



Nebraska Coalition
for Lifesaving Cures

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Stem cell controversy could see new life with regent election shuffle

The departure of three University of Nebraska regents this year and the re-election campaign of a fourth is reviving debate over a controversial issue some believe should be laid to rest.

Two of the three departing regents, Chuck Hassebrook of Lyons and Jim McClurg of Lincoln, opposed a proposal considered by the Board of Regents in November 2009 that would have limited embryonic stem cell research at the University of Nebraska Medical Center to only cell lines approved under former President George W. Bush.

[Full Story in the *Lincoln Journal-Star* \(3-24-2012\)](#)



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Fred and Eve Simon

Monday, April 23, 2012 | Happy Hollow Club | Omaha, NE

Mary Woolley, President and CEO of Research!America, to speak at Nebraska Coalition Tribute Luncheon in April



The Nebraska Coalition for Lifesaving Cures will welcome Mary Woolley, president and CEO of Research!America, to this year's tenth annual tribute luncheon. Woolley will make some brief remarks during the luncheon program regarding American's attitudes toward medical, health and scientific research.

Research!America is the nation's largest not-for-profit alliance working to make research to improve health a higher national priority.

Woolley is an elected member of the Institute of Medicine and serves on its Governing Council. She is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and serves on the National Academy of Sciences Board on Life Sciences. She is a Founding Member of the Board of Associates of the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research and is a member of the visiting committee of the University of Chicago Medical Center.

Woolley is also a member of the National Council for Johns Hopkins Nursing. She holds an honorary doctoral degree from the Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED). Woolley has also served as president of the Association of Independent Research Institutes, as editor of the Journal of the Society of Research Administrators, as a reviewer for the National Institutes of Health and National Science Foundation, and as a consultant to several research organizations.

She has a 30-year publication history on science advocacy and research related topics, and is a sought-after speaker, often interviewed by science, news, and policy journalists.

[Visit Research! America's Website](#)

The Darker Side of Stem Cells

Stem cells offer the hope that one day they will be able to cure a huge range of disorders. But too many people are promising those cures to patients now, long before there is any evidence that they work. These claims are potentially misleading at best, and at worst could be downright harmful.

In their March issue, *Nature* raises important questions about one company that works with adult stem cells: Celltex Therapeutics in Houston, Texas. *Nature's* investigation, reported on page 13, suggests that the company has supplied adult stem cells to Texas doctors who offer unproven treatments to patients, and that the company is involved in these treatments.

[Full Story in *Nature* \(3-1-2012\)](#)



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