

Bioethical Principles

What are the principles people follow when deciding to support (or not) embryonic stem cell research?

	<u>Supports</u>	<u>does not support</u>
<u>Respect for persons</u>	people can make their own choices, respect is owed to fully developed humans.	embryos need special protection because they will become fully developed humans.
<u>Do Good (Benefits) vs. Harm</u>	Sacrifice for the greater good is sometimes necessary, if embryos would be discarded anyway, research is good	consequences of destroying the embryos outweighs any benefits.
<u>Justice</u>	only fair use is to improve health of ALL.	benefits of research might not be available to ALL.

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