

Missouri Right to Life Press Release

New Research Proves Destroying Embryos Not Necessary to Find Cures

"Missouri Right to Life is thrilled to learn of the exciting alternative methods of inducing pluripotent stem cells as reported today by two separate teams of researchers," said Pam Fichter, President of Missouri Right to Life. Fichter continued, "These reprogrammed cells (iPS) act like embryonic stem cells without cloning and destroying human embryos. While iPS cells are not yet ready for human application, they follow adult stem cell research as a promising arena for developing ethical cures and treatments. These iPS cells make it increasingly clear that treating human embryos as a commodity to be destroyed in the name of unfettered research is not only morally offensive but also unnecessary. Missouri Right to Life hopes that those pursuing and promoting human cloning will acknowledge this promising breakthrough and place their energies and resources into ethical research."