



# CHARITY WATCHLIST

## Crohn's & Colitis Foundation



### EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH

➤ The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation responded to ALL's inquiry with the following statement:

***At this time, the Foundation is not funding any research initiatives nor investigator-initiated grants using human fetal tissue (stem cells derived from fetuses). We have several stem cell projects using adult mesenteric stem cells (stem cell from the abdominal wall) or inducible pluripotential stem cells (iPS). Inducible pluripotential stem cells are adult stem cells that have been reprogrammed to act like embryonic stem cells. With the advent of iPS technology, cell research can continue without relying on fetuses or cloned embryos.***

*The Foundation only funds adult stem cell research.*

### ABORTION

➤ The Foundation condemns a judge in Texas for invalidating the FDA's approval of mifepristone, the first pill of the abortion regimen:

*The drug, mifepristone, is used for medical abortions, but the ruling has implications far greater than this drug...The precedent and repercussions of this decision may be far-reaching for drug research and development, and undermines the authority of the FDA and the scientific process that leads to safe and effective treatments for patients. This in turn will result in preventing patients from getting the medical care they need.*

*The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation urges the courts to overturn this ruling and stands in strong support of the current jurisdiction of the FDA.*

### LGBTQ+

➤ From the Foundation website:

*From peer support groups to gender-neutral bathrooms on our We Can't Wait restroom finder app and inspiring stories from LGBTQIA+ individuals living with IBD, the Foundation has resources to support you every step of the way.*

➤ The Foundation runs support groups for "queer" men and women.

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#### Mission

To find cures for Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, and improve the quality of life of those affected by these diseases.

#### Focus

Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, health, medical research

**Charity Watchlist Rating: RED**  
**unworthy of support**