



An Integrated Approach for Progress to Therapy in Scotland

The Scottish Stem Cell Network (SSCN) brings together scientists, clinicians, business and society to enable advances in stem cell biology to be rapidly translated into therapies for degenerative diseases.

Supported by Scottish Development International, we promote Scotland's growing stem cell industry internationally and work with our commercial and academic research groups to present Scotland as a prime site for collaboration and partnering in Regenerative Medicine.

We support our scientists through a programme of workshops and training events, attracting international speakers and delegates. Our travel award scheme has enabled many Scottish investigators to attend major conferences and courses, presenting their work to the global stem cell community.

SSCN is committed to informing and engaging the general public in the stem cell debate and working with Government and policy makers to maintain a supportive regulatory environment.

Scotland's vibrant research community is driving:

- Novel human and animal ES cell derivation from surplus IVF embryos and by cellular reprogramming (University of Edinburgh)
- Production of clinical grade human ES cells (Roslin Cells)
- Adult stem cell identification in eye, bone, blood and liver (University of Edinburgh); cancer stem cells (University of Glasgow); pancreatic stem cells in diabetes (University of Aberdeen)
- Derivation and characterization of high quality human ES cells for drug discovery and predictive toxicology (ITI Life Sciences Stem Cell Technology Programme: Universities of Glasgow, Dundee and Heriot-Watt and Cellartis)

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