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Research using Human Stem Cells is essential to expanding fundamental scientific knowledge of cellular and developmental human biology. In order to facilitate research with Human Stem Cells, the Use of Human Stem Cell Policy has been revised, and the Northwestern University Committee on Human Stem Cell Research (NUCHSR) has been re-established. The Northwestern Office for Research approved the policy revision and the Feinberg School of Medicine will administer the policy requirements.

The [Use of Human Stem Cell Policy](#) outlines the requirements for use and derivation of human stem cells, and establishes a registration process for such cells. NUCHSR must review and approve the procurement, derivation, banking, distribution, or use of human stem cells prior to their use in research. The cells governed by this policy include:

- Human embryonic stem cells
- Human totipotent stem cells
- Human gametes
- Human zygotes
- Human embryo ex vivo

This policy does not apply to iPSC lines.

The effective date of the policy is September 1, 2020. Existing cell lines should be registered by December 31, 2020. For details on the Use of Human Stem Cell Policy and processes, please visit the Human Stem Cell Research [website](#) or contact the Feinberg Office for Regulatory Affairs at [ora@northwestern.edu](mailto:ora@northwestern.edu).



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