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HUMAN FETAL TISSUE

NIH Policy

Official NIH Definitions/Descriptions: Human Fetal Tissue Research: Research involving the study, analysis, or use of human fetal tissue, human fetal cells, and human fetal primary cell cultures.

Not included in this definition are the following: 1) research involving already-established human fetal cell lines (e.g. induced pluripotent stem cell lines, immortalized cell lines, differentiated cell lines); 2) research involving derivative products from human fetal cells (e.g. DNA, RNA, protein); 3) research involving already-established animal models containing human fetal cells or tissue; 4) research involving any human extra-embryonic cells and tissue, including, but not limited to, umbilical cord tissue, cord blood, placenta, amniotic fluid, and chorionic villi; and 5) human fetal cells present in maternal blood or other maternal or extra-embryonic sources.

HUMAN FETAL TISSUE TRANSPLANTATION

NIH Policy

Official NIH Definitions/Descriptions: Human Fetal Tissue Transplantation Research: Research in which human fetal tissue is being transplanted into humans.