

Stem cell scientists take hope from first human trials but see long road ahead

Hilton has the distinction of being the first person in the UK to receive a transplant of human embryonic [stem cells](#). He has [Stargardt's disease](#), a condition that destroys the central vision of the eyes at an early age. His view of the world is limited to what the rest of us catch on the edge of our field of vision. He was diagnosed when he was about 10, after various pairs of glasses did no good at all. Now 34, he recalls: "I could never see the blackboard. I was blagging my way through school – native wit."

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