

Becoming a member

Becoming a member of the NSW Stem Cell Network means being part of a community that can influence the professional and public understanding of stem cells.

As a member, you will be provided with:

- ◇ A source of reliable and 'simple' scientific information about stem cells
- ◇ Our electronic newsletters and bulletins to stay informed about stem cell related news and upcoming events
- ◇ The opportunity to stay connected to local and international experts in the field of stem cells through our regular workshops, seminars and educational programs
- ◇ The opportunity to post professional stem cell related jobs on our website for free

Membership is free

To join the NSW Stem Cell Network, please sign up at:

<http://www.stemcellnetwork.org.au/contactus/contact.php>



A few of our recent events

Workshops

22nd NSW Stem Cell Network Workshop:
Stem Cells and Genetic Muscle Disorders

21st NSW Stem Cell Network Workshop:
Bioengineering and Stem Cells

20th NSW Stem Cell Network Workshop in collaboration with Multiple Sclerosis Research Australia: ***Stem Cells in Multiple Sclerosis***

Education for schools, patients and carers
Taking Stem Cells to the Clinic

Stem Cell Revolutions screening for school students

Public Forums

Type 1 Diabetes & Stem Cells

Seminars for specialist groups
Stem Cells and their Clinical Applications

Technical Courses
Human Pluripotent Stem Cell Culture

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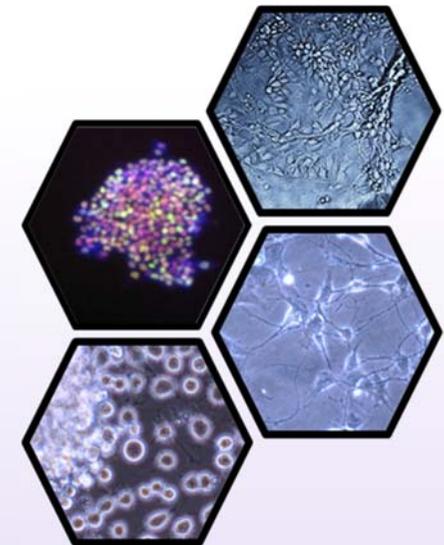
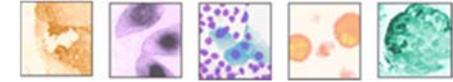
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Who is the NSW Stem Cell Network?

The NSW Stem Cell Network is a professional community with an interest in both adult and embryonic stem cells. It encompasses the science, medicine, ethics, law, business and public awareness of stem cells. Members come from over 100 institutions in NSW and throughout Australia, including hospitals, universities, research institutes, biotechnology companies, state and federal government, legal practices and the media.

Objectives of the Network

Regular workshops, seminars, conferences and courses organized by the Network have allowed this community to blossom, sharing knowledge and professional skills and embarking on collaborative research, public education initiatives and commercial projects. Network members are kept informed of upcoming events through email distributions, newsletters and our website. Since the Network was established in November 2002, it has grown from 120 to over 500 members.

Goals of the Network

The major goals of the Network are:

- ◇ To facilitate and encourage the professional exchange of information about stem cells
- ◇ To further our understanding of the science, medical applications, ethical and legal issues, and commercial potential of stem cells in an Australian and global context
- ◇ To promote the education of professional groups and, where possible, the general public, about stem cells



Potential of Stem Cells

Stem cells are undifferentiated cells found in embryonic and non-embryonic tissue. They have the remarkable potential to develop into the different cell types found in the body, such as nerve, skin, muscle and blood cells. Serving as a potential source for tissue regeneration, stem cells can theoretically divide indefinitely to replenish differentiated cells for the life of the organism. Due to their enormous therapeutic and regenerative potential, scientists are hoping that stem cells will one day cure diseases such as Parkinson's Disease and Type 1 Diabetes, and assist in providing therapies for others such as kidney disease, rheumatoid arthritis, chronic heart disease, spinal cord injuries and blood disorders.

