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## Good News: Cord Blood May Treat Hepatitis

Stem cells from human umbilical-cord blood may replace bone marrow as an effective treatment for hepatitis and other liver-related diseases.

Scientists from Spain's University of Granada and the University of Leon have discovered that stem-cell transplants in rats caused an improvement in liver function. The treatment might avert the need for a liver transplant.

Dawn Vargo, bioethics analyst for Focus on the Family Action, said: "Studies like this continue to confirm that human stem cells from ethical sources — like umbilical-cord blood — are the best option for treating disease."

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