

Skin Biopsies for the Generation of Stem Cells

The New York Stem Cell Foundation
is looking for volunteers to participate in a research study:

Volunteers will be asked to donate a skin sample at one of our collaborating dermatology clinics. The researchers at the New York Stem Cell Foundation will then use these skin cells to make stem cells that can be used in current and future research projects at the NYSCF and elsewhere.

Stem Cells:

Stem cells are important in research because these cells:

- Can become any kind of cell within the human body, such as “brain cells,” “muscle cells,” “heart cells” etc.
- Can be re-grown in the laboratory indefinitely

Researchers at the NYSCF and elsewhere hope to learn more about human diseases by studying stem cells produced from the skin cells of people with various genetic backgrounds. Studies like this one will help researchers learn whether or not it is possible to use stem cells to treat or even prevent certain diseases in the future

Who can donate?

Eligible volunteers will be at least 18 years of age and not have a condition that would prevent the study doctor from being able to perform a skin biopsy procedure. Examples of eligible volunteers include:

- Volunteers without a history of or predisposition toward the formation of excessive scar tissue growth (known as keloids)
- Volunteers without a bleeding disorder that would make the skin biopsy procedure dangerous

Biopsy Procedure:

Skin biopsies collected from volunteers in this study will be approximately the size of an apple seed. Volunteers should know that stem cells produced using skin samples will:

- Contain all of the donor’s genetic material
- Be stored for many years
- Be shared with researchers all over the world

Will I be compensated?

Eligible volunteers who complete the biopsy procedure will receive a \$50 American Express gift card for time and travel.

How to donate?

If you are interested in taking part in our research study, or would like more information, please contact the NYSCF Human Subjects Research office at (212) 927-1801 or email at HSR@NYSCF.org.



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