

Smile Train

Things to Consider

June is recognized as LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

Smile Train is proud to support the LGBTQ+ community, especially those on our diverse staff.

We acknowledge and recognize the accomplishments of the gay rights movement and our brave LGBTQ+ advocates.



- Post from June 1, 2023, on Facebook. However, they do not fund any LGBTQ+ groups or education as of their recent 990. ALL has also looked through their website and have searched to see if they have any involvement with supporting human embryonic stem cells research and have not found anything regarding supporting human esc research. ALL also searched their grant recipient groups via Smile Train's 990, particularly their non-hospital grant recipient institutions. We were unable to find any participation in human embryonic stem cells here by any of these groups.

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0142961209010229>

<https://www.smiletrain.org/medical-professionals/medical-advisory-board>

- Smile Train's Medical Advisory Board-Dr. Richard Alan Hopper, the Division Chief for Craniofacial & Plastic Surgery; Surgical Director Craniofacial Center, has been involved in testing and writing on the "self-renewal of human embryonic stem cells in 3D porous natural polymer scaffolds."
- Because of Dr. Hopper's use of HESC's in the past, ALL sent an email on 6/12/2023 asking if they support such research.
- On 6/27/23, Smile Train's Support Relations Associate, Theresa Arthur, emailed ALL a response on HESC research: "Thank you for reaching Smile Train. In response to your recent inquiry, we do not support or fund any research that uses human embryonic stem cells."



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