

# RSCI's Decision Guide for Stem Cell Treatments in 2011

*This guide has been prepared by the Repair Stem Cell Institute as a public service to help patients and their loved ones in their search for information and a Repair Stem Cell treatment center that will meet their needs.*



## **We're here to help you find the best possible quality care.**

Anyone searching for stem cell treatments for themselves or their loved ones has found a lot of information on treatment, but very little information to help guide them to a reputable, ethical treatment center that will provide the best chance to have a life-altering improvement. So, how do you know when you've found a good quality center? This brochure has been prepared to meet that need.

## **The Institute Can Find the Right Treatment Center for You.**

In the first part of this Guide, you'll find advice on how to investigate Stem Cell Treatment centers on your own. Following that, you'll find how, without cost or obligation on your part, the Repair Stem Cell Institute can help you in your search for the right treatment center for your condition.

## **7 Steps to help you in your search for Quality Health Care:**

1. Find a center that has strict medical standards both in the treatment protocol and treating physicians. See the Institute's standards at the end of this paper for guidelines in your research. For scientific reasons, we never recommend embryonic stem cells.
2. Find a center that is reasonably priced (neither seeking the lowest or highest price), since both could easily fall short in significant ways.
3. If the disease in question is one which is commonly treated with repair stem cells, then the center you select should have considerable experience in that field. If the disease in question is not commonly treated, then find a reputable center that thinks they can be of help to you, based on their prior experience with related conditions.
4. Speak to patients who have been treated to determine their experiences.
5. Review the treatment protocol, the number of days away from home, post care follow-up, and the complete cost.
6. Be aware that while some of your home physicians will be supportive of stem cell treatments, most will not. This can be because they are not educated enough about the results of stem cell treatments for patients with similar conditions.
7. Have reasonable expectations. Be wary of any center promising



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results or cures. Just as with your conventional health care at home, these claims typically represent red flags.

## **Only 2% of the World's Stem Cell Treatment Centers are Recommended by the Institute.**

Because so many are overwhelmed by the amount of information available, and do not always know the right questions to ask, the Repair Stem Cell Institute, has simplified the process, for those individuals who wish the Institute to help them. We've also found that many folks who search on their own do not get the quality of care they deserve and may fall victim to unscrupulous centers.

We all know that with our fractured health care system today, even with our own home doctors we don't always get quality medical care. In fact, a 2004 study conducted by the Community Tracking Study (CTS) of 12 large U.S. communities found that only 55 percent were receiving the care they needed. It is likely worse in 2011.

**The single most important thing you can do to ensure you get high-quality treatment, is to know how to find quality health information.**

That's why the Institute's help may be so important in your search for successful stem cell treatment.

## **There is no cost or obligation for the Institute's help.**

We suggest that you work exclusively with us if you'd like our help in finding a quality treatment center, and that only patients who are serious about treatment within the next 6 months ask for our in-depth assistance. This allows us to direct our attention to those individuals that are seeking treatment soon. If you need help with fundraising, we have information about that, too. Be sure to let us know immediately if that is the case.

## **The Right Center for You**

Are you confused by the conflicting information put out by over 500 treatment centers in the World? The fact is the Repair Stem Cell Institute will help guide you to the right treatment center for YOUR condition. We'll:

Discuss your options with you, and provide you with information on the treatment center we recommend including their specialties, how many patients with your condition they have treated, their stem



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cell protocols, brochures from the center, etc. This is usually by phone and email.

You'll then decide when you're ready to apply for treatment.

As soon as you're ready to research the treatment center further, we'll send you a link or application for that treatment center. This will insure that the treatment center will provide you with VIP service...always!

When you apply, the treating MDs may ask you for additional medical information, such as test results. Unlike some centers, the centers we guide patients to require medical information before making a decision if you are a candidate for treatment. On average, our centers say "Yes" to about 75% of applicants.

If the answer is "Yes," the treatment center will then provide you with the cost, estimated number of days for treatment, their thoughts on the success you may hope for, based on your medical history and their experience. None of our approved centers will ever guarantee that "you will get better."

If for any reason that first treatment center does not meet your needs, we'll work with you to find another treatment center.

## **Your Health Can Improve and You Can Improve the Quality of Your Life**

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## **Stem Cells are Safe, Effective & Beneficial**

The benefits of the Institute's complimentary services are as follows:

- ¥ You'll be working with a treatment center that has been certified by the Institute based on their conformance to the Repair Stem Cell Institute's Standards (see the next page for these Standards).
- We'll help you find the best values, while never compromising quality care.
- You'll have access to unpublished information.
- You'll receive VIP treatment from the treating centers.
- Be in the know with the latest personalized information.

*You deserve Quality Health Care - let the Institute help you in your search.*



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## RSCI Standards

Physicians running Repair Stem Cell (also called Adult Stem Cell) treatment centers and/or treating patients in any country must be licensed, certified and in good-standing with that country's medical professional regulatory board.

Physicians running stem cell treatment centers and/or treating patients must have at least one year's experience treating human patients with Repair Stem Cells (RSC) or experience as a treating physician (in good-standing) at an RSCI approved treatment center.

RSC used for treatments must be either "Autologous" (a situation in which the patient serves as the donor of the stem cells); and "Cord Blood" stem cells derived from the umbilical cords of newborn babies. However, certain diseases (Cancer, Leukemia, Sickle Cell Anemia and others) are also well served by "Allogenic" transplants from other donors, whether stem cells or plain cells, and such cells are not excluded. RSCI will not recommend any center using embryonic stem cells to treat any disease.

The Treatment Center and all treating physicians must have never received a negative finding resulting from a regulatory inquiry or governmental action directly relating to issues of patient relations or fraud in the marketplace.

The stem cell supplying laboratory for the Treatment Center must meet the minimum recognized cGMP (current Good Manufacturing Procedure) standards.

Physicians running treatment centers and/or treating patients must meet at least 4 (four) of the following criteria:

- Participated in a prior successful RSC clinical trial (prospective or retrospective)
- Wrote or co-wrote a published peer-reviewed RSC paper
- Received a grant for RSC research from a governmental unit and/or a nationally recognized charity/disease advocacy organization
- Presented an RSC paper to recognized symposiums/congresses
- Honoraria or Doctorates from at least two recognized academic institutions
- RSC producing laboratories providing RSCs for the Treatment Center must have a history of over 100 successful RSC human implants. ("Successful" is defined as having clearly improved the patient's quality of life.)

Finally, Physicians shall keep this credo above all:

**First do no harm; and partner with our patients, to the best of our ability, to help them lead healthy lives.**

## STIPULATIONS FOR TREATMENT CENTERS

Agrees to the following Accreditation stipulations:

Agrees to supply current and historic information regarding the treatment center, its principals and its employees, and any other information the Institute requests relating to the above requirements and/or to the reliability of the business.

Applicant agrees to provide full and accurate disclosure of all information requested on the Institute's then-current application.

Agrees to promptly respond to all complaints forwarded by the Institute or a third party and make a good faith effort to resolve all such complaints consistent with good business and medical practices.

Agrees to cooperate with the Institute in attempting to eliminate the underlying cause(s) of serious complaints and/or patterns of complaints.

Agrees to adhere to the Institute's established standards of advertising and selling, and cooperate with the Institute in matters relating to these standards.

Agrees to provide upon request, the scientific data/evidence upon which the treating center's selling claims are based.

Agrees to not use the Institute's name, initials or logo unless they receive express written permission from the Institute and to limit their use to the specific purpose they received permission for.

ALL INITIAL APPROVALS AND GOOD STANDING STATUS ARE BASED UPON THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE INSTITUTE AND ITS STANDARDS COMMITTEE.

Discover all that the Repair Stem Cell Institute has to offer. Go to our website - just click below:

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