



CHARITY WATCHLIST

Les Turner ALS Foundation

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ABORTION & IVF

- In 2024, Les Turner ALS Foundation [recommends genetic testing](#) to couples who are expecting or are trying to get pregnant. However, the foundation lists IVF and abortion as “options” if a couple does not want to pass ALS or other genetic conditions to the baby:

*For example, if you want to start a family, you could choose to **see a doctor who specializes in reproductive health** and pregnancy. They can help you explore ways to have a biological child without passing down genetic differences linked to ALS or related conditions, if that is important to you. Depending on where you live, your options may include:*

- **Getting pregnant through in vitro fertilization (IVF) with preimplantation genetic testing (PGT)**
- **Getting genetic testing for a fetus during pregnancy with the option to have an abortion**

EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH

- Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine is an affiliate of the foundation and hosts the Les Turner ALS Center. The Feinberg School [utilizes human embryonic stem cells](#) in its general medical research. While it is not clear if they utilize human embryonic stem cells for ALS research, the school supports and utilizes them as long as they are “[NIH compliant](#).”
- Les Turner ALS Foundation has not responded to ALL’s Charity Watchlist inquiries about its statement on human embryonic stem cell research.

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Mission

Provide care and support to people with ALS and advance scientific research for prevention, treatment and cure for ALS.

Focus

neurology, musculoskeletal diseases

Charity Watchlist Rating: RED
unworthy of support