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# Introduction to Pluripotent Stem Cells

Lecture (4)

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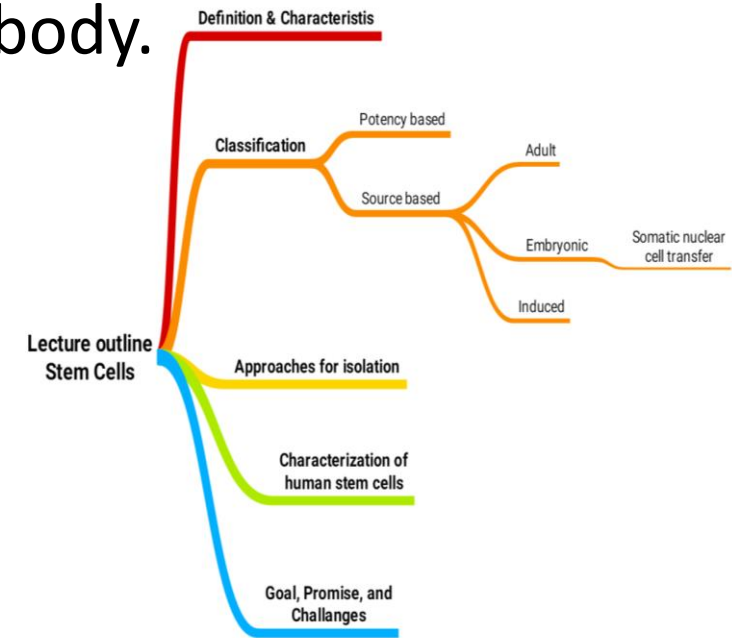
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# ■ Objectives

**At the end of the lecture, students should be able to:**

- ✓ **Stem Cell : Definition & main function** within the body.
- ✓ Where can we find **Stem Cells (location)**.
- ✓ Classifications of stem cells:
  - **Embryonic Stem Cell**
  - **Adult stem cells (Tissue Specific Stem Cell)**
  - **Induced Pluripotent Stem Cell (iPS) cells**
- ✓ Different approaches for **isolation of pluripotent stem cells**.
- ✓ The **Promise of Stem Cell Technology**.

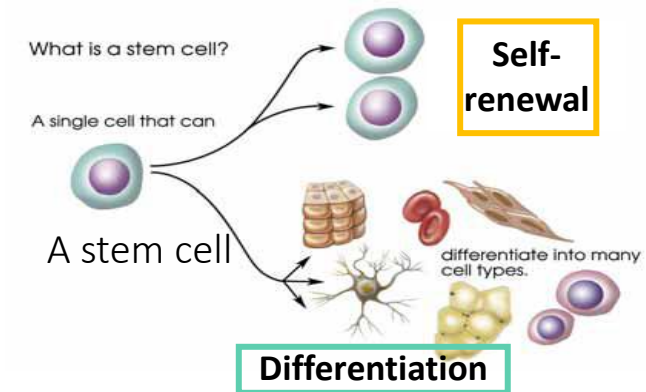


# Stem Cells

## Introduction

Stem cell:  
-it is the first cell from fertilization  
-undifferentiated  
-it continues until death

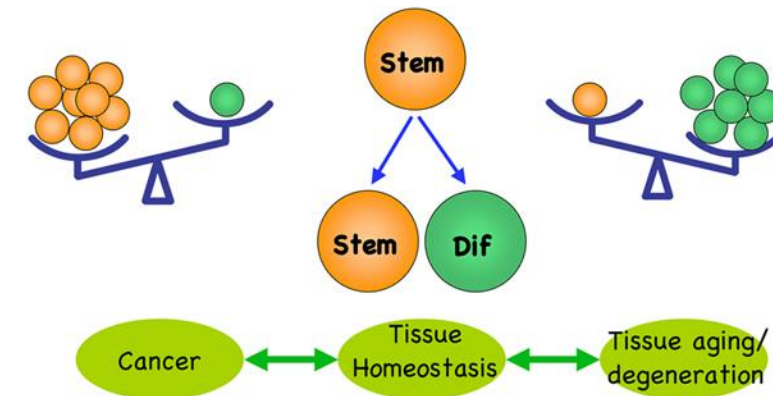
- A cell that has the **ability**:
  - To continuously **divide** and **give rise to new copy of itself (Unlimited self-renew)**
  - Differentiate into various kinds of cells/tissues.
- **Unique Characteristics of Stem Cells**:
  - Differentiation (eg. beating cells of the heart muscles):
    - Internal signals (specific genes)
    - External signals (GF, cytokines) 2
- **Main function within the body**:
  - **Continuous Repair of defective cell types and regeneration of tissues.**



1- It divides to **give copies of itself** and this is the main idea behind **treating degenerative disease**.  
2- They amplify the microenvironment **around cells**

\*For **tissue homeostasis or health to be maintained** there has to be a **balance between these two characteristics**. If there is imbalance:

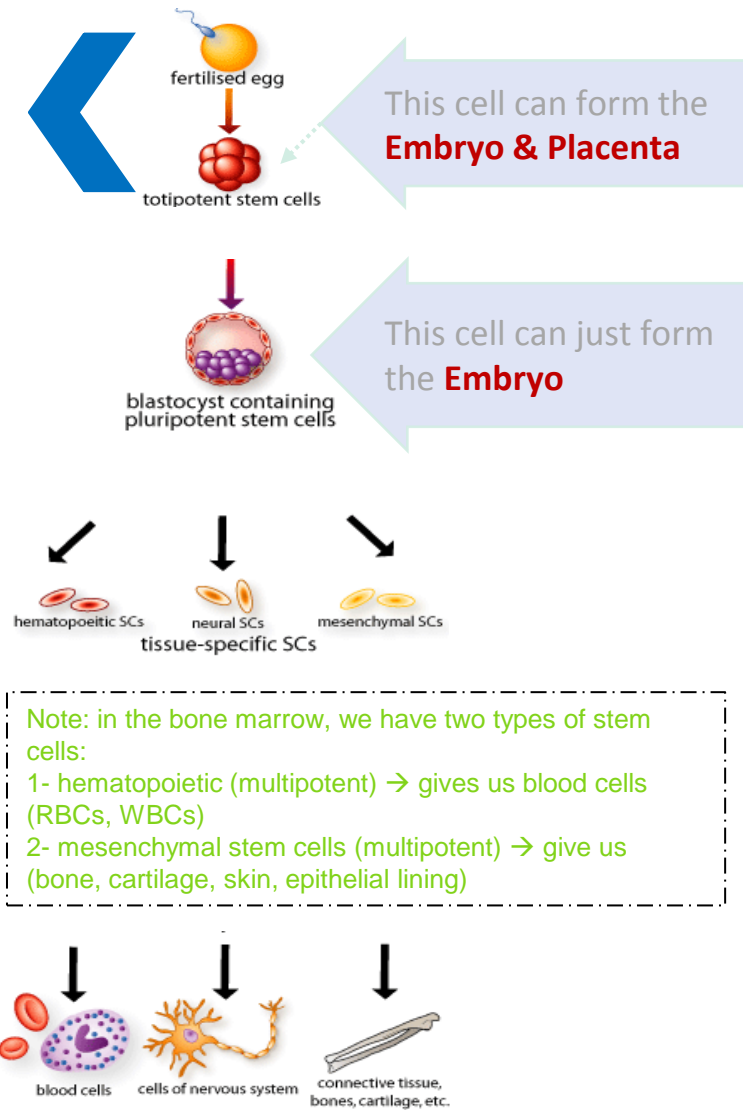
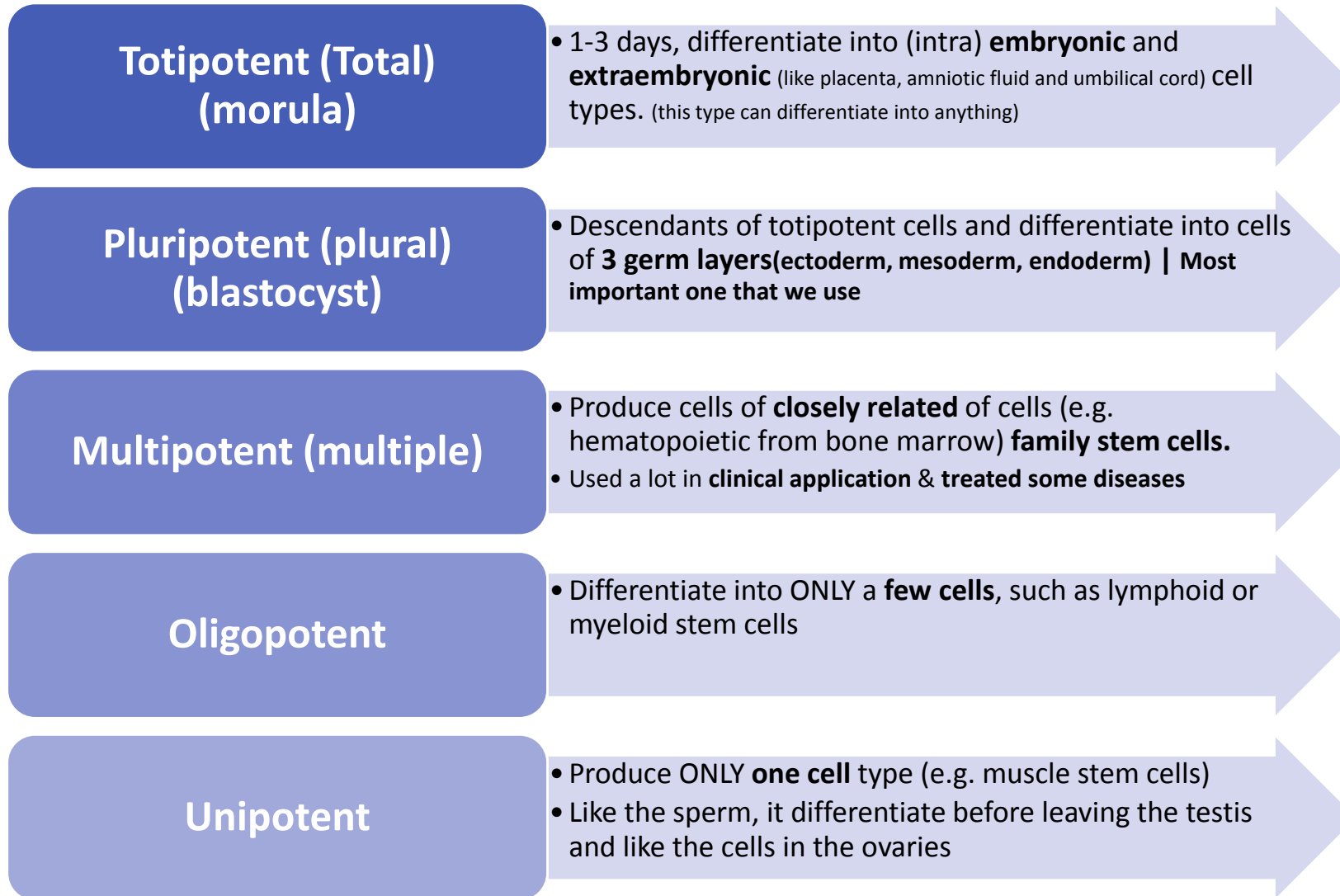
- **Too much regeneration and unlimited dividing** will result in **cancer**
- **Too much differentiation without enough regeneration** will lead to **aging and degeneration (die)**



# Classification of stem cells

I- (potency based) *potency = the ability to divide*

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Note: in the bone marrow, we have two types of stem cells:  
 1- hematopoietic (multipotent) → gives us blood cells (RBCs, WBCs)  
 2- mesenchymal stem cells (multipotent) → give us (bone, cartilage, skin, epithelial lining)

# Classification of stem cells

## II- (source based)

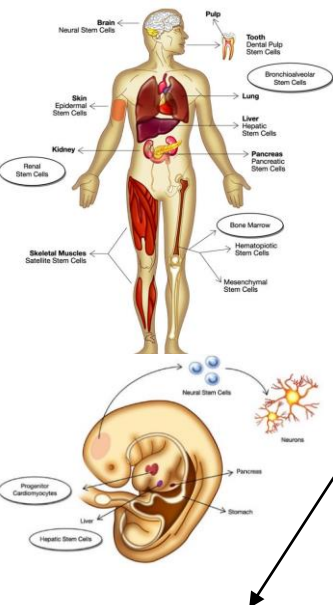
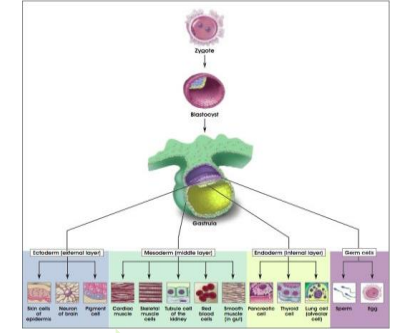
\*Adult means any cell after day 14 when it becomes multipotent.  
note that there is a difference between embryonic and fetus stem cells.  
 Fetus stem cells are considered adult stem cells

Totipotent: it is the fertilized egg until the 6<sup>th</sup> day where the implantation happens, after fertilization it divides into outer cell mass (extraembryonic) and inner cells mass (embryo).  
 The inner cell mass is the pluripotent stem cells.  
 Note: if you take one pluripotent stem cell, it can give you a full fetus (without extraembryonic tissue) and this is what happens in twins, but if you did the same thing with totipotent, this will give you a full fetus with the extraembryonic tissue

Embryonic means (totipotent and pluripotent)

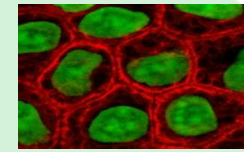
### Embryonic Stem Cells (ESC)

- Sources: IVF embryos, SCNT, Aborted embryos, cloned embryos
- Pluripotent & large number can be harvested (Advantage)
- May cause immune rejection & Ethical concerns (Disadvantage)



### Adult Stem Cells (ASC):

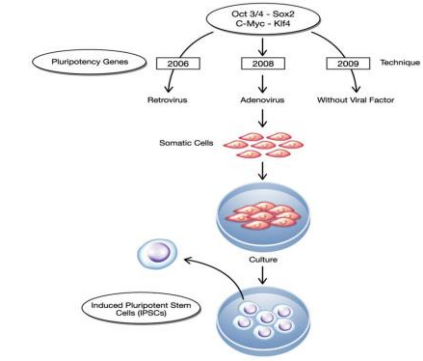
- Sources: Bone Marrow, Placental Cord\* & Mesenchymal Stem cells
- Multipotent & Limited numbers and more difficult to isolate (Disadvantage)
- No immune rejection & No Ethical concerns (Advantage)
- Found in specific mature body tissues as well as the **umbilical cord** and **placenta** after birth.
- They also can be isolated of **developing embryos' different tissues**



Adult or tissue specific means (multipotent, oligopotent and unipotent)  
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### Induced pluripotent stem cells (IPSCs)

- Cells which are not stem cells but converted to stem cells
- Slides 12 & 13



# Generation of embryonic stem cells (ESC)

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Embryonic human stem cells were first isolated in 1995 by dr. James Thomson.

Derived from **4-5 day old embryo (blastocyst):**

- 1- Trophoblast
- 2- Blastocoel
- 3- Inner Cell Mass (ICS)

Isolate and transfer of ICS into culture dish in culture media

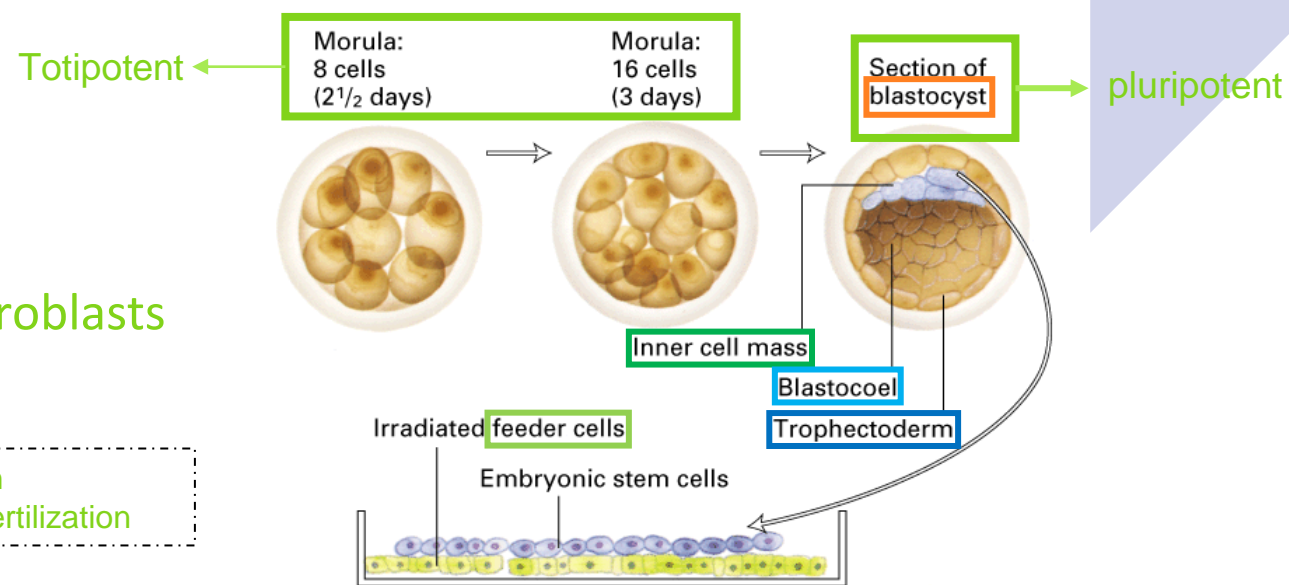
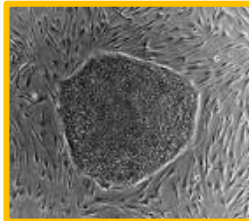
**Culture at 37c and 5% CO2**

Inner surface of culture dish is coated with **inactivated MEFs** as a **feeder cells:**

- Provides sticky surface for attachment & Release nutrients

Cells divide and spread over the dish

ESCs are removed gently and plated into several different culture plates.

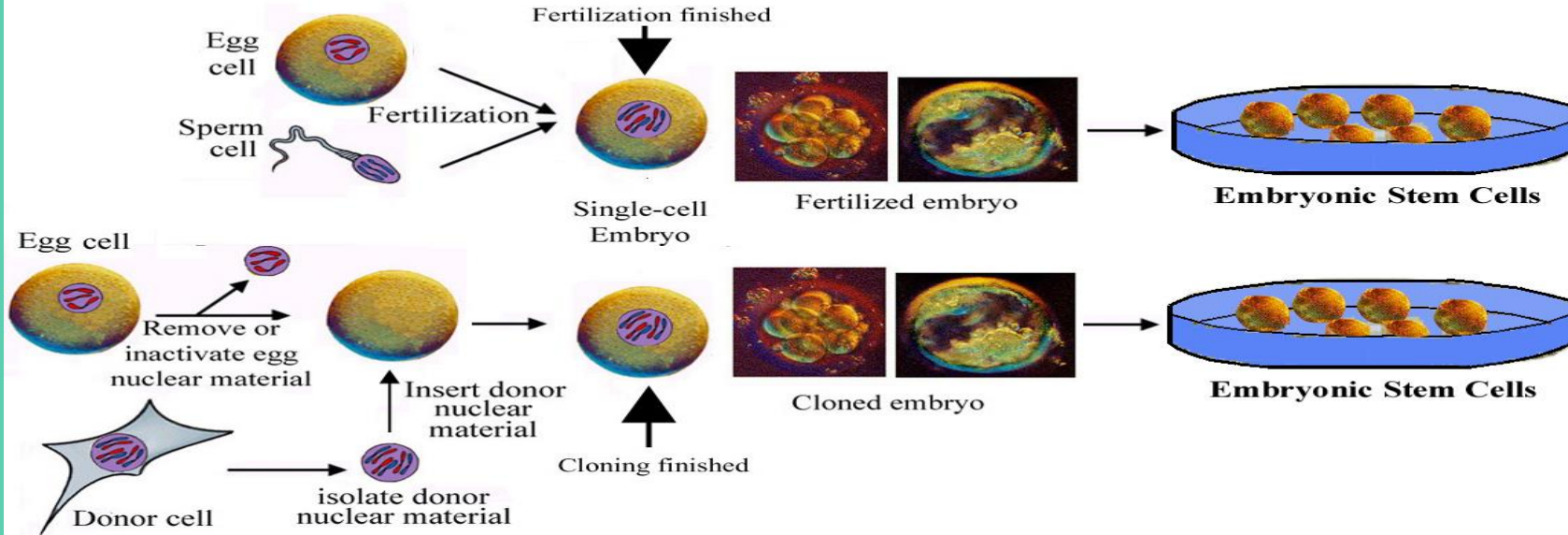


**MEFs = Mouse Embryonic Fibroblasts**

- 1- totipotent: from fertilization → implantation
- 2- pluripotent: it is the inner cell mass after fertilization

## Embryonic Stem Cells

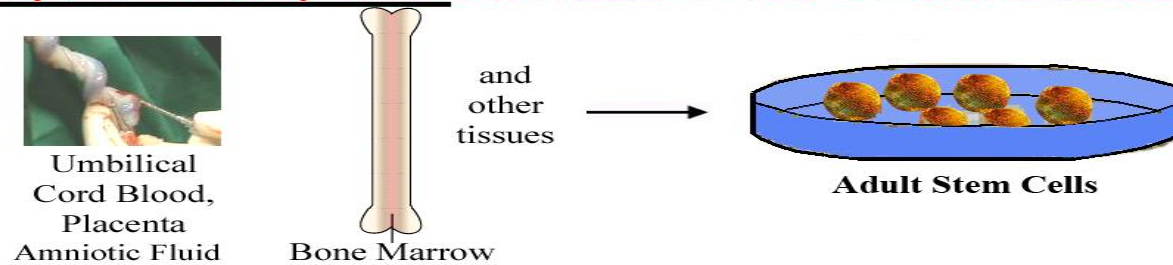
from Embryos created by Fertilization or by Cloning (Somatic Cell Nuclear Transfer)



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## Adult Stem Cells

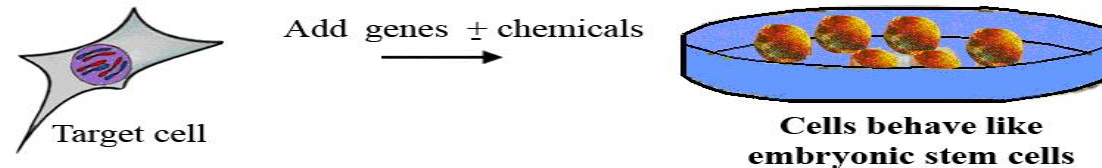
Stem Cells normally found in body tissues from birth onward, as well as umbilical cord, etc.



If there is a problem with the bone marrow, the doctors will take the mesenchymal stem cells from the umbilical cord to fix the problem.

## Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells (iPS cells)

from Normal Cells that are Reprogrammed to behave like Embryonic Stem Cells



# Challenges with Embryonic Stem Cells (ESC)

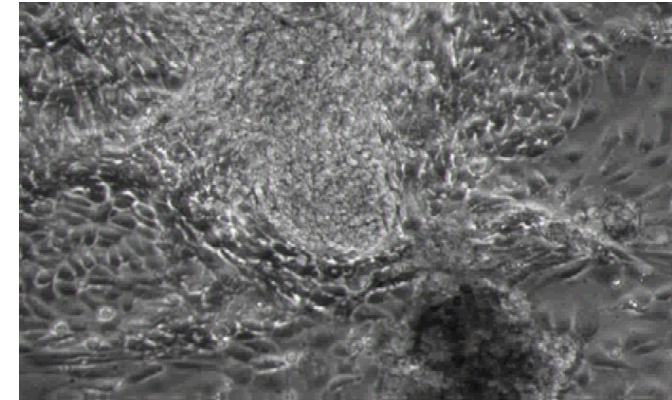
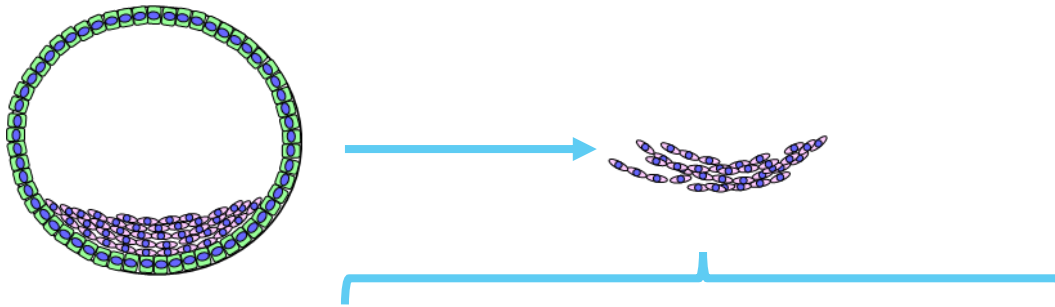
- Embryonic Stem Cells have very huge advantages: Pluripotent & unlimited ability for self-renew
- **Abnormalities** in **chromosome number** and **structure** were found in some (three) human ESC lines. (can't use them for clinical uses "treatment")
- Stem cells need to be differentiated to the appropriate cell types before they can be used clinically (if they are inserted before they are differentiated **they might multiply and form cancer**)
- Stem cell development or proliferation must be controlled once placed into patients (risk of teratoma formation).
- The use of mouse “feeder” cells to grow ESC could result in problems due to xenotransplantation\*. \*Xenotransplantation: process of transplanting tissues between organisms. (the feeder layer is supposed to be removed before we use the ESC but all isolation methods don't guarantee not having feeder layer in the sample. Now there are medias to grow without feeder layer)
- Possibility of rejection of stem cell transplants as foreign tissues is very high.



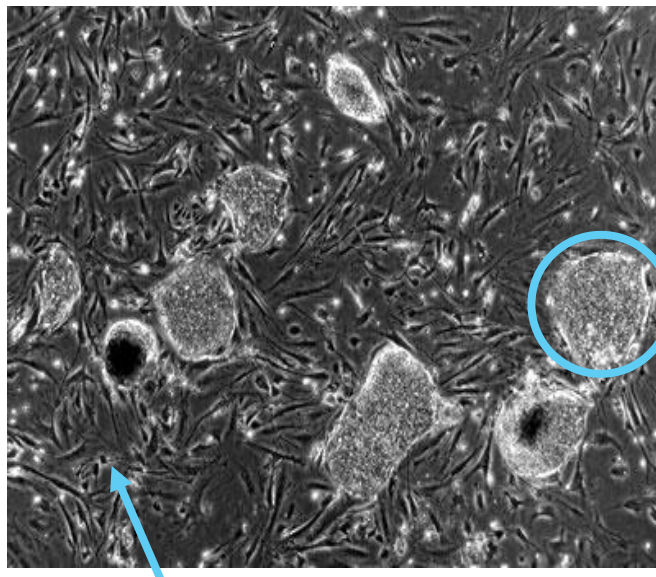
# Human Embryonic Stem Cell (hESC) Colony

\*This is a video showing cardiac cells beating.  
(to view it download the ppt version)

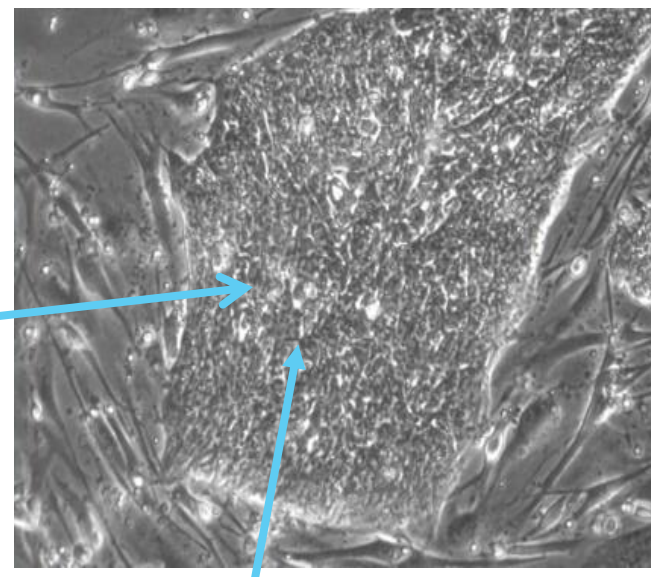
- What do cultured ESC (Embryonic Stem Cell) look like?



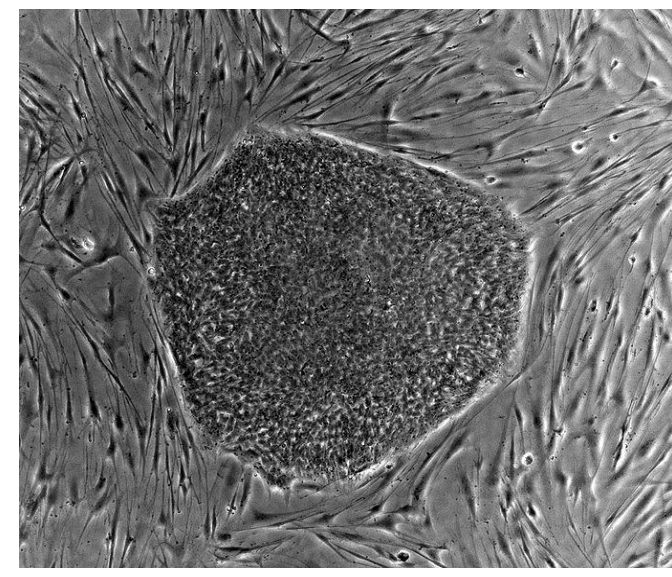
Beating cardiomyocytes derived from hESCs\*



Mouse embryonic cells (feeder layer)  
The lines around that surround ESC



Embryonic stem cell colony with distinct border



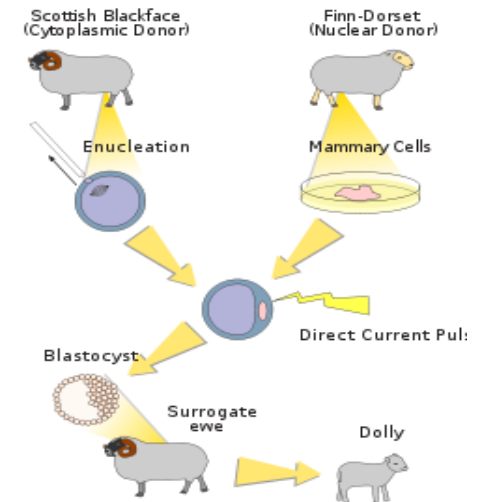
Embryonic stem cells in the dish

# Somatic Cell Nuclear Transfer (SCNT) CLONING

Nuclear transfer (cloning) can be used in 2 ways: reproductive (producing identical offspring) or therapeutic (which is the main goal)

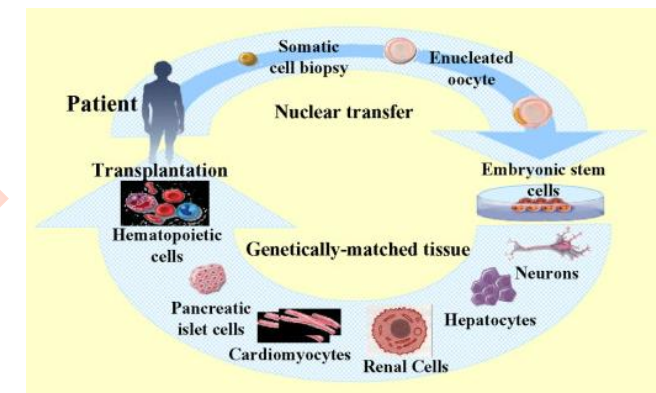
## Reproductive Cloning

- **Dolly** is a sheep that was cloned from another sheep using the same method we discussed before. An oocyte was deprived of its nucleus and a different nucleus was inserted and the blastocyst was reinserted into a surrogate mother.



## Therapeutic Cloning

- Therapeutic cloning uses stem cells to **correct diseases (treatment)** and other health problems that someone may encounter.
- Therapeutic cloning does not cloned to make full humans but rather is used for the stem cells of embryo



# The first induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs)

- In late 2006 the group of **Takahashi** and **Yamanaka** reported the stimulation of cells of adult and embryonic origin to pluripotent stem cells called induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cells.

## Induction of Pluripotent Stem Cells from Mouse Embryonic and Adult Fibroblast Cultures by Defined Factors

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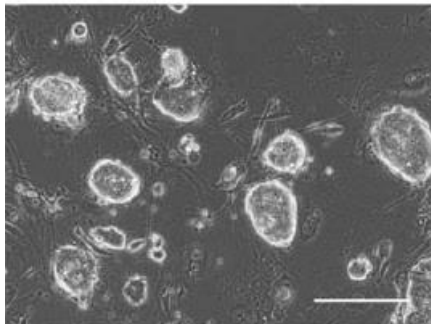
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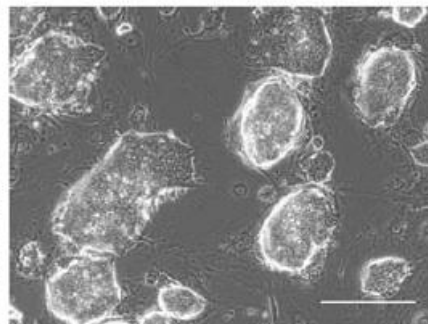
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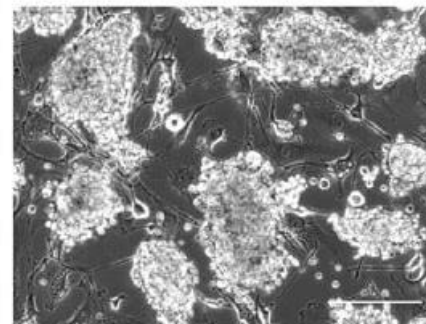
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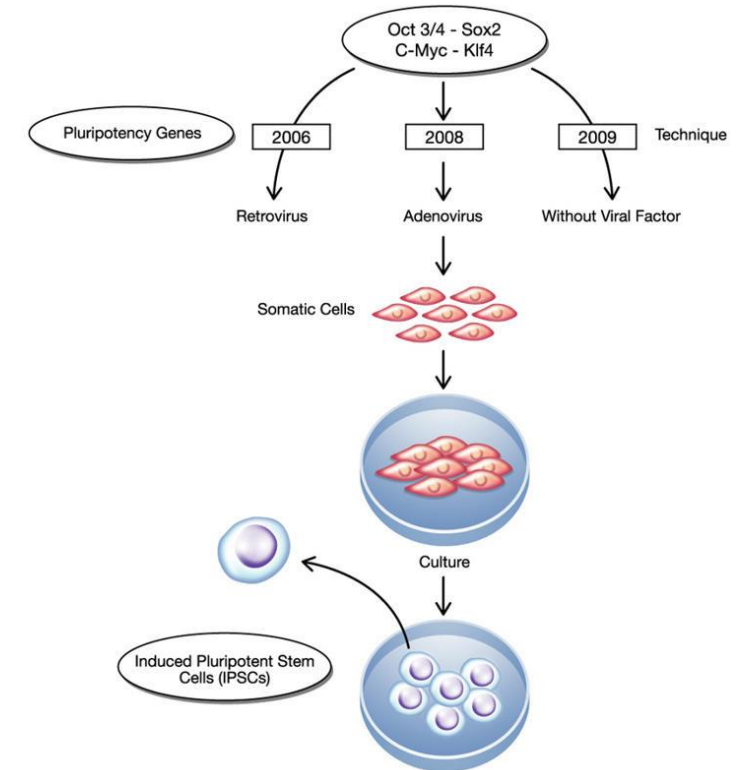
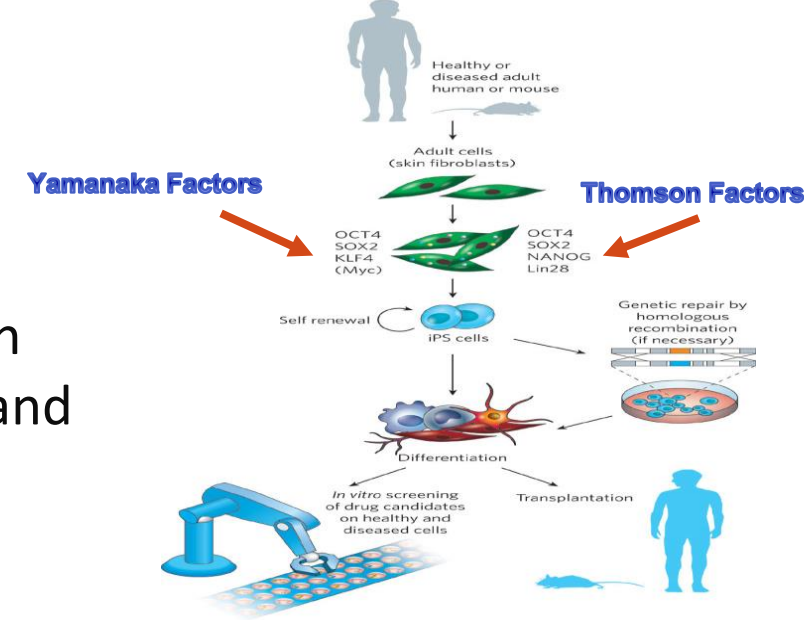


iPS-MEF3-3



# Induced pluripotent stem cells (IPSCs)

- The method was described by Yamanaka and Takahashi in which the skin cells of laboratory mice were genetically manipulated and returned back to their embryonic state.
- iPS are somatic cells that have been **reprogrammed** to a pluripotent state (embryonic stem cell like state).
- Several difficulties are to be overcome before iPS cells can be considered as a potential patient-specific cell therapy.
- It will be crucial to characterize the development potential of human iPS cell line in the future.



# Induced pluripotent stem cells (IPSCs)

## 1<sup>st</sup> STEP

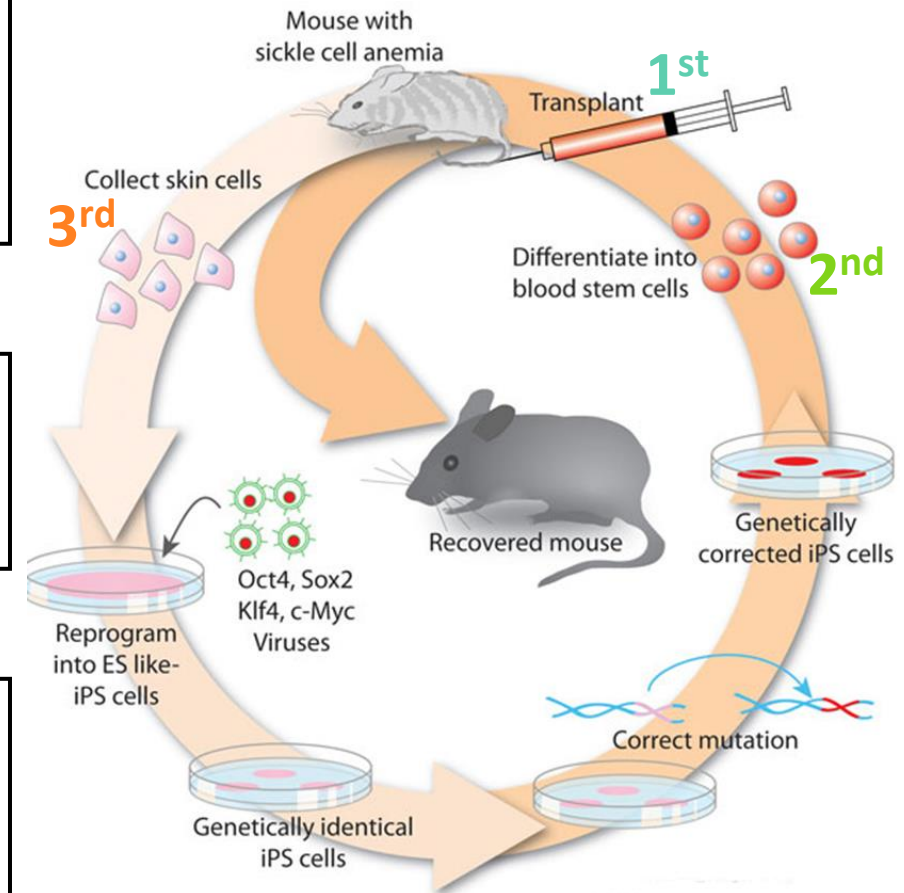
- Skin cells were taken from the tail tip of a sickle-cell model mouse

## 2<sup>nd</sup> STEP

- Were differentiated into hematopoietic cells.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> STEP

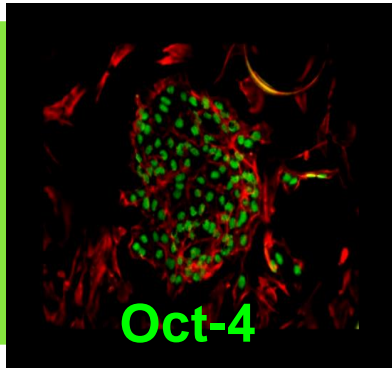
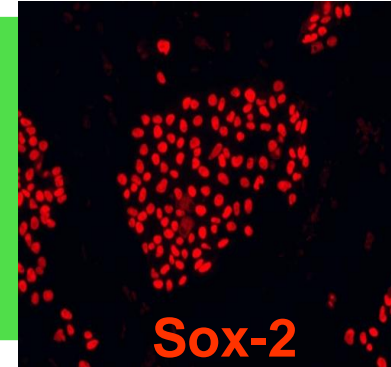
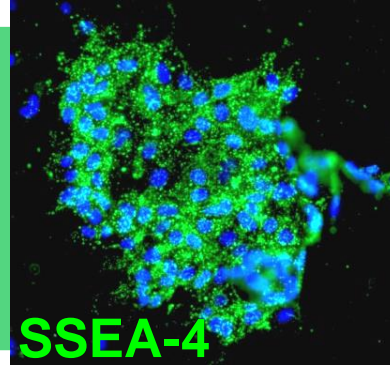
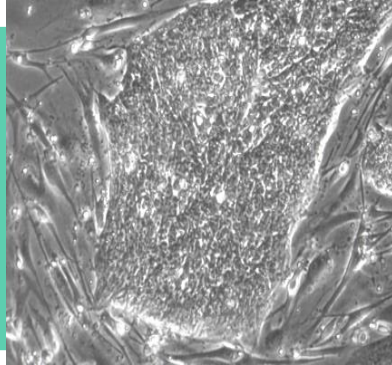
- The produced cells were transfused back into the sick mouse



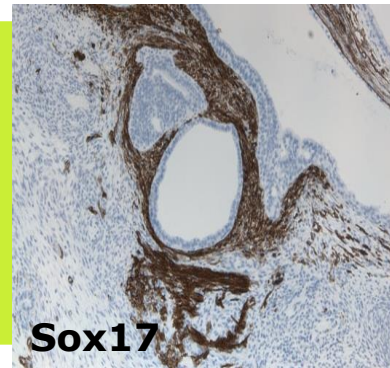
# Human Pluripotent Stem cells (hPSCs) Characterization

Specific  
markers for  
stem cells

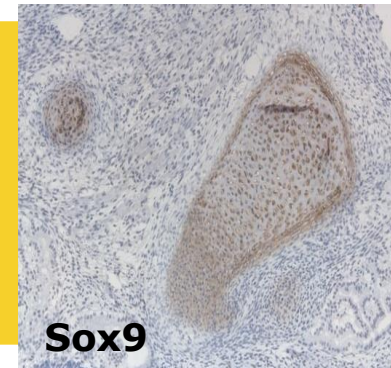
When they  
put these  
genes in a  
somatic cell,  
it becomes a  
stem cell.



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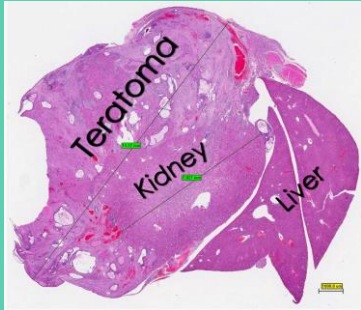
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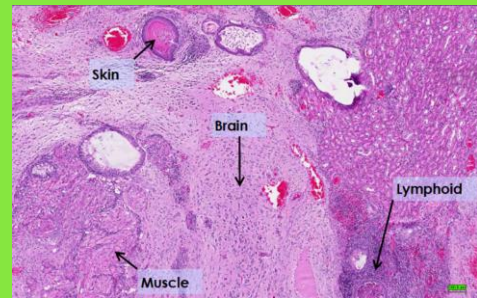
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# Human Pluripotent Stem cells (hPSCs) Characterization

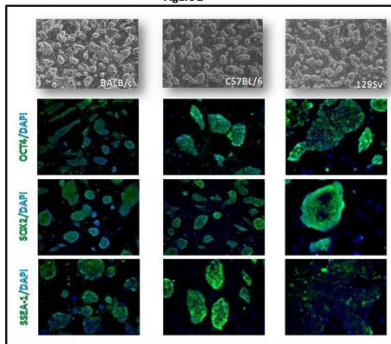


- A large tumor mass measuring twice as the kidney is compressing it.

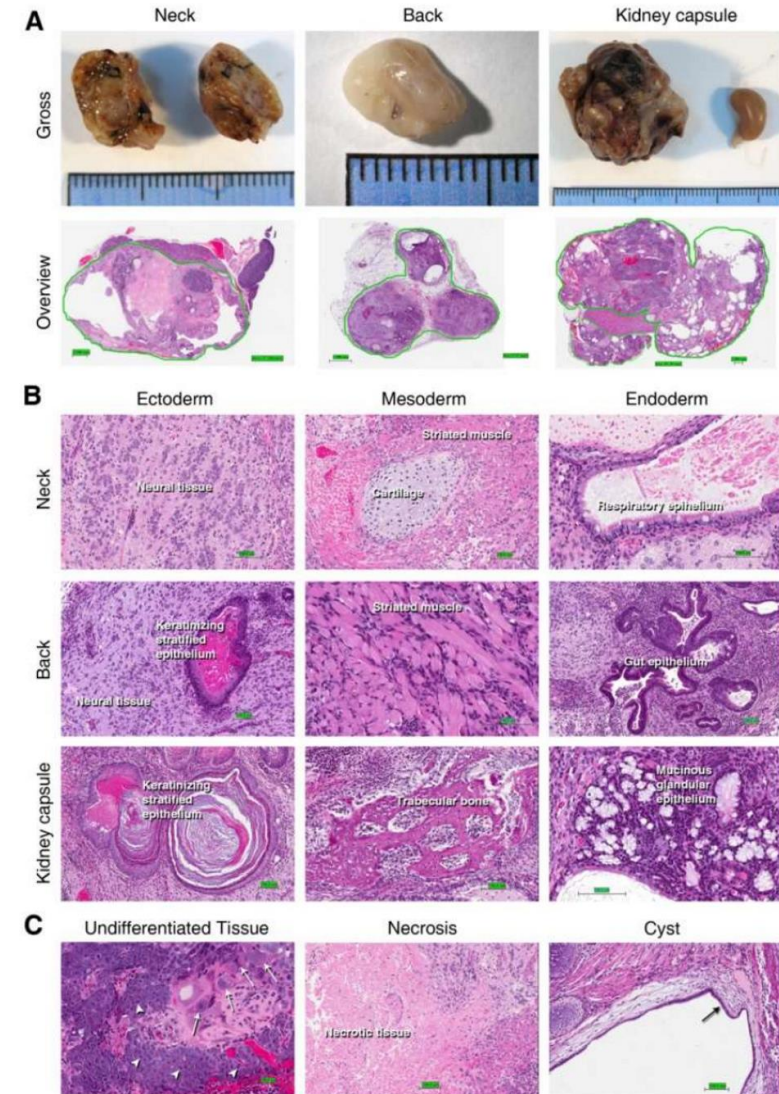


- The teratoma was composed of mixed tissue patterns: skin with keratin, brain tissue, striated and smooth muscle, lymphoid tissue,....

Figure 1

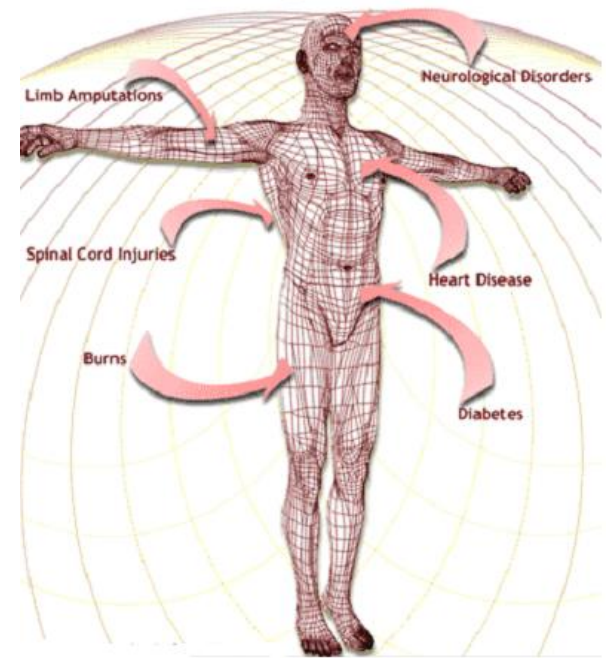


- Teratoma Formation in Immunocompetent Mice After Syngeneic and Allogeneic Implantation of Germline Capable Mouse Embryonic Stem Cells, 2013

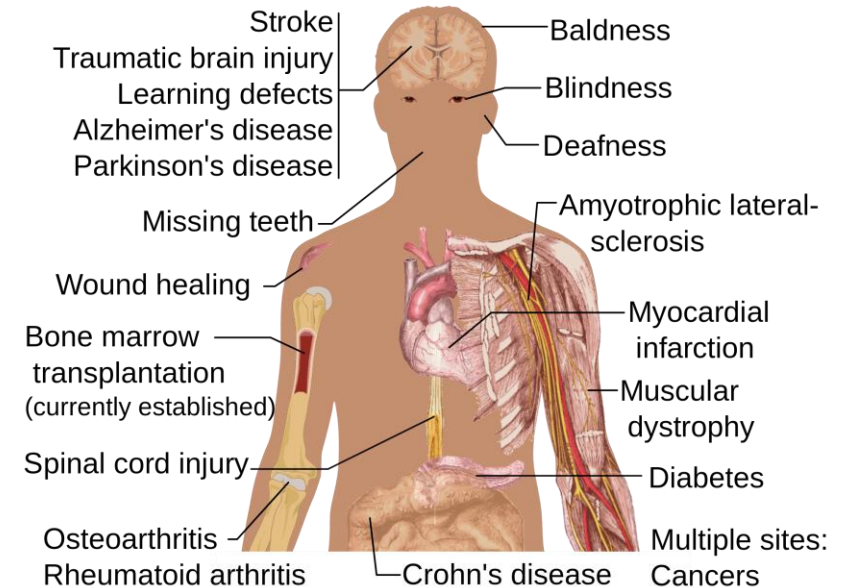


# The Promise of Stem Cell Technology

- Replacement of tissues/organs
- Repair of defective cell types
- Study cell differentiation
- Toxicity testing.
- Understanding prevention and treatment of birth defects.
- Study of development and gene control.
- Study of drugs therapeutic potential.



## Potential uses of Stem cells





# Goal of Stem Cell Therapies

- The goal of stem cell therapies is to promote cell replacement in organs that are damaged and do not have the ability for self repair (treat diseases)

# Obstacles of Stem Cell Research

- How to find the right type of stem cells?
- How to completely differentiate Stem Cells to desired cell type?
- How to put the stem cells into the right place?
- Will the stem cells perform the desired function in the body?
- Differentiation protocols for many cell types have not been developed.

# Summary

Stem cells	
<b>Definition</b>	Cells that have the ability to continuously divide and differentiate to other kinds of cells
<b>Function</b>	Repair and regeneration of tissues
<b>Classification</b>	<p><b>1.potency based</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Totipotent : from embryonic and extra embryonic cells</li><li>B. Pluripotent : form 3 germ layers</li><li>C. Multipotent : form related cells</li><li>D. Oligopotent : form few cells</li><li>E. Unipotent : form one cell type</li><li>F. Nullpotent : terminal cell</li></ul> <p><b>2.Sourced based</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Embryonic ( pluripotent ,may cause immune reaction )</li><li>B. Adult (multipotent , no immune reaction )</li><li>C. IPSCs (no immune reaction or ethical dilemma)</li></ul>

# MCQs

## (1) Which of the following is The Promise of Stem Cell Technology?

- A) Toxicity testing
- B) Understanding prevention and treatment of birth defects
- C) Study of drugs therapeutic potential
- D) All are true

## (2) which of the following are pluripotent stem cells:

- A) Cells has the potential to differentiate into any adult cell type forming an entire organism
- B) Cells that has limited potential to form only multiple adult cell types
- C) Cells that don't have the ability for self-renewal
- D) Cells has the Potential to form many differentiated cell types except placenta

## (3) Which of the following forms embryonic and extraembryonic cell types?

- A) Totipotent
- B) Multipotent
- C) Oligopotent
- D) Unipotent

## (4) The Blastocyst is formed of each of the following except?

- A) Trophoblast
- B) Morula
- C) Inner Cell Mass
- D) Blastocoel

## (5) Hematopoietic stem cells gives:

- A) Cells of the nervous system
- B) Cartilage
- C) Blood cells
- D) Connective tissue

## (6) Induced Pluripotent Stem Cell (iPS) cells are?

- A) Cells have limited potential to form only multiple adult cell types
- B) Cells are Potential to form all differentiated cell types
- C) Somatic cells that have been reprogrammed to a pluripotent state
- D) Cells are potential to differentiate into any adult cell type

## (7) Mesenchymal stem cells are example of?

- A) Pluripotent stem cells
- B) Multipotent stem cells
- C) Totipotent stem cells
- D) Induced pluripotent stem cells

## (8) The goal of stem cell therapies is to:

- A) Reduce the Possibility of immune rejection
- B) Promote cell replacement in organs that are damaged and do not have Ability for self-repair
- C) To make full humans
- D) Non of them

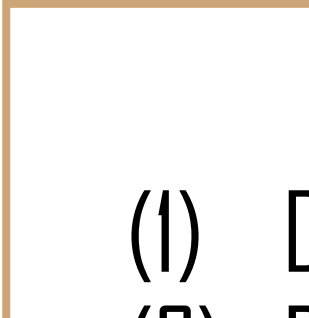
## (9) What are yamanaka factors:

- A) OCT3/4, SOX2, KLF4, c-Myc
- B) Growth factors
- C) Cytokines
- D) OCT3/4, SOX2, Nanog

## (10) important limitation of using cloned ESCs (SCNT-ESCs) clinically:


- A) Immune rejection
- B) Produce limited number of cell types
- C) Destruction of human embryos
- D) Difficult to grow and culture in the laboratory

# Answers



(1) D  
(2) D  
(3) A  
(4) B  
(5) C

(6) C  
(7) B  
(8) B  
(9) A  
(10) C





Good luck  
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