

What's the Problem with Embryonic Stem Cell Research (ESCR)?

Everybody wants cures for diseases, and it is true that stem cell research can have a great potential for cures.

However, the research with stem cells has to be both ethical and successful.

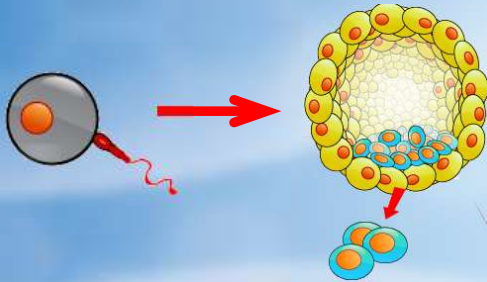
Here are three quick reasons why ESCR (and its partner 'cloning') is unethical, unsuccessful, and unnecessary.

1. ESCR Destroys Life

ESCR uses either the process of cloning (aka SCNT) to create a living human embryo, or already living embryos obtained by other means.

To isolate the stem cells, the new embryo is destroyed and the stem cells are removed for research.

The image below depicts fertilization, development of the embryo, and then his or her destruction to obtain the stem cells.



2. ESCR Hurts Women

As you see in the image at bottom left, it takes a human ovum or "egg" to create a human embryo so the stem cells can be plucked out.

Where do researchers get these eggs?

They have been paying cash-strapped women to undergo hormonal treatment and invasive surgery for their eggs, leaving these women to suffer the sometimes serious consequences.

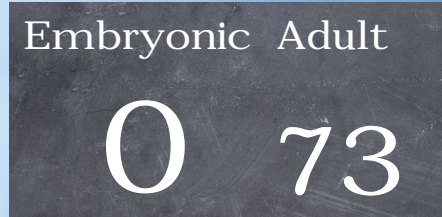


3. ESCR is Unsuccessful

Even with all the hype and investors' money, ESCR has produced ZERO treatments or cures.

On the other hand, Adult Stem Cell Research has produced treatments for 73 diseases (and it's completely ethical!).

New developments in 2007 in ethical Induced Pluripotent Cell Research (iPCR) show that there is even greater potential when things are done ethically.



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