addition to the New Aids for *Disease Research* text, use the material sheet Poster A: *Legal Basis*.

