

Website Evaluation

Assignment: Evaluate information found in selected sources on the basis of accuracy, validity, appropriateness for needs, importance, and social and cultural context.

In one of your classes, you been given an assignment to research whether embryonic stem cell research should be allowed. Stem cell research can lead to cures for a variety of diseases, but some consider research using embryonic stem cells morally unacceptable.

As part of your assignment, you are to gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources and assess the strengths and limitations of each source. Below are three websites that deal with stem cell research. Your task it to critically evaluate each one and decide which website(s), if any, you would use in order to come to the conclusion that stem cell research should or should not be allowed.

For each website, decide whether you would or would not select it as a reliable information source. You can use the website evaluating rubric as a guide. Along with your decision, describe the reasons for your decision. You should not spend more than 5 minutes evaluating each website.

Do No Harm: The Coalition of Americans for Research Ethics:

<http://www.stemcellresearch.org/>

Stem Cell Information:

<http://stemcells.nih.gov/info/basics/basics3.asp>

Michael Fumento: Embryonic Research Driven by Greed, Not Science:

<http://fumento.com/biotech/greatstemcell.html>