

Terry Thomas

Dr. Terry Thomas completed her PhD in cell biology at the University of British Columbia in 1983. She switched her research focus to stem cell biology in 1986 when she joined the Terry Fox Laboratories in Vancouver, British Columbia where she invented specific labeling reagents to enable purification of cells from mixed populations such as blood and bone marrow. One such technique was used in a Phase I clinical trial to deplete T cells from unrelated bone marrow grafts. In 1994, Dr. Thomas joined STEMCELL Technologies to head the Research and Development department. At that time STEMCELL Technologies was less than a year old and had a total of 8 employees. Under her leadership, the R&D department has grown from 2 employees in 1994 to more than 200 employees today.

Dr. Thomas has 28 publications in refereed journals, published 11 book chapters and 377 abstracts. She is also a co-inventor of 14 US patents and has negotiated 139 license agreements. When Dr. Thomas was promoted to Senior Vice President, R&D in 2011 she added corporate initiatives and corporate strategy to her existing responsibilities of product development, intellectual property and licensing. Recently she has been promoted to Chief Scientific Officer and has added strategic marketing to her responsibilities.