

National MS Society

Stance on Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research

<https://www.nationalmssociety.org/Research/Research-News-Progress/Stem-Cells-in-MS>

On their website, the National MS Society lists human embryonic stem cells as one of the main stem cells that are used in research for MS.

In the second video linked on the page, at about 17:14 the neurologist discusses embryonic stem cells from aborted babies, saying they continued to be used in research for MS cures. <https://youtu.be/wSDTzKGCfu0>

http://main.nationalmssociety.org/docs/HOM/nmss_stemcell_statement.pdf

Though this dates to 2007, NMSS has not updated or changed their statement on stem cells. Here are their statements below:

- ◆ **“Research on all types of stem cells is critical** because we have no way of knowing at this point which type of stem cell will be of the most value in multiple sclerosis. Stem cells – adult or embryonic – could have the potential to be used to protect and rebuild tissues that are damaged by MS, and to deliver molecules that foster repair or protect vulnerable tissues from further injury” (p. 1).
- ◆ “To remedy the flaws in the current federal policy, the Society has supported recent legislation that would increase the number of approved embryonic stem cell lines that can be used in federally funded research by allowing new lines to be generated from embryos that have been donated for research purposes by people using the services of in vitro fertilization clinics” (p.3).

Stance on LGBTQ+ Lifestyle

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=10158357662424315&set=pb.100064810418128.-2207520000>

In a June 2021 post on Facebook, the National MS Society shows their support for the LGBTQ+ community by intentionally hiring more LGBTQ+ staff, encouraging



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people “of all gender identities,” and asking staff to include pronouns in their signatures.



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