

Join Us in Supporting Stem Cell Research & Cures in Kansas

Stem cells are unique cells that can turn into other types of cells, such as heart, muscle or nerve cells. Scientific research indicates that stem cells have great potential for treating or curing many diseases and injuries – such as **diabetes, cancer, heart disease, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, MS, sickle cell disease, ALS and spinal cord injuries** – and that each type of stem cell has its own special characteristics and potential uses for curing different diseases and injuries.

That's why the overwhelming majority of medical researchers, medical organizations, patient groups and citizens in Kansas and elsewhere in the U.S. agree that *all* types of stem cell research should be pursued. This includes research involving adult stem cells, embryonic stem cells taken from excess IVF clinic blastocysts that would otherwise be discarded, and cells from somatic cell nuclear transfer, or SCNT, which is a technique for manufacturing embryonic stem cells that are a genetic match for a patient. Supporters of this basic policy position include such notable groups as the **American Medical Association, American Diabetes Association, Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation, Parkinson's Action Network, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Disease and the American Association for Cancer Research.**

Unfortunately, some politicians and groups are trying to pass state legislation that would ban some of the most promising types of stem cell research in Kansas and prevent Kansas citizens from having access to future stem cell therapies. Any such bans would be unfair and harmful to Kansas patients and to our state's medical institutions and researchers.

The Kansas Coalition for Lifesaving Cures believes that any stem cell research, therapies or cures allowed under federal law should be allowed in Kansas, provided that such activities are conducted ethically and safely and do not involve human reproductive cloning.

If you agree, you can help by becoming a member. Joining will cost you nothing, but it could help save the life of someone you love – and the lives of millions of other children and adults who suffer from diseases and injuries that could be treated or cured with stem cells.

About Joining the Kansas Coalition for Lifesaving Cures

1. Signing the member form simply confirms that your organization or business can be listed as a member of our Coalition along with other citizens, businesses and groups who support stem cell research, therapies and cures. It does not obligate you to contribute time or money.
2. Lists or partial lists of our members – with the titles they provide – will be used in print materials, such as fact sheets, on our website and possibly in ads and mail.
3. To show that we have broad and diverse support, our public member lists will show notable current or former titles and affiliations provided by individual members on this form. All published member lists will note that these titles and affiliations are provided for identification purposes only. This is the customary disclaimer used by groups to make it clear that the title used to identify an individual member does not mean or imply that the organization mentioned in that title has taken a position on the issues involved.
4. Your mailing address, phone number and e-mail address will be kept confidential. We will use them only to contact you if needed and to send you occasional member updates.