



CHARITY WATCHLIST

St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital



EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH

- [Shannon McKinney-Freeman, PhD](#), member of the hematology department at St. Jude, has utilized human embryonic stem cells [in her past research](#).
- [Aseem Z. Azari](#), Chair of the Department of Chemical Biology & Therapeutics at St. Jude, has exploited human embryonic stem cells in [a 2017 study](#).
- [Shondra Pruett-Miller, PhD](#), associate member, St. Jude faculty; director of the Center for Advanced Genome Engineering; Vice President of Cancer Center Shared Resources, has [conducted human embryonic stem cell research](#).
- [March 2023 job ad \(archived\)](#):

Scientist or Lead Researcher in Developmental Neurobiology - Northcott Lab Job Description Overview:

“The Northcott Lab in the Department of Developmental Neurobiology at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital is seeking a highly skilled Scientist or Lead Researcher to perform developmental and tumorigenic studies related to childhood brain cancer using organoids, patient-derived xenografts (PDX), and tumoroids. The Northcott lab is internationally recognized for making seminal contributions to the understanding of the genomics and developmental biology of childhood brain tumors. We seek a technically skilled, self-motivated, and meticulously organized stem cell scientist with expertise in primary cell culture, including embryonic stem cells (ESCs) and/or induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs). Experience with organoid differentiation protocols, propagating PDX models, and/or tumoroids is considered highly desirable. Candidates should be able to perform and coordinate a wide range of laboratory research procedures and conduct complex support tasks and projects determined by our current research. Duties will include propagation of ESCs and iPSCs, generation, maintenance, and characterization of organoids, PDX, and tumoroids for the purpose of studying oncogenic mechanisms underlying childhood brain tumors.”

The job ad was taken down in July of 2023. ALL retrieved the original job ad for this position from March 2023. The ad above is from the since-removed updated job advertisement that was reposted in June of 2023. The language is slightly different between the two versions of the job ad, but the experience and duties sections remain the same.

In addition to past attempts to reach St. Jude, American Life League has made three recent attempts to connect with them, and they continue to ignore our inquiries seeking statement regarding their utilization of human embryonic stem cells.

CONTRACEPTION

- St. Jude operates an [HPV Cancer Prevention Program](#) for children 9-12. It encourages children to receive the vaccine at a young age for “prevention”, a disease only those sexually active can receive.
- [HPV vaccination partners](#) include pro-abortion organizations American Cancer Society and American Sexual Health Association.

For further reading on the HPV vaccine, Gardasil, read: [Gardasil: Hype Over Health](#) and [Gardasil is Not a Cancer Vaccine and Not Necessary](#).

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Mission

Advance cures, and means of prevention, for pediatric catastrophic diseases through research and development.

Focus

cancer research, cancer prevention, hospital care, pediatrics, and patient support

- St. Jude’s “Together” website asks [if cancer survivors can still have children](#).

“Use Protection During Sex. Some survivors may mistakenly think they are not able to get pregnant. This assumption can lead to unintended consequences. Sexually active survivors who are not trying to have children should always **use effective birth control**. All survivors should **use condoms** during sexual intercourse to prevent sexually transmitted infections (STIs).”

LGBTQ+

- Its “Together” [website](#) focuses on LGBTQ+ terminology for LGBTQ+ youth, and offers the following resources for teens and young adults:

“Advocates for Youth - LGBTQ Health - this organization helps young people make informed and responsible decisions about their reproductive and sexual health and includes useful resources for LGBTQ individuals and families.” Advocates for Youth has worked with [Planned Parenthood](#), and promotes the LGBTQ+ lifestyle, contraception, and abortion.

“The Center for Transyouth Health and Development - this organization provides services, research and training for gender non-conforming children and trans youth.” Advocates for Youth has worked with [Planned Parenthood](#), and promotes the LGBTQ+ lifestyle, contraception, and abortion.

“PFLAG - with 400 chapters in nearly all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, PFLAG provides confidential peer support, education and advocacy to unite members of the LGBTQ community with family, friends and allies.”

- Posts to social media [supporting PRIDE Month](#) while representing the hospital at PRIDE events.
- Shows support of [“inclusivity” in Memphis, TN](#) by endorsing LGBTQ+ PRIDE events, including a “Drag Brunch.”



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