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Stem cells: Boon to dentistry and medicine

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This is an overview about stem cells. It includes legislative history, basics, sources, the difference between embryonic, adult stem cells & pluripotent cells. The review will touch the Obstacles, complications, & challenges, of stem cells applications. Tooth bioengineering & nanotechnology had modified the role of stem cells. The implications for dentistry includes Dental Pulp Stem Cells (DPSCs), Stem Cells from Exfoliated Deciduous Teeth (SHEDs), Periodontal Ligament Stem Cells (PDLSCs), Stem Cells from Apical Papillae (SCAP), Dental Follicle Progenitor Cells (DFPCs) and Bone Marrow Mesenchyme Stem Cells (BMMSC). Researchers have proved that teeth are good sources for human dental stem cells /progenitor cells. Finally in August 2009 at Tokyo University, researchers reported that Mouse tooth grown from stem cells in mouth.

Biography

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