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## Comments on CIHR Guidelines

Comments by Peter Ryan, President, LifeCanada on stem cell research guidelines announced today by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research:

“The assumption of the CIHR guidelines is that Canadians do not have a right to life during their first days of existence as an embryo. That premise is totally wrong and an offense to every Canadian. Living human beings are not fodder for medical research, nor are they guinea pigs.”

“The CIHR is not giving proper weight to the potential for adult sources of stem cells. Some research suggests adult stem cells may be just as versatile as embryonic cells. And they don't have the risk of foreign body rejection since they come from a person's own body rather than from a genetically distinct embryo.”

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