



Nebraska Coalition
for Lifesaving Cures

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Nebraska Coalition Launches New Website



The Nebraska Coalition for Lifesaving Cures gave its Website a facelift. Everything you want to know about us and about stem cells can now be found at www.nebraskacures.com.

We will continually be adding to the site as we go along. We hope if you have a topic you want to know more about or have information we should include on our site, you will let us know.

Welcome to [Nebraska Cures](http://www.nebraskacures.com).



[A closer look at Stem Cell treatments](#)

[Concerns about Stem Cell tourism](#)

[Patients Guide to Stem Cell treatments](#)

Holland marks naming ceremony with humor, inspiration

Calling himself "a living example of the need for regenerative medicine," Dick Holland used humor to mark the ribbon-cutting for the Mary and Dick Holland Regenerative Medicine Program, held July 25 at the Durham Research Center II.

[Full Story in UNMC Today \(7-26-2013\)](#)

UNMC participating in national study using adult stem cells to treat stroke

The University of Nebraska Medical Center has been selected as one of 11 medical centers in the country participating in a novel study using adult stem cells as a treatment for stroke patients. The treatment – called MultiStem – uses a collection of stem cells derived from a bone marrow aspirate taken from a single adult donor. Using special technology, the cells have been multiplied to allow for easy availability and immediate usage.

[Full Story on UNMC Today \(07-30-2013\)](#)

Medical Tourism a risky business

Stem cell tourism was the topic of a luncheon hosted by the Nebraska Coalition for Lifesaving Cures June 11 at the Thompson Alumni Center on the campus of the University of Nebraska Omaha.

Dr. David Crouse, president of the coalition, and Gary Susser, an advocate for responsible stem cell research, partnered to relate the dangers of medical tourism. They spoke about the irresponsible use of stem cells for profit during the luncheon, as well as at the Omaha Science Café at the Slowdown that evening.

[Full Story on KVNO News \(06-11-2013\)](#)

Researchers create miniature human liver out of stem cells

Scientists have created a tiny liver from stem cells that helped mice with chronic liver failure regain function. Researchers in Japan transplanted 4-millimeter-wide "liver buds" made from human stem cells into a mice. The transplanted liver buds, which were placed in the cranium or abdomen, were able to work in conjunction with the mice's own organs and secrete human liver-specific proteins. They also created human metabolites, tiny molecules that are produced when the body metabolizes a substance.

[Full Story on CBS News.com \(07-04-2013\)](#)

Bioethicist: Failed search for controversial cells shows danger of mixing science, religion

What should we think when a scientist claims to have found a cell in the human body with miraculous powers that no one before has ever seen and almost no one else can even find trying to follow his directions of where to look? The small number of scientific proponents of the miraculous healing powers of a controversial form of stem cells called VSELS—very small embryonic-like stem cells -- are facing this very question. The usual answer is that, at best, the claim must be the product of wishful thinking, or at worst, fraud.

[Full Story on NBC News.com \(07-28-2013\)](#)

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