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(HOUSTON) - James F. Martin, M.D., Ph.D., professor in the Center for Cancer and Stem Cell Biology in the Texas A&M Health Science Center Institute of Biosciences and Technology, has been appointed to the Skeletal Biology Development and Disease Study Section of the Center for Scientific Review in the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Martin's four-year term is from July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2013. Members are selected based on demonstrated competence and achievement in their scientific discipline as evidenced by the quality of research accomplishments, publications in scientific journals and other significant scientific activities, achievements and honors.

Study sections review grant applications submitted to the NIH, make recommendations on these applications to the appropriate NIH national advisory council or board, and survey the status of research in their fields of science.

Dr. Martin's research focuses on the molecular mechanisms controlling cell growth and differentiation in vertebrate embryogenesis, thereby better understanding the causes of birth defects.

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