



THE STEM CELL CHARTER

AFFIRMS THE IMPORTANCE OF STEM CELL SCIENCE FOR HUMANITY.

The Stem Cell Charter articulates principles for advancing responsible stem cell research and development. It aims to unify, as signatories, scientists, community leaders and the public, who believe in the therapeutic potential of stem cells and who commit to becoming informed and engaged in supporting and advancing stem cell science.

The Stem Cell Charter maintains that stem cell science has the potential to revolutionize the practice of medicine, develop treatments for diseases and create unprecedented hope for humanity.

The Stem Cell Charter affirms that,

“[e]njoyment of the highest attainable state of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic or social condition.”

WHO, Constitution (1946)

To that end, the Stem Cell Charter upholds the following principles:

- **Responsibility** to maintain the highest level of scientific quality, safety and ethical probity
- **Protection** of citizens from harm and the safeguarding of the public trust and values
- **Intellectual Freedom** to exchange ideas in the spirit of international collaboration
- **Transparency** through the disclosure of results and of possible conflicts of interest
- **Integrity** in the promotion and advancement of stem cell research and therapy for the betterment of the welfare of all human beings

Endorsing the Stem Cell Charter is a collective call to action. By signing the Charter, we commit as individuals and organizations:

- To affirm the importance of stem cell science for humanity
- To advance stem cell science and the principles articulated in the Charter
- To disseminate the Stem Cell Charter
- To lend our voice, time or other resources to advancing stem cell science as part of the Stem Cell Charter community, the Foundation or other related stem cell organizations or groups

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