



Policy

Title: Human Embryonic Stem Cell Registry

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1.0 Introduction

The Harvard University Embryonic Stem Cell Research Oversight (ESCRO) Committee tracks the existence and use of human embryonic stem cell lines within the University¹ via its Human Embryonic Stem Cell Registry (the Registry).

2.0 What Lines Need to be Registered?

Any human embryonic stem cell (hESC) line currently existing or proposed for use at Harvard University must be registered with the ESCRO. This includes lines derived internally, as well as those to be imported from other institutions.

Once a line has been registered, the line itself does not need to be re-registered, regardless of the investigator who wishes to use it. However, an investigator must obtain ESCRO approval prior to using the line for any research.

3.0 Timing of Registrations

Lines derived within Harvard must be registered with the ESCRO as soon as possible after pluripotency has been determined. Lines derived outside of Harvard may not be brought on campus until the investigator has been notified that the lines have been accepted by the ESCRO and added to the Registry.

¹ Not including affiliates