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Alternative to Embryonic Stem Cell Research?

- Recently, scientists announced that stem cells found in amniotic fluid are likely pluripotent—able to produce multiple tissue types.
- These cells have not had the problems with uncontrolled tumors that the use of embryos has had.
- Such research could deem the use of human embryos for scientific research unnecessary.

Investment in embryonic stem cell (ESC) research is a waste of taxpayer dollars. If the state must, it should place the full investment in **Adult Stem Cell** research, which has seen incredible results including dozens of treatments for diabetes, spinal cord injuries, heart disease, etc. The reason researchers are turning to taxpayers to fund ESC research is because private sources won't give money to failed research.

- Researchers have discovered dozens of treatments for diseases such as Parkinson's, heart disease, spinal cord injuries and others from adult stem cells. ***Embryonic stem cell research, which requires the destruction of early human life to acquire the cells, has not a single clinic trial to its credit, much less an actual treatment.***
- Research indicates that adult stem cells are sufficient in numbers to support medical research into possible cures for many of the diseases, like Parkinson's, that ravage our country. Thus, using embryonic stem cells is not only wrong, but it's also now unnecessary.
- Scientists at Wake Forrest University announced in January 07 that they have discovered a new source of stem cells and have used them to create muscle, bone, fat, blood vessel, nerve and liver cells in the laboratory. The first report showing the isolation of broad potential stem cells from the amniotic fluid that surrounds developing embryos was published today in Nature Biotechnology.
- Taxpayers in Virginia should not be asked to fork millions of dollars for unethical and failed research using human embryos WHEN BETTER ALTERNATIVES EXIST!



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