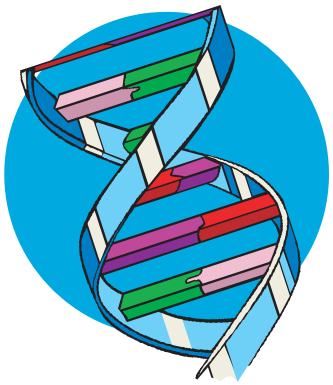

Cloning cuts hospital waiting lists

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Scientists have developed a procedure to clone tissues and organs from a patient's cells. This technology is called therapeutic cloning. It involves cloning from a cell, such as a skin cell, and the growing of the desired tissue or organ from the stem cells.

Stem cells can develop into any type of cell in the body. For example, they can develop into nerve, blood, heart, muscle and even brain cells. They can even develop into whole organs such as kidneys and hearts. The stem cells can provide a ready supply of replacement tissues and organs. Stem cells can be implanted into our bodies to repair or replace tissues or organs damaged by degenerative illnesses such as Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and heart disease.

This revolutionary technique has a number of advantages. Patients will not have to wait for organs to be donated by a person with the match. Patients would also not have to take anti-rejection drugs. Thus, hospital waiting lists could be cut significantly, and savings could be made on the expensive drugs currently used.

At the press conference, a scientist will answer questions on the three areas of science

- The process of therapeutic cloning
- The type diseases and illnesses which can be treated using this procedure
- The advantages and benefits the procedure

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