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Linda Jones is a Program Officer for the Spinal Cord Injury Research on the Translational Spectrum (SCIRTS) portfolio. She co-manages the funding portfolio that spans mechanistic, translational and early clinical research aimed at improving recovery from spinal cord injury. Linda works out of the Foundation's satellite office in Boulder, CO.

With over 20 years of experience, Linda has applied her clinical expertise, serving as a consultant and staff member in a number of pharmaceutical, biotechnology, exoskeleton and healthcare settings. She worked at Geron Corporation from 2006-2011, preparing and managing the first clinical trial in the United States utilizing cells derived from human embryonic stem cells, in a Phase I study in patients with neurologically complete, sub-acute spinal cord injury. Prior to this, she worked with Proneuron Biotechnologies, the sponsor of the first Phase 1 cell-based study (autologous macrophage injection) in spinal cord injury, and subsequently managed the Phase II trial. Linda also worked at Denver Health Medical Center for 12 years, with a focus on physical therapy interventions in the intensive care unit. As a result of this background, Linda has experience reviewing preclinical data and integrating necessary components of these findings into the clinical trial/protocol, assessing the feasibility of trial implementation, developing the operational infrastructure to execute trials and addressing regulatory challenges. Her focus has been on applying lessons from an operational perspective that are learned in clinical trials and addressing gaps in outcome measures used in such trials.

Linda has been a guest lecturer at the University of Colorado, as well as a guest lecturer, affiliate faculty and instructor at Regis University, with a focus on complex systems, critical care, and neuroscience. She currently sits on several committees of professional organizations addressing SCI. Linda completed her Advanced Master's Degree in neurological physical therapy from Samuel Merritt College and her undergraduate degrees in kinesiology and physical therapy from the University of Colorado.

