

**EMBRYONIC STEM CELL
RESEARCH DESTROYS
HUMAN LIFE AND
OFFERS NO CURES**



ADULT STEM CELLS : THE “MIRACLE” CELLS

Jackie Rabon was just 17 when her back was broken in a car accident. She was left paralysed from the waist down. The situation looked hopeless.

But then doctors used **adult stem cells** - taken from her own body - to treat her. Jackie is now walking again with assistance. She describes her adult stem cells as “little miracle workers”.

All around the world adult stem cells are providing treatments and cures. **In contrast, after more than 20 years of experiments, embryo research has not produced one cure.**

Adult stem cell treatment meant Jackie (left) could walk again

You've probably heard about successful stem cell treatments in the news. But did you know that **every single one** involved treatments using **adult stem cells**, usually taken from the patient's body. **NOT ONE INVOLVED** embryonic stem cell research - which uses stem cells obtained by destroying human embryos.

Adult stem cells are providing treatments for:

- Parkinson's Disease
- Leukaemia
- Cerebral palsy
- Multiple sclerosis
- Sickle Cell Disease
- and more

In fact, for 73 serious medical conditions!

THE SCORE

**ADULT STEM CELL
RESEARCH : 73 TREATMENTS**

**EMBRYONIC STEM CELL
RESEARCH : 0 TREATMENTS**

"With research ongoing, embryonic stem cell research has produced no successful treatments to date."

Professor Calum MacKellar, leading Irish scientist

BUT NOW UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK WANTS TO BEGIN EXPERIMENTS ON HUMAN LIFE

THIS IS UNETHICAL, INDEFENSIBLE & A WASTE OF MONEY

Last October, UCC's governing body decided to begin research on stem cell lines obtained by destroying human embryos. This was a political decision, driven by powerful, long-term campaigners for embryo research.

The UCC decision makes no scientific sense. UCC President Michael Murphy claimed that researchers in the college wanted to use cells from destroyed human embryos. But it's a fact that this type of lethal research has proved a massive failure.

In fact, it is so unsuccessful that funding for embryo research is

now drying up in the UK, according to *The Independent* (13/01/2009).

In 2007 the Irish Council for Bioethics found that 70% of Irish people opposed research on human embryos. **But the decision of UCC's governing body is the first step towards legalising embryo research across Ireland.**



ARE WE GOING TO LET THE REBEL COUNTY BE DISGRACED BY EXPERIMENTING ON HUMAN LIFE?

The miracle of human life starts at fertilization and continues until we die.

That's why experiments on human life are ALWAYS wrong. The Nazi death camps showed how far we can slide down the slippery slope.

But some scientists are willing to destroy life in a bid for glory or to

make money. Also, unethical biotech companies want to profit from selling cloned embryos and the costly drugs which would be needed even if embryonic stem cell treatments ever worked.

UCC could become a centre of excellence for ethical ADULT stem cell research, advancing medicine and helping people. Instead they are wasting money on failed, destructive research.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE

Ring President Murphy and Dr Deirdre Madden in UCC and tell them that research using cells obtained by killing embryos is unacceptable.

Then call your local TDs and An Taoiseach Brian Cowen and tell them that they must act NOW to prevent embryo research from going ahead in UCC. (See overleaf for contact details)

In the 1940s, scientists in Nazi Germany said that the people they used for experiments were “less than human”. The same excuse is now being used in UCC.

STOP EMBRYO RESEARCH IN UCC



Auschwitz : experiments were carried out on children

PLEASE MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD TODAY

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