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## Morgan named to state council

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Dr. Chris Morgan has been appointed to the Arkansas Commission for the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Initiative. Speaker of the House, Representative Benny Petrus, appointed Morgan.

"I am very excited about this appointment," Morgan said. "The potential long term benefits of this concept include curing many illnesses and ultimately saving lives. The most exciting aspect of this concept is the fact that the umbilical cord blood cells are not harvested from an embryo but from discarded products of live deliveries."

This addresses many of the previous concerns from ethical and religious corners that are so prominent in the embryo stem cell research, he said.

His appointment started this year.



Dr. Chris Morgan

This is a governmental committee that is researching and exploring the feasibility of a state cord blood bank. The group will meet monthly at the state capital and is a two-year commitment.

Cord blood banking is the collection and storage of the stem cells found in a newborn's umbilical cord. There are wide ranges of diseases that are treatable with cord blood, including stem cell disorders, acute and chronic forms of leukemia, myeloproliferative disorders among others.

In addition to the host of conditions that can now be treated research is continuing to uncover new possibilities for exciting medical breakthroughs.

Morgan is a Board Certified Specialist in Pediatrics and Internal Medicine. He is a graduate of Hendrix College and the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. He completed a residency at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and Arkansas Children's Hospital.

He is also the Medical Director for Chambers Nursing Home in Carlisle and a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Medical Society and the Arkansas Medical Society.

He practices medicine at Stuttgart Medical Clinic and Dewitt Family Medical Clinic.

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