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## Response to your request for official information

Dear Estella

Thank you for your request of 21 February 2016 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) requesting:

*How are health facilities currently using stem cells on patients? What is the current study that is being done on stem cells and are we developing any new methods as to how we can use them? If so, what is it?*

Bone marrow stem cells are currently used within the public health system in the treatment of haematological malignancies such as leukaemia. You may find information in the following downloadable publication useful.

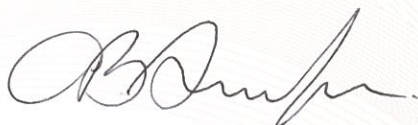
<http://www.health.govt.nz/publication/bone-marrow-transplant-services-new-zealand-adults-service-improvement-plan>

There is a significant amount of information publically available on the internet about stem cell research and its proposed uses, however your request is very broad and it is therefore difficult to direct you more accurately to information you may find relevant.

Other information you may find useful is that the Health and Disabilities Ethics Committee is mandated to review research and that would include stem cell research, if the proposed research was submitted for ethical review.

The Ministry however, does not undertake research or manage research projects directly.

Yours sincerely



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