

Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation

Stance on Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research

<https://www.christopherreeve.org/todays-care/living-with-paralysis/newly-paralyzed/what-do-i-need-to-know-about-stem-cell-research/>

Under their “What Do I Need to Know About Stem Cell Research” section on the website: "Human embryonic stem cells can help reveal how organisms, including human beings, develop, which in turn enable scientists to better understand how the body might repair itself after injury and disease. Stem cells can also be used to screen and test drugs."

<https://spinalcordinjuryzone.com/news/2405/christopher-and-dana-reeve-foundation-lauds-us-senate-passage-of-the-stem-cell-research-enhancement-act>

In April 2007, the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation applauded the U.S. Senate for passing the [Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act](#), which permitted the use and support of human embryonic stem cells in research.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/reeves-legacy-stem-cell-research-flna1c9445997>

This article illustrates Christopher Reeve’s own support for the use of human embryonic stem cells to find a cure for paralysis. While he did not live to see the terrible outcome of the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act, [Reeve advocated strongly for the use of these stem cells](#) while he chaired the organization.

Stance on Contraception

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/reeve-assets-production/Sexual-Health-Booklet-4-19.pdf>

CDRF published a Sexual Health Booklet for those with paralysis. Within this booklet, they promote the kinds of contraception that those with these disabilities can use:

After a spinal cord injury, women can become pregnant even without the resumption of menstruation. If you do not desire pregnancy, birth control must be used. Diaphragms, intrauterine devices, condoms, and birth



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control pills are the popular options for birth control. Some may not be optimal if your paralysis causes dexterity issues or limited hand function. The pill may cause increased risk of deep vein thrombosis, a potentially life-threatening blood clot. People living with paralysis may already be at risk for blood clots so please discuss the options and risks with your doctor (p. 15).



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