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## Group forms to promote Michigan stem-cell research

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**Michigan Citizens for Stem Cell Research and Cures** held an official launch Monday at the State Capitol Building in Lansing.

The organization was created to educate Michigan residents about the potential human and economic benefits of stem-cell research and to promote informed decision-making on the issue.

According to the organization, Michigan has some of the most restrictive laws limiting stem cell research.

The launch is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in Room 426 of the Capitol.

Among those scheduled to appear were Dr. Sean Morrison, director of the **University of Michigan** Center for Stem Cell Biology; Stephen Rapundalo, executive director of **MichBio**; Mel Lester, board chairman of the new group; and Marcia Baum, executive director of the new group.