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Welcome to the Newsletter of the Nebraska Coalition for Lifesaving Cures November, 2015!

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Sincerely,

Victoria Kohout, Executive Director
The Nebraska Coalition for Lifesaving Cures

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Dick Holland Honored with Lifetime Achievement Award



The Association of Fundraising Professionals Nebraska Chapter honored Dick Holland, NCLC board chairman, with its Lifetime Achievement Award in November. Holland was nominated for the award by the Nebraska Coalition for Lifesaving Cures.

"Dick Holland's impact on the quality of life in Omaha and in the state of Nebraska can't be understated," said Victoria Kohout, executive director of the Nebraska Coalition for Lifesaving Cures. "Through his philanthropy his lifetime of giving will impact generations to come."

Holland was also recognized for his life-long support of several causes including the arts. The Holland Performing Arts Center, which opened its doors in Omaha 10 years ago, was made possible in large part by Mr. Holland's philanthropy. Holland told attendees at the Omaha luncheon that he has been very lucky in life and giving back makes him feel good.

Other honorees included Ellen Wright of Omaha, Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser; Chloe Higgins of Nebraska City, Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy; Cargill, Blair, Outstanding Corporation; and Lincoln Community Foundation, Lincoln, Outstanding Foundation.

Parkinson's IPS cell trial in Japan switching to allogeneic

In a major shift earlier this year, the induced pluripotent stem (IPS) cell trial in Japan for treatment of macular degeneration (MD) switched gears from using patient's own cells (called "autologous") to using banked cells from other people, termed "allogeneic".

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Astellas Pharma to Acquire Ocata Therapeutics

Ocata Therapeutics, a sometimes controversial pioneer in developing human embryonic stem cells, will be acquired by Astellas Pharma for about \$379 million, the companies announced on Monday night.

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Stem cell stories that caught our eye: three teams refine cell reprogramming, also stem cell tourism

Why stem cells in the lab don't grow up right. A classic cartoon among stem cell fans shows a stem cell telling a daughter cell it can grow up to become anything, and in a living creature that is pretty much true.

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Duchenne muscular dystrophy is a stem cell disease

A new study from The Ottawa Hospital and the University of Ottawa is poised to completely change our understanding of Duchenne muscular dystrophy and pave the way for far more effective treatments.

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