

STEM CELL THERAPY

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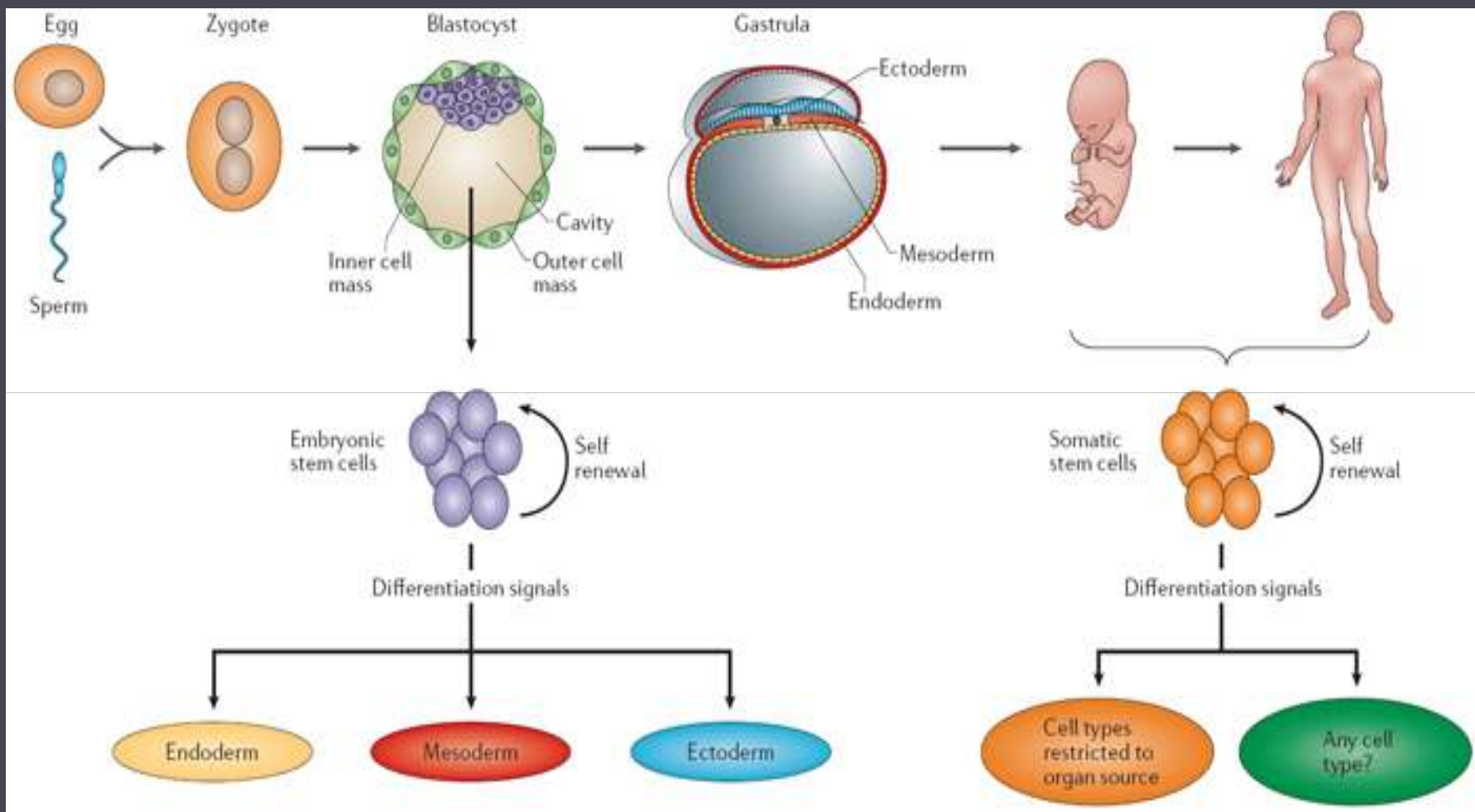
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Introduction

- Stem cells are undifferentiated biological cells that can differentiate into specialized cells.
- In mammals, there are two broad types of stem cells: embryonic stem cells, which are isolated from the inner cell mass of blastocysts, and adult stem cells, which are found in various tissues.



Properties

- Self-renewal:

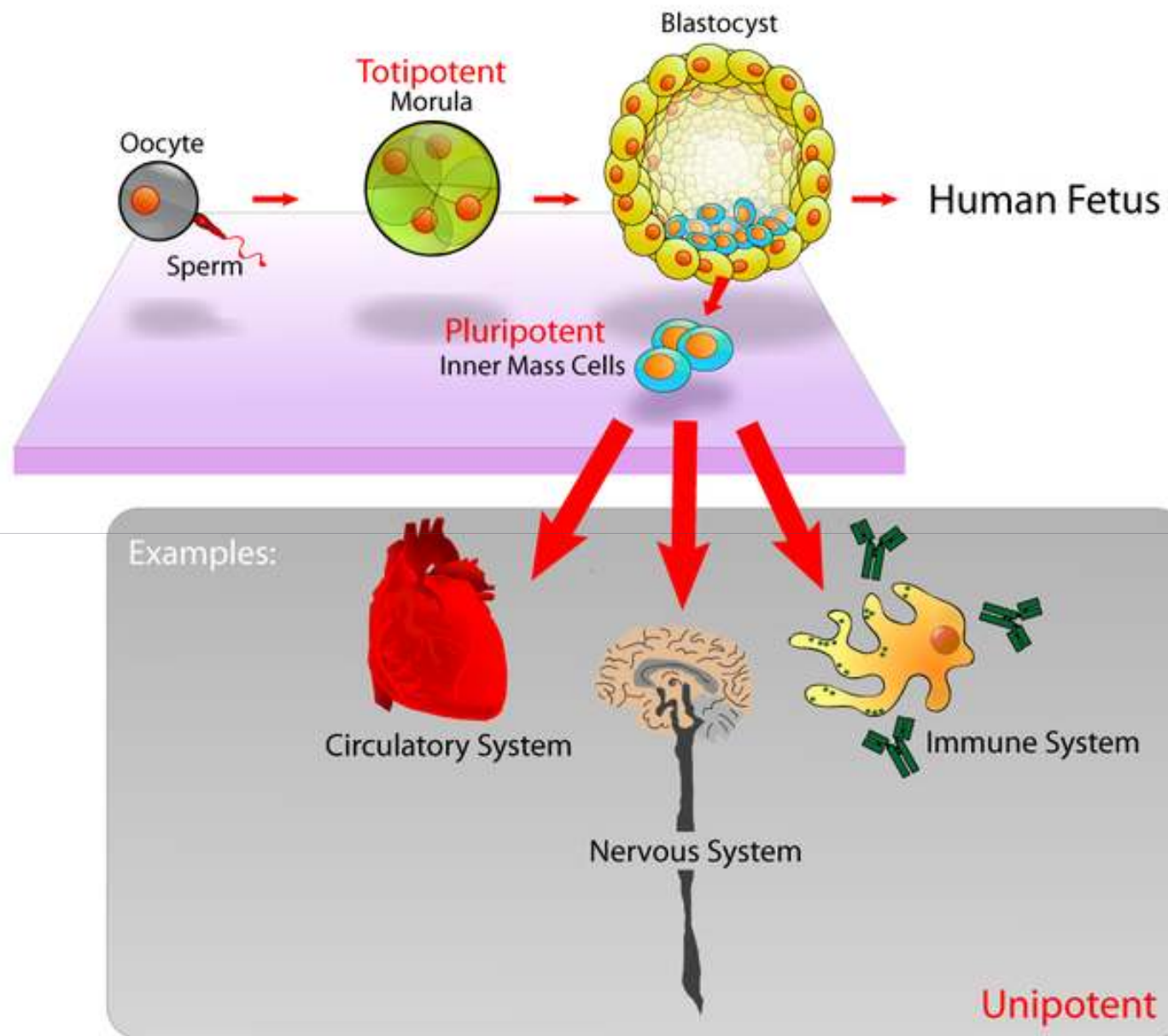
- ▣ the ability to go through numerous cycles of cell division.

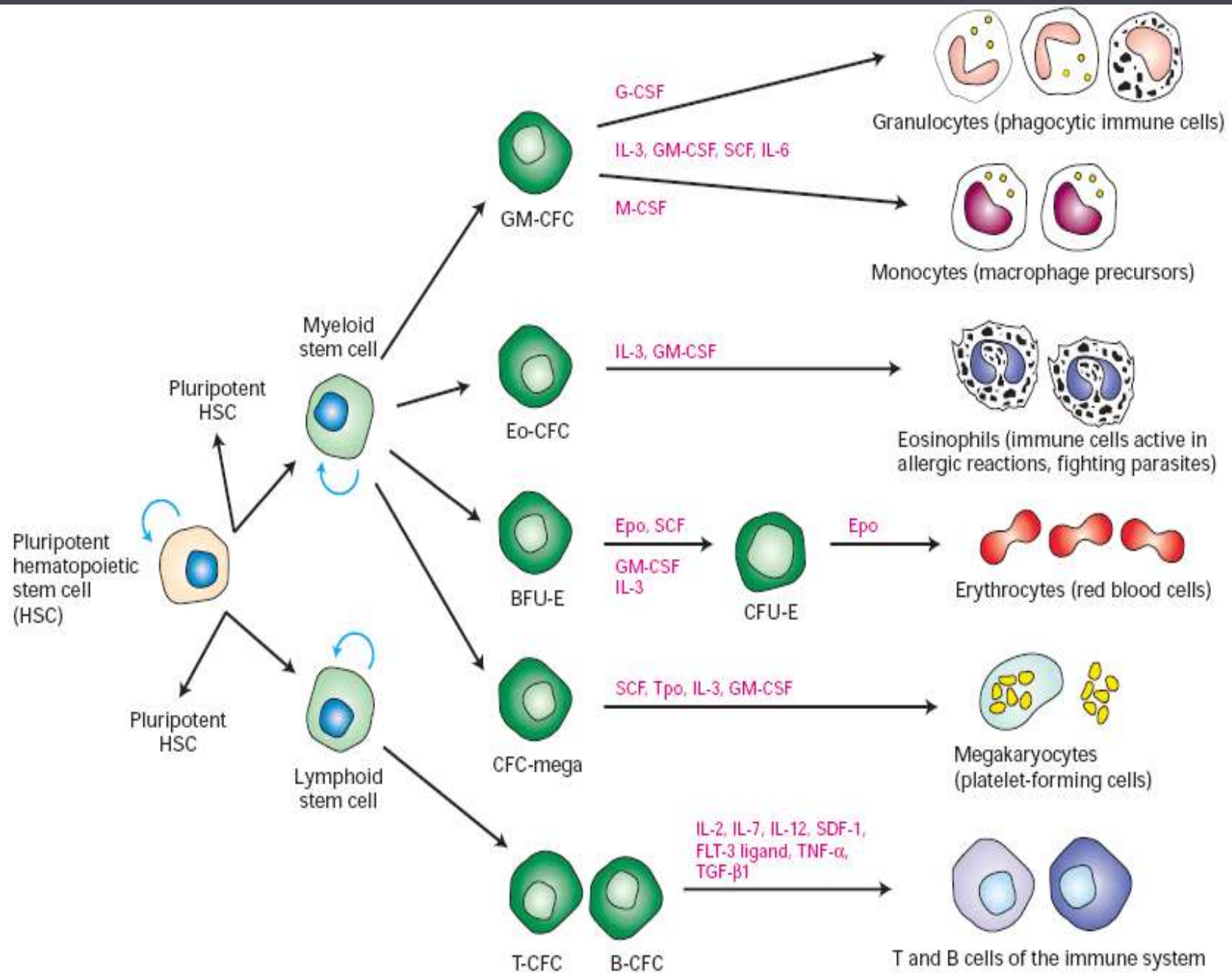
- Potency:

- ▣ the capacity to differentiate into specialized cell types.

Types of Stem cell based on differentiation potential

- **Totipotent** - Stem cells can differentiate into embryonic and extraembryonic cell types. Such cells can construct a complete, viable organism. These cells are produced from the fusion of an egg and sperm cell. Cells produced by the first few divisions of the fertilized egg are also totipotent.
- **Pluripotent** - stem cells are the descendants of totipotent cells and can differentiate into nearly all cells i.e. cells derived from any of the three germ layers.
- **Multipotent** - stem cells can differentiate into a number of cell types, but only those of a closely related family of cells.
- **Unipotent** - cells can produce only one cell type, their own, but have the property of self-renewal, which distinguishes them from non-stem cells (e.g. progenitor cells, muscle stem cells).

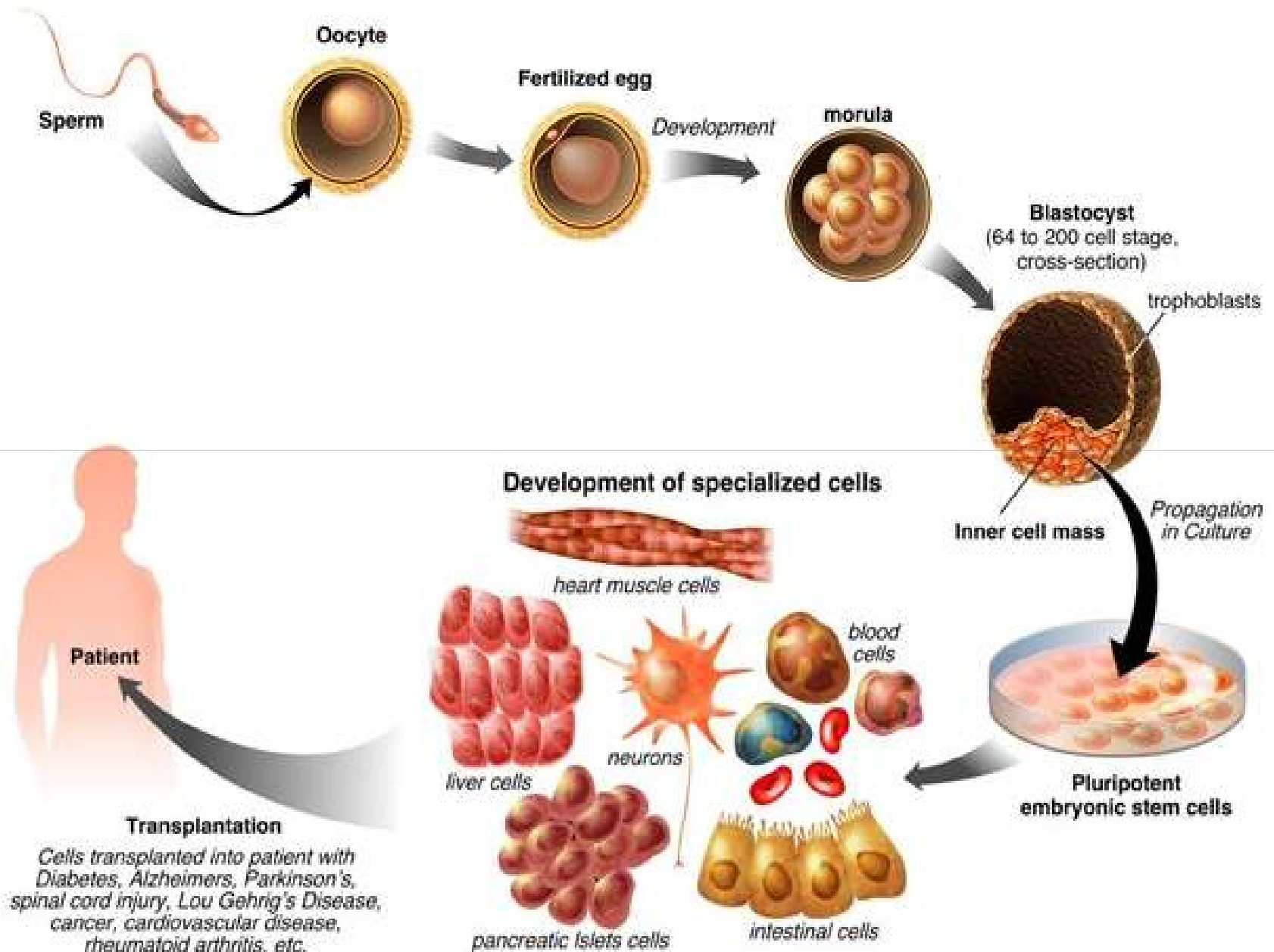




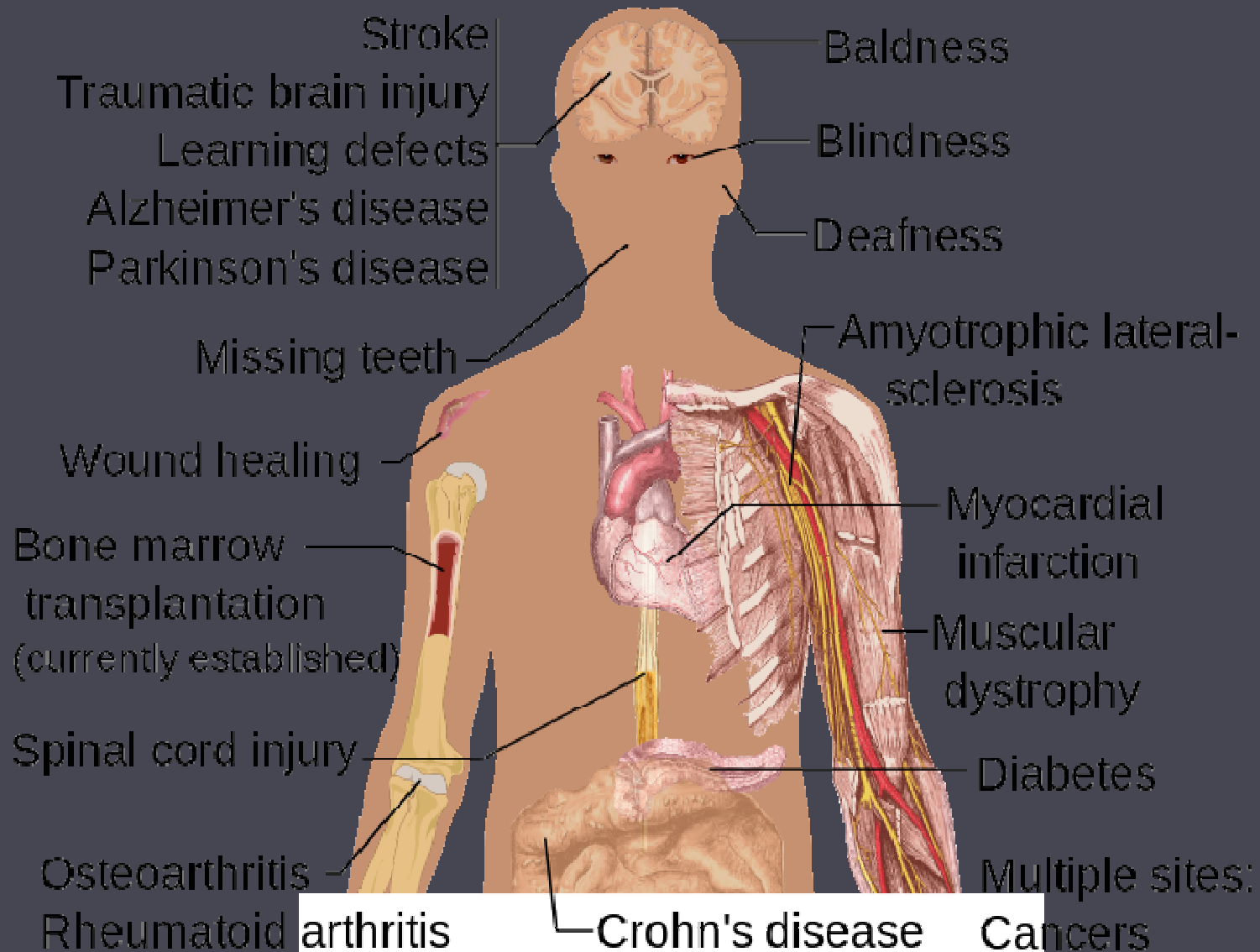
Stem Cell Therapy

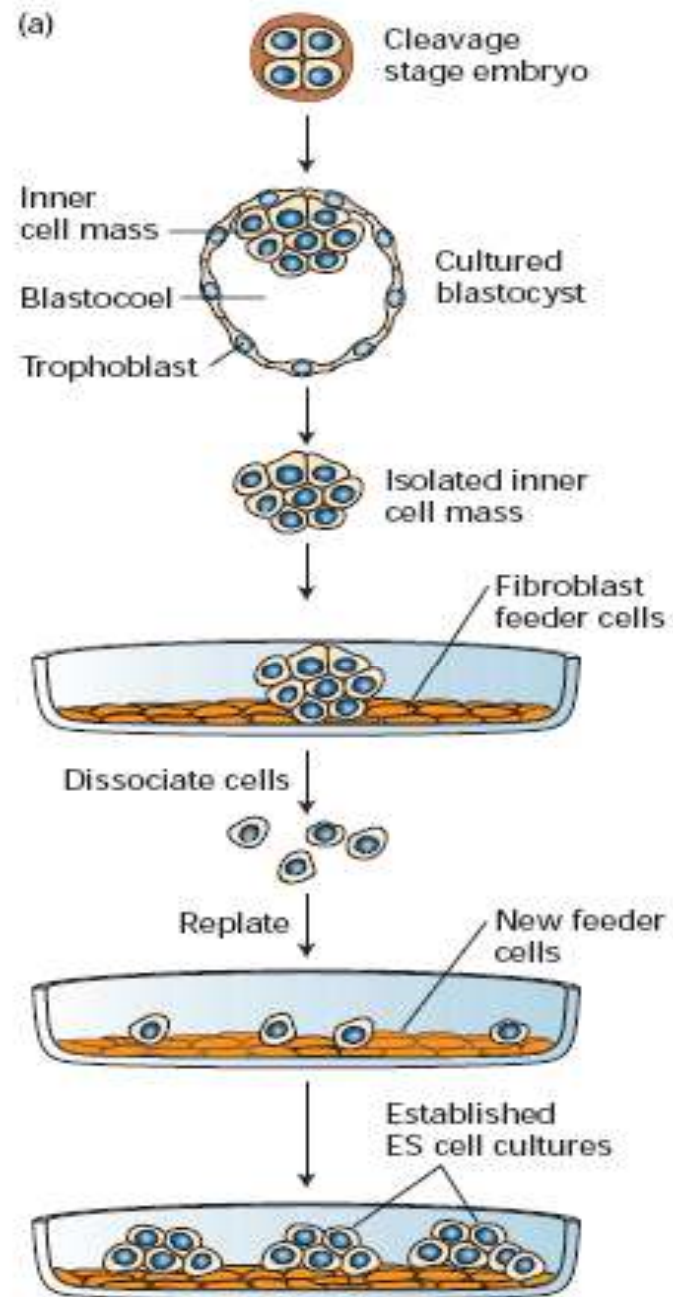
- Stem cell therapy is to introduce new adult stem cells into damaged tissue in order to treat disease or injury.
- The ability of stem cells to self-renew and give rise to subsequent generations with variable degrees of differentiation capacities, offers significant potential for generation of tissues that can potentially replace diseased and damaged areas in the body, with minimal risk of rejection and side effects.
- Medical researchers anticipate that adult and embryonic stem cells will soon be able to treat cancer, Type 1 diabetes mellitus, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, Celiac disease, cardiac failure, muscle damage and neurological disorders, and many others.

Stem Cell Therapy



Potential uses of Stem cells



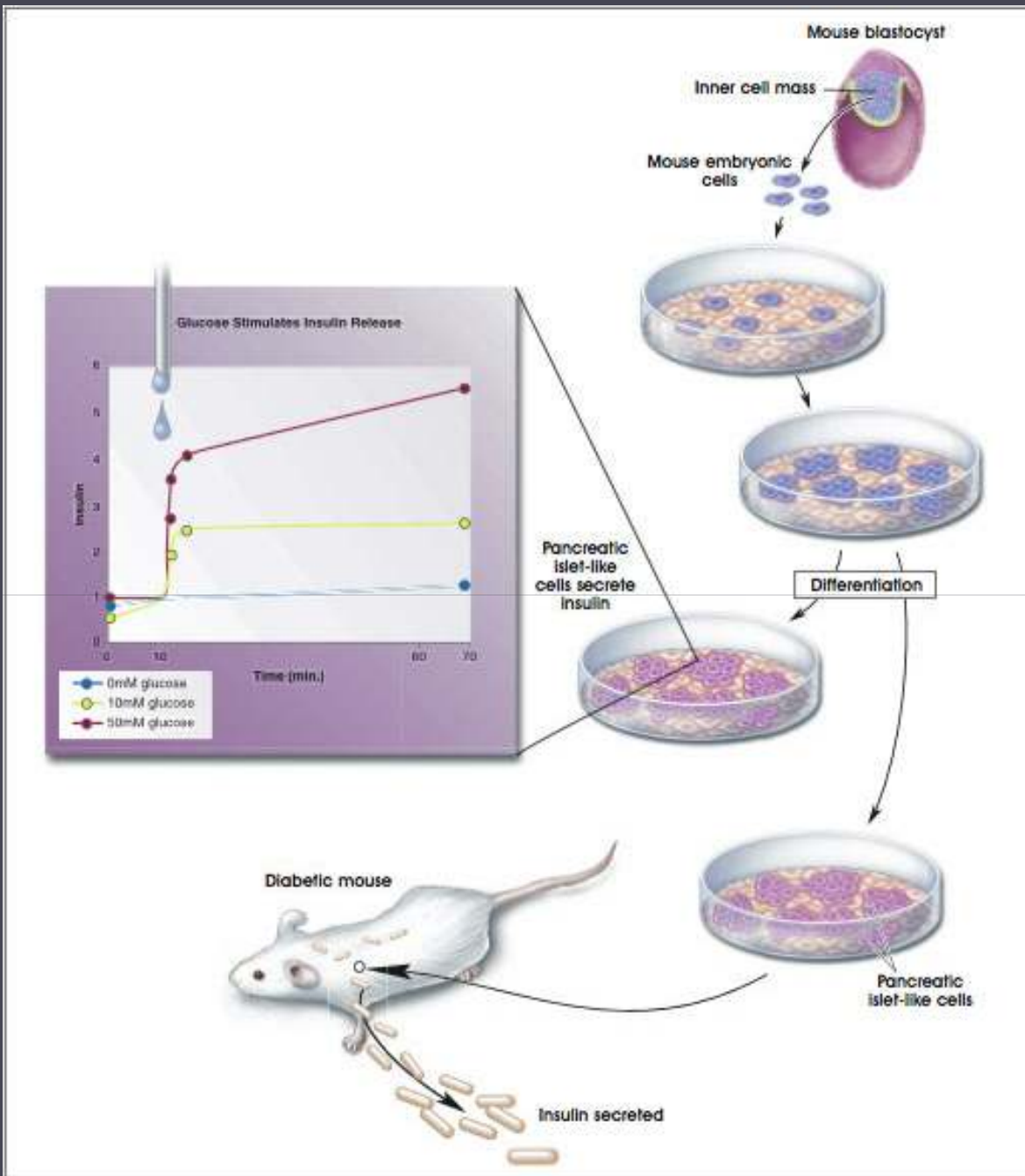


Diabetes

- Diabetes patients lose the function of insulin-producing beta cells within the pancreas.
- Human embryonic stem cells may be grown in cell culture and stimulated to form insulin-producing cells that can be transplanted into the patient.

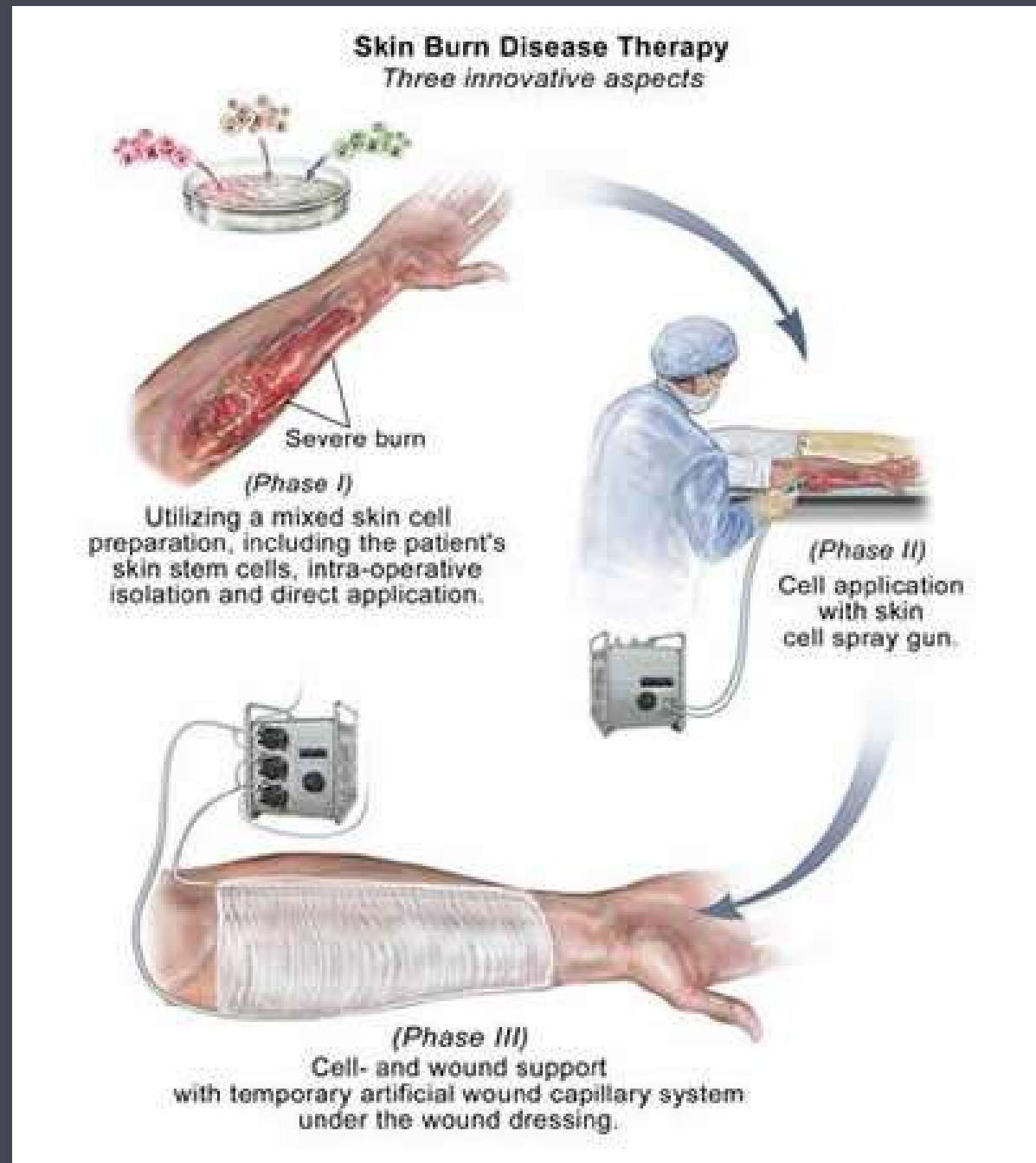


University of Missouri scientist Habib Zaghouani, PhD, is developing a potential cure for type 1 diabetes by combining adult stem cells with a promising new drug he developed at MU.

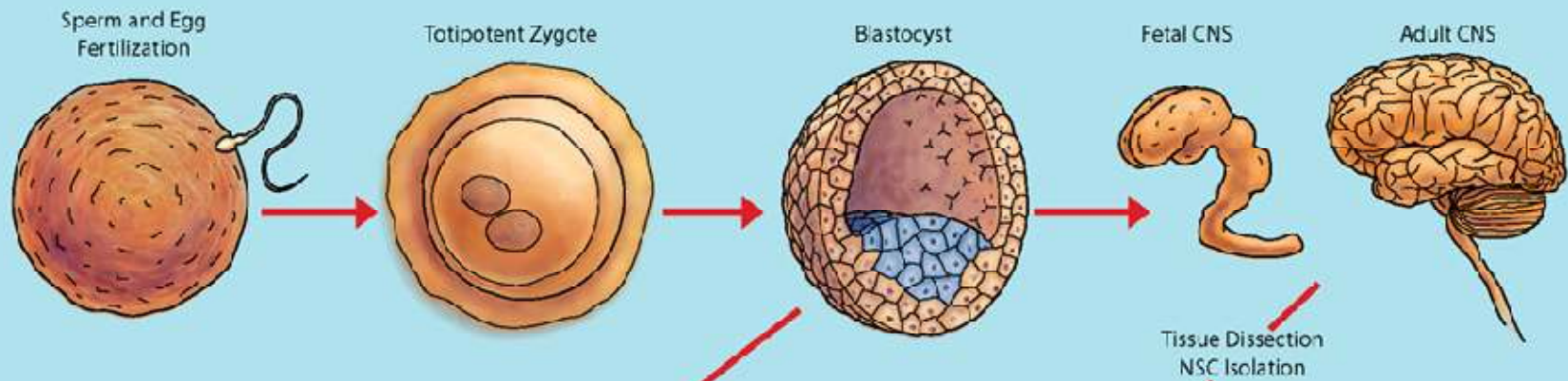


Stem cell in Skin Grafting

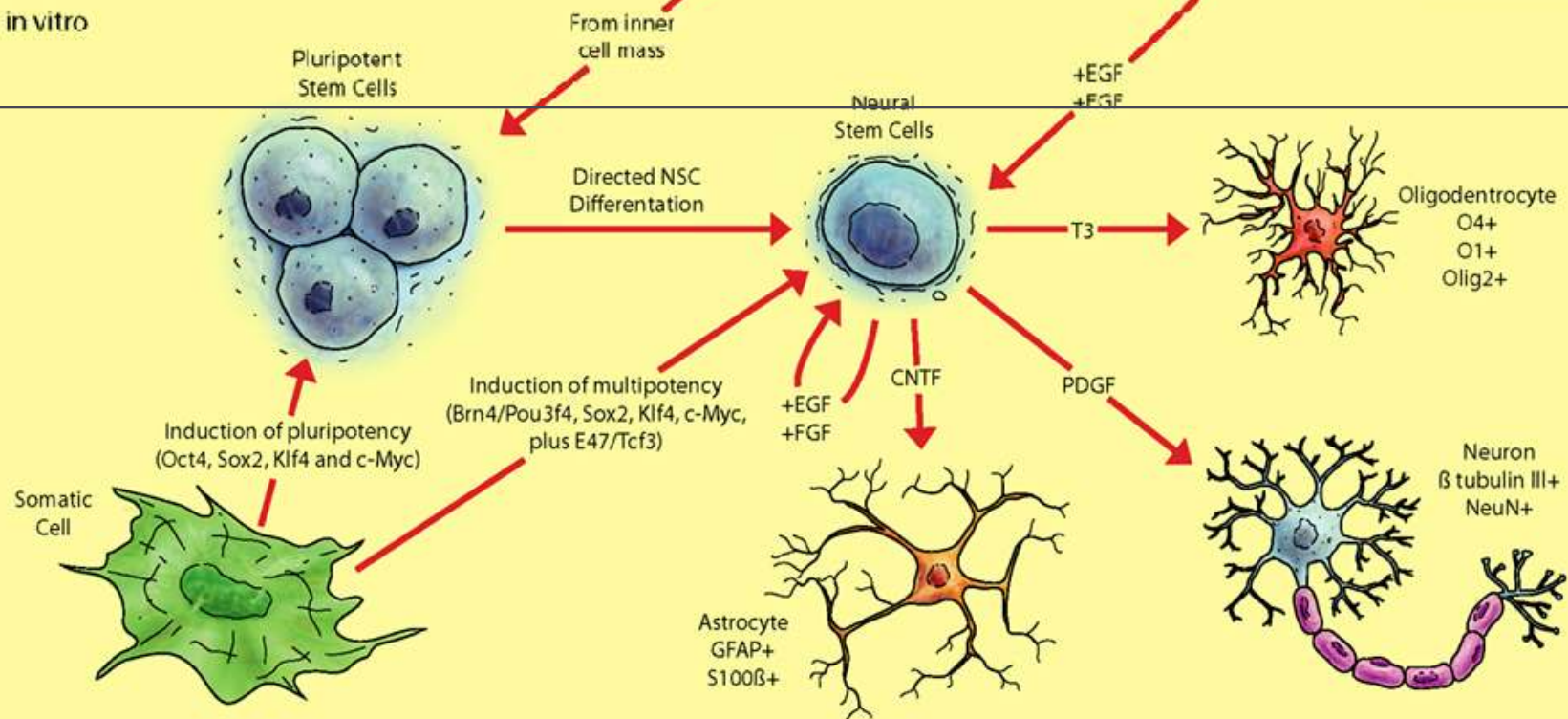
keratinocytes can be derived from hESCs... Growing human epidermis from hESCs could have clinical relevance as an unlimited resource for temporary skin replacement in patients



in vivo



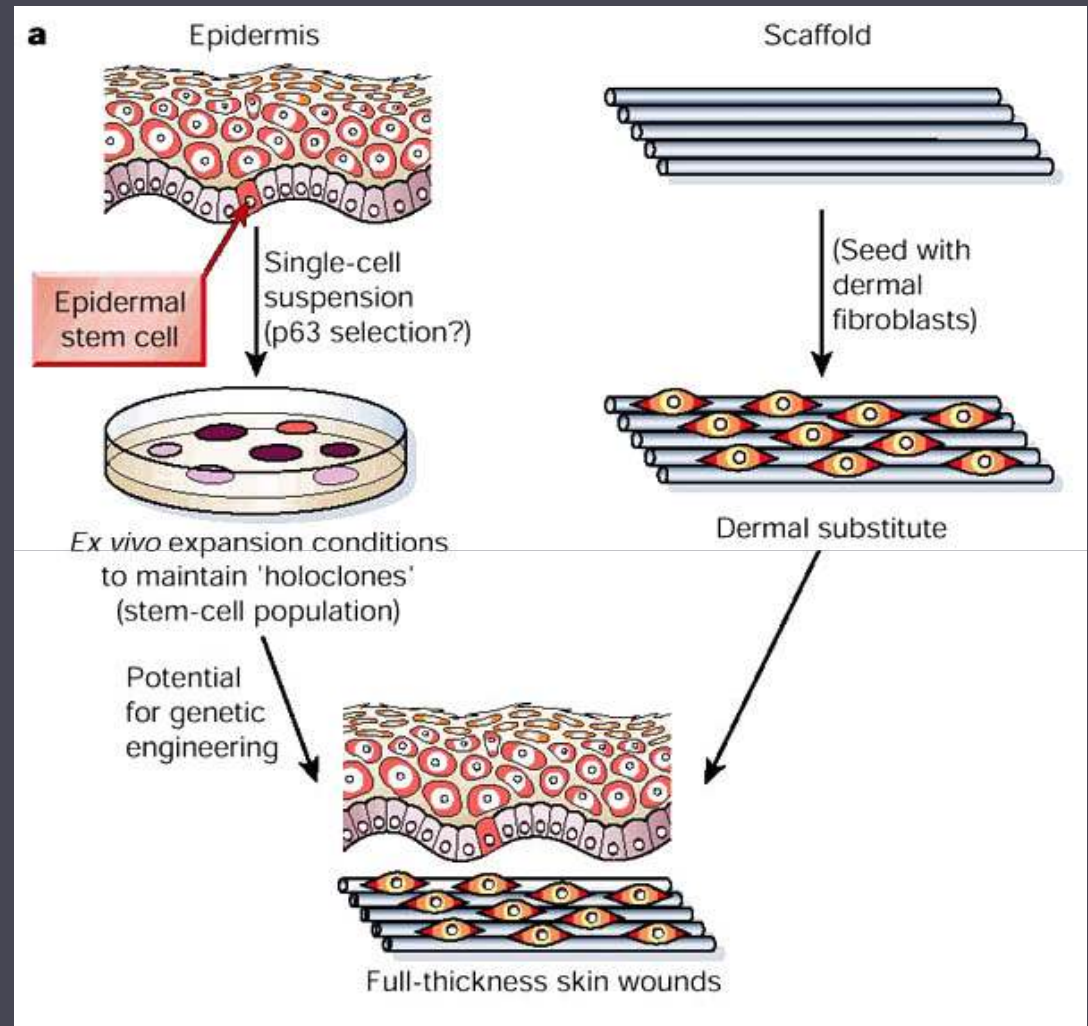
in vitro



Stem cell in Wound healing

Skin autografts are produced by culturing keratinocytes (which may be sorted for p63, the recently described, epidermal stem cell marker) under appropriate conditions not only to generate an epidermal sheet, but also to maintain the stem cell population (holoclones).

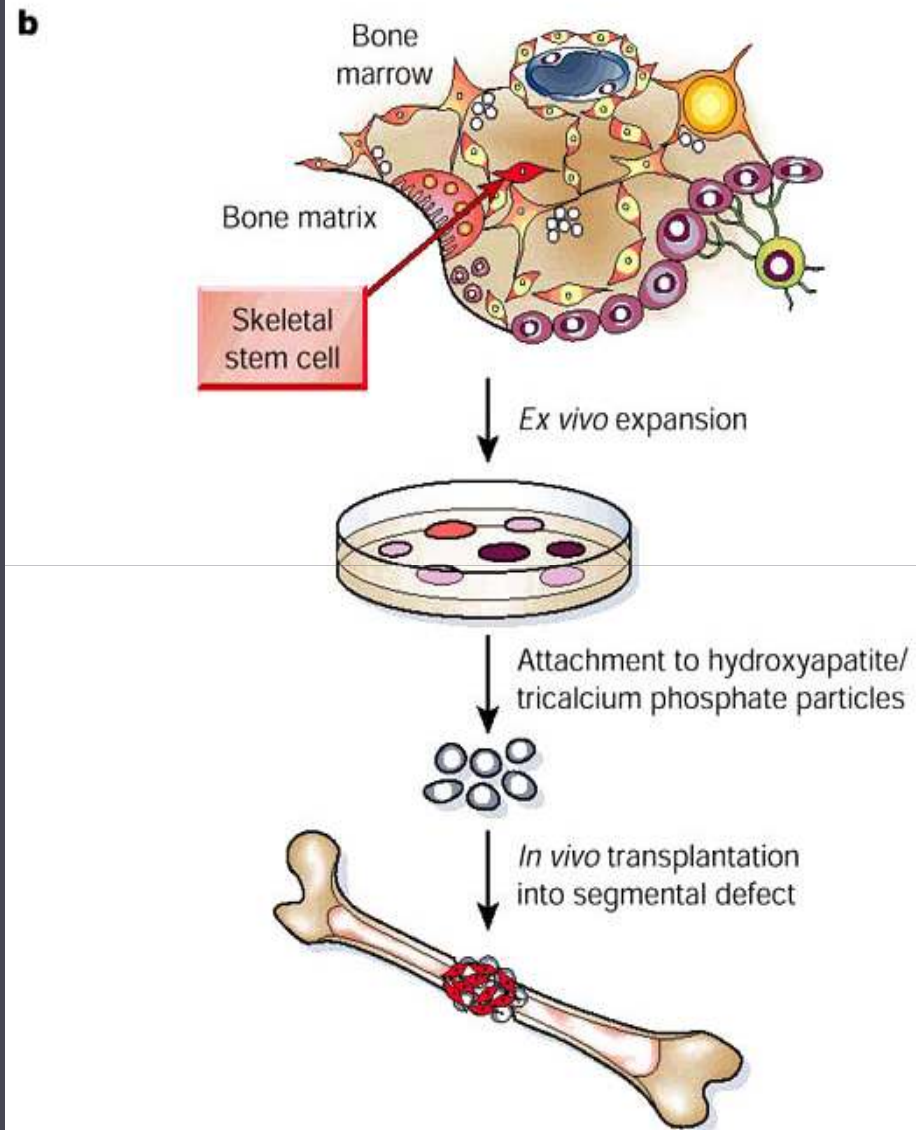
The epidermal sheet is then placed on top of a dermal substitute comprising devitalized dermis or bioengineered dermal substitutes seeded with dermal fibroblasts. Such two-dimensional composites, generated *ex vivo*, completely regenerate full-thickness wounds.



Stem cell in Skeletal repair

Bone regeneration requires *ex vivo* expansion of marrow-derived skeletal stem cells and their attachment to three-dimensional scaffolds, such as particles of a hydroxyapatite/tricalcium phosphate ceramic.

This composite can be transplanted into segmental defects and will subsequently regenerate an appropriate three-dimensional structure *in vivo*.





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