



CHARITY WATCHLIST

Parkinson's Foundation



EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH

- In May 2025, Parkinson's Foundation [celebrates trials](#) that explore stem cell therapy for Parkinson's. It does not condemn the use of human embryonic stem cells and instead hails them as innovative in Parkinson's research, describing how one of these trials used them:

*A new avenue of possibilities has emerged with induced pluripotent stem (iPS) and **human embryonic stem (hES) cells**. These types of stem cells have the unique ability to develop into any cell type in the body, **offering a potentially limitless source for generating the dopamine neurons lost in Parkinson's**.*

- Discusses the "remarkable advances" of [utilizing human fetal tissues](#) and human embryonic stem cells in Parkinson's research. It does not condemn this research for the immoral and unethical practice it is:

*Early studies to investigate whether brain cells could be replaced in Parkinson's isolated and removed dopamine-making stem cells from **human fetal tissue** and grafted them into the brains of research participants with PD. **While the research showed promise, nuances and complications limited long-term research.***

*Remarkable advances in stem cell technology over the past decade have led to the ability to make dopamine-producing cells from a person's blood or skin cells **or from embryonic stem cells**, unlocking a new generation of stem cell research. There are ongoing clinical trials in countries around the world, including the U.S., investigating potential benefits in Parkinson's.*



LGBTQ+

- Features LGBTQ+ couples, and discusses a program called "[Parkinson's Pride](#)," which supports LGBTQ+ lifestyles.

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Mission

Make life better for people with Parkinson's disease by improving care and advancing research toward a cure.

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unworthy of support