



University of Connecticut Health Center

POLICY NUMBER 2006-17

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**POLICY: HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH APPROVAL
POLICY**

PURPOSE:

To ensure that proposals for human embryonic stem cell (hESC) research are approved by the Institution's Embryonic Stem Cell Research Oversight (ESCRO) Committee.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to any Principal Investigator (PI) of the institution that submits a proposal for extramural funding for human embryonic stem cell research.

DEFINITIONS:

Human Embryonic Stem Cells (hESC)

Human embryonic stem cells are pluripotent cells that are self-replicating, derived from human embryos, and are capable of developing into cells and tissues of the three primary germ layers. Although human embryonic stem cells may be derived from embryos, such stem cells are not themselves embryos.

Eligible hESC

Those included on the NIH Human Embryonic Stem Cell Registry.

In-eligible hESC

Those excluded from the NIH Human Embryonic Stem Cell Registry.

hESC Lines

A population of identical cells that all originated from a single blastocyst. Because cell lines multiply, scientists can grow the cells for their own research and to share with colleagues.

POLICY STATEMENT:

1. In accordance with Policy Number 2006-16, Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research at UHC, all research, regardless of funding source, involving human embryonic stem cells must be approved by the Institution's Embryonic Stem Cell Research Oversight committee (ESCRO).

2. The ESCRO committee has been charged by the Institution to provide oversight of all ethical issues related to the derivation and research use of human stem cell lines at the University of Connecticut Health Center (UCHC) and, to the best of its ability, ensure that sensitive research is well-justified and that inappropriate research is not conducted. ([ESCRO website](#))
3. ESCRO approval of hESC research is required in addition to the approvals that occur in the normal course of processing research proposals; see Policy Number 2002-30, Approval of Proposals.
4. The Human Stem Cell Application Form must be completed and submitted to the ESCRO Committee. The Human Stem Cell Research Cover Sheet must be completed and submitted to the ESCRO Committee and the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) along with the completed proposal Routing Form.

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10/23/06

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Date

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10/26/06

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Replaces: NEW POLICY