

TGA Discussion Paper

Patient

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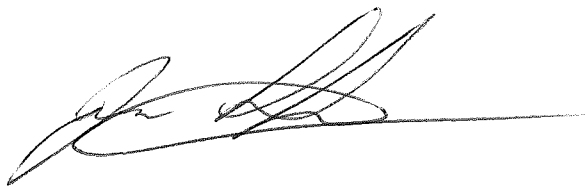
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The reason I sought out Melbourne Stem Cell Centre was to receive treatment on both of my knees in which I have bone on bone. Due to my age I have been recommended to delay the need for knee replacements and to go through life with the pain & discomfort that I have has totally altered the way I live. Treatments at Melbourne Stem Cell Centre may give me the opportunity to go about my way of life with out dreading the thought of walking any distance & just conducting general daily activities like walking up stairs etc.

I am participating in the program that uses protocols that been approved by the Human research ethics committee of Monash & La Trobe Universities. This reassures me that they are being carried out in accordance with the appropriate medical guidelines and standards. What I have experienced to date has been at the highest levels possible. The results are starting to show for me as I am almost through the program on my left knee & will soon be following up with the right knee.

I believe this should be available to everyone with similar or same conditions as myself as it is far less obtrusive then a knee replacement, and for me has eased the pain from arthritis. I believe the government should put more resources into these types of programs to give more people the opportunity to get their quality of life back to the way it should be. Without government support of this industry there would be no advancement of medical treatments in various areas – including arthritis - which may be improved by the use of Stem cells.

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