



# OUR COMMITMENT TO RESPONSIBLE USE OF STEM CELLS

As a science-based company committed to innovation, AbbVie is dedicated to helping researchers better understand the root causes of disease and work toward cures. As part of this commitment, we are working with a wide range of experts to explore the full potential of research involving human stem cells.

For example, we are exploring the potential for stem cell research in creating new laboratory approaches that may enable us to address unmet patient needs more rapidly through innovative drug discovery and development. AbbVie and our research partners may use stem cell technology to provide differentiated human cell types that historically were difficult or impossible to obtain. These cells could be used not only to provide important basic biological insights into disease processes, but also to identify and characterize new therapeutic agents.

We recognize that the evolving field of stem cell research presents complex ethical considerations, and we are committed to ensuring that stem cell research conducted by both our own scientists and our external research partners is conducted according to the highest bioethical standards.

Any research conducted on human stem cells – either within AbbVie facilities or by external grant recipients, research collaborators and/or external companies in which AbbVie makes investments – must be conducted in compliance with any federal and state laws and regulations, as well as international standards for the procurement of human cells and tissues. Additionally, AbbVie will adhere to the ethical standards and/or guidelines for human embryonic stem cell research developed by the International Society for Stem Cell Research (ISSCR), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Academy of Sciences (NAS).

AbbVie is opposed to reproductive cloning and implantation that aims to create human beings by cloning human embryos. This prohibition covers research conducted by both our own scientists and external collaborators.

AbbVie will continue to follow the evolving field of stem cell research with scientific and medical interest and will review this policy statement as new developments arise.