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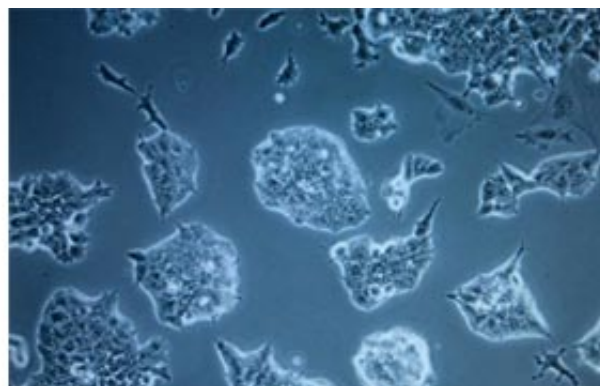
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## Regents outcome may alter NU stem cell research

With a potential majority within reach, Nebraska groups that oppose embryonic stem cell research are closely watching University of Nebraska Board of Regents candidates as Tuesday's primary nears. Three of the four seats up for grabs this November have been held by regents whose votes in 2009 allowed University of Nebraska Medical Center researchers to begin using additional embryonic stem cell lines that had been approved for research use by the Obama administration.



[Full Story in the Omaha World-Herald \(05-12-2012\)](#)



## Scientists Discover A Stem Cell That Causes Heart Disease

UC Berkeley scientists published a report this week in the journal Nature Communications saying that they have isolated a type of stem cell that causes heart disease in later life. The research is profound because it contradicts much of the generally accepted theories of what causes arterial hardening, and the concept may also relate to many other diseases could the associated stem cells be pinpointed.

[Full Story in Medical News Today \(06-10-2012\)](#)

## Top 10 Taboo Topics about iPS cells: the Elephant in the Lab Series

iPS cells have only been around a half dozen years, but already there are semi-taboo topics about iPS cells that collectively the field is disinclined to talk about publicly. These issues are complicated and not always pleasant, but ignoring them won't make them go away. In fact, quite the contrary talking about them will in reality help resolve them and possibly in the future make some of these issues in effect "go away".

[Full Story on Knoepfler Lab Stem Cell Blog \(05-10-2012\)](#)

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## **Personhood vs. stem cell research**

The state of Georgia may be about to get a lot more populous. Recently, it was announced that Republican voters will have the opportunity to vote on a ballot question in the July 31 primary to declare that a "pre-born" child — consisting of as few as one cell — should be entitled to all the legal rights of a human being. While the Personhood USA movement works to galvanize legislators in about 30 states, the crux of the public debate is over abortion rights, but a related issue deserves a hearing: the effects on human embryonic stem cell research.

[Full Story in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution \(05-25-2012\)](#)

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