## **Epilepsy Foundation**

## **Stance on Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research**

https://www.epilepsy.com/stories/use-stem-cell-therapy-epilepsy

The Epilepsy Foundation does not list any other stem cells that they use other than IPSCs (induced pluripotent stem cells).

We have made three attempts to contract them, but the Epilepsy Foundation has not responded to our question about human embryonic stem cell research and whether or not they support it.

## **Stance on LGBTQ+ Lifestyle**

https://www.epilepsy.com/stories/lgbtqi-community-and-epilepsy

This write-up from June 2022 promotes "PRIDE" month and recommend "LGBTQ+ Friendly" medical doctors and centers on their website.

From this blog post: "It's important for every member of the epilepsy community to feel comfortable sharing their story – and their most authentic self - with the world."

https://www.epilepsy.com/stories/transgender-people-epilepsy

This article focuses on explaining transgender terminology and offers recommendations for those taking hormones so they don't worsen their epilepsy.

## **Stance on Contraception**

https://www.epilepsy.com/stories/health-and-fitness-women-epilepsy

https://www.epilepsy.com/stories/anti-epileptic-drugs-can-increase-chancescontraceptive-failure

Under the "Health and Fitness" section of the first article, the Epilepsy Foundation does not discourage the use of birth control for those with epilepsy: "When talking to your doctor, make sure to discuss all possible contraception options that best fit your needs based on your anti-seizure medication." The second article also promotes continuing to use hormonal contraception and other methods, as long as your doctor approves it along with your epilepsy medication.