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The desire to help people has always come naturally to Don Margolis. But in 2002 he was struck by a spiritual sensibility that he has been put on this earth to bring a major health benefit to mankind. But what would his mission be, and how? He had already retired for the second time from a successful career in the insurance business over a span of 36 years.

In global travels Mr. Margolis experienced several coincidences, like being put in touch with a top cellular expert while on holiday in Israel, and other serendipitous occurrences, and he became inspired to organize new overseas business ventures for cutting-edge adult stem cell technologies. A more apt name for the science is repair stem cells because they regenerate the body tissues for medical self-help repair. In 2003 he became the first person in the world known to form a company to actually treat dying heart patients with repair stem cells, just six months after the American Heart Association accepted a scientific paper on the subject from Brazil. The company has failed to make it yet in a disbelieving world, but more than 200 of the 275 patients treated as of Dec. 31, 2007 had their lives improved by repair stem cells.

Then one day, on Thanksgiving 2007, his specific purpose came into focus. To harness his enthusiasm, knowledge, vision and commitment in a leadership role to make the public aware – primarily Americans – about the power of repair stem cells and how patients can receive therapies now to improve their lives. Repair stem cell treatments are being used in Asia, led by China, India, and Thailand; in Europe, led by Germany, Switzerland, The Netherlands and Turkey, in Australia,



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in Israel, and virtually all of Latin America, led by Mexico, Brazil, and Argentina, to treat humans suffering from more than 100 different diseases and medical conditions; such as many types of cancers, auto-immune diseases such as multiple sclerosis, cardiovascular conditions such as congestive heart failure, neural degenerative diseases such as Parkinson's, wounds and injuries treatments by replacing missing bones with real bone tissue and cartilage,

and liver disease, already in 2008 being treated by actually creating new livers from cells out of the patient's own body.

Mr. Margolis is exuberant about his raison d'être. “My mission is to save and improve lives NOW, not years in the future, with already proven, ultra safe repair stem cell therapies. Thousands of Americans are dying unnecessarily each month. I'm committed to bringing awareness about repair stem cell therapies to Americans who will suffer and die unnecessarily without ever knowing that repair stem cells exist, and providing guidance on locations of facilities so people can get immediate treatment.” Mr. Margolis provides his opinions and repair stem cell enlightenment on his blog, which includes articles and updates of patient success stories, the latest clinical trials and studies, new treatments, and state legislation. (www.donmargolis.com)



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Creating Awareness, the Greatest Medicine

To realize this goal he founded and serves as chairman of The Repair Stem Cell Institute LLC, a public affairs organization that is headquartered in Dallas, Texas with offices in Washington, D.C. and Bangkok, Thailand, and is

also served by a Science Advisory Board. (<http://www.RepairStemCells.org>)

The Repair Stem Cell Institute exists for one reason – to bring the greatest medicine the world has ever seen to mankind, using repair stem cells in the science and art of diagnosing, treating, curing, preventing disease, relieving pain, and improving and preserving health,” says Mr. Margolis. “My vision is that every human with a disease or injury has the opportunity to undergo repair stem cell therapy to save and/or improve his or her life. In North America alone, six million people are dying of congestive heart failure. This doesn’t have to be the way it is!”

Mr. Margolis believes this educational and action-oriented organization is crucial because the American public is just plain unaware, confused or misinformed about repair stem cells. By definition, a repair stem cell is an undifferentiated cell found among differentiated cells in a tissue or organ, can renew itself, and can differentiate to yield the major specialized cell types of the tissue or organ. The primary roles of repair stem cells in a living organism are to maintain and repair the tissue in which they are found.

“Just the mention of stem cells to people evokes thoughts about embryonic stem cells – a controversial research debate that seems to receive biased attention among many in the mainstream media, in which some are also uneducated about the issue. The facts are clear, however, that embryonic stem cells have not treated a single human patient, and only time can tell whether they ever will, and there are red flags about their ethics, efficacy and safety.” He also notes scientific peer-reviewed studies have documented 73 conditions in humans where patient health has been improved through repair stem cell therapy, and over 1,400 FDA approved trials are ongoing. “There are no clinical trials, as yet, for embryonic stem cells. And as far as I know, not even one scientific peer-reviewed study has been published claiming that one human being has ever been helped by implanting embryonic stem cells into his sick body,” says Margolis.

David A. Prentice, Ph.D., Senior Fellow

for Life Sciences, Family Research Council (www.FRC.org), Washington, D.C. says: “Thousands of patients have been treated with their own stem cells and increasingly more reports are coming in from Asia, Europe and South America. We’re starting to see more (treatments) in the U.S., but there’s an obsession on embryonic stem cells. It’s an educational issue to make people aware there are treatments available. People are perishing for lack of knowledge. Don Margolis is a great advocate. He has been very vocal about repair stem cell therapy for years and helping patients get high quality therapy.”

“Don Margolis is a visionary but also a humanitarian concerned with bringing hope to patients whose options have become severely limited,” comments Christian Wilde, author of the groundbreaking book, “Miracle Stem Cell Heart Repair,” (Abigon Press, 2006, www.myheartbook.com). In documenting the miracles happening with heart repair, the author also explains in lay language how doctors from major USA medical institutions are bringing hope of repair stem cell therapy to help millions who have had heart attacks.

Buoyed by Patient Outcomes

Mr. Margolis founded TheraVita, a private Thai/Israeli biotechnology company, in 2003. After organizing TheraVita he retired and for a few years became the patient ombudsman in which he talked to every patient treated, whether by phone or personally meeting them in Bangkok. The company has had remarkable success treating heart patients with their own stem cells – those who suffer from coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathy, or congested heart failure – using cutting-edge techniques and a patented product. In partnering with cooperating hospitals in Asia, the company has treated over 300 no-option heart disease patients (as of late April, 2008) with a 75 percent success rate. In 2006, the company presented the final results from its first clinical study of 24 patients to the American Heart Association Scientific Session which showed a high safety profile and over 90 percent of patients reported subjective

improvement of their physical condition and ability to perform physical exercise. Also, in 2006, TheraVita received the World Economic Forum “Pioneer Award” for its groundbreaking stem cell technology.

Mr. Margolis’s strong beliefs in repair stem cell therapy are buoyed by track records of successful patient outcomes. One such example who is benefiting from such therapy is John Homeier, a 70-year-old heart patient who owns a small oil company in Illinois. In a post-treatment letter to Mr. Margolis in 2007 about his physical condition he wrote in part: “I am amazed how great I feel with my tremendous heart improvement from the results of my stem cell treatment. It is truly a miracle.” Another example is Dee Coats of California, who suffered from coronary artery disease. After her repair stem cell therapy she wrote Mr. Margolis: “In the past year I have gradually improved each month, and the quality of life that I am able to enjoy now is like the difference between night and day. Before my therapy I couldn’t walk more than 100 feet without having chest pain. Now I can do things that were not available to me before.”

Among the initiatives Mr. Margolis plans for The Repair Stem Cell Institute are launching grassroots media campaigns, working in tandem with like-minded religious groups and institutions, and briefing government officials about the therapeutic benefits already being realized with repair stem cell treatments.

A native of Philadelphia, Mr. Margolis received a B.S. degree in Commerce from Drexel Institute of Technology (now Drexel University) and early in his career he was a charter member of American Academy of Actuaries. He’s the father of four children and has three grandchildren. His primary residence is in Bangkok. ■

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