

## New stem cell 'food' pioneered

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Revolutionary as they may be, stem cells cannot escape the need for food. And until now, that food has represented a costly part of developing stem cells.

But that is about to change. The East Greenbush-based [Neural Stem Cell Institute](#) has developed a new substance that will substantially lower development costs.

"Stem cells are unstable," as [Christopher Fasano](#), the Institute's director of research and development, says. He explains that they need a constant supply of food and a substance called a "growth factor," or they start developing into different types of body tissues on their own, and cease being useful to researchers.

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