



Stem cell therapy abroad, how far would you go?
Is Australia really behind?

Stem cell science – hope, hype and reality.

Many Australians already travel abroad for proven medical treatments such as cosmetic surgery and fertility treatments usually for reasons of cost or availability. However if faced with an incurable disease or disability, would you travel overseas for an experimental treatment?

Type stem cells and any condition into your favourite search engine and in a matter of seconds you will be presented with a long list of tantalising options for cures and treatments. The majority of these treatments have not been medically proven to be either safe or effective and yet increasing numbers of Australians are choosing to participate in these experimental stem cell therapies with unknown consequences.

This panel will explore the reality and potential for stem cell science, the state of Australian stem cell research, and what Governments and policy makers can do to ensure this valuable field of research maintains the momentum.

Don't miss it!

Join leading Australian stem cell researchers, patient advocates and special guests in a lively discussion about the choices facing people with devastating disease and injury and how we can bolster our local research towards finding treatments for currently incurable conditions.

Invited speakers include: Professor Martin Pera, Director of Stem Cells Australia; The Hon Kate Lundy, MP; and patient advocates for spinal cord injury Alan 'Hammer' Bloore and multiple sclerosis Jackie Kay AM.

Hosted by MS Australia and CAMRA

Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour, Tasman Light Room

7.15pm, Saturday 3 December

Free (drinks and finger food provided)

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CAMRA is a patient advocacy group comprised of patient organisations, societies, foundations and individuals with life threatening illnesses and disorders for which there are currently no cures.

