

## Fat stem cells from liposuction used to form functioning blood vessels

Liposuction may yield more than just a leaner figure – it can potentially produce stem cells for tissue reconstruction. Researchers from the University of Oklahoma, in Norman, Okla., have successfully extracted adult stem cells during liposuction and used them to generate healthy blood vessels. These newly formed blood vessels can be used in heart bypass surgery and other complicated procedures requiring healthy vessels, according to the researchers, who presented their findings at the American Heart Association's Basic Cardiovascular Sciences 2012 Scientific Sessions.

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